



# ELMLEY NEWS

## A little piece of heaven on Earth



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### A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

A Christmas Secret Just for You...

I know the holidays can feel overwhelming, especially when you're trying to create the perfect magical Christmas for your family. You want to give them the joy of Santa and the excitement of the best gifts, but sometimes that comes with a lot of stress. Here's a little secret I want to share with you.

Every January, when your child returns to school, they excitedly tell their teacher about:

The cosy days spent indoors watching films  
 The chilly walks in the cold  
 The fun of baking together at home  
 Playing board games and stepping out for a nighttime stroll to count the Christmas lights  
 How you let them snuggle up with you for a story  
 Enjoying card games and swimming adventures  
 A visit to a friend's house on New Year's Eve and staying up late  
 Lazy days in PJs and other days full of fun outings

For them, Christmas isn't about perfection. It's about YOU — your love, your time, your routines, and the safe, comforting feeling that comes from being with you. You are their favourite part of the holiday season.

Merry Christmas to all of you — let your presence be their most cherished gift this year!

Thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes.

With love from Mrs Penney & all the staff at Elmley Castle xx

Don't forget to subscribe to our school podcast!

#ElmleyPodcast



# CHRISTMAS AT ELMLEY

It's been an incredibly festive season here at Elmley! Our children truly shone in the Nativity performances and added their sparkle to the Christmas Service. We hope you've enjoyed the additional events and activities we've organised to make this Christmas extra special.



## THE ZONES OF REGULATION

At Elmley we have been supporting the children with managing their emotions by introducing The Zone of Regulation. The Zones of Regulation is an internationally renowned intervention which helps children to manage difficult emotions, known as 'self-regulation'. Self-regulation is best described as the best state of alertness for a situation, or the ability to maintain a well regulated emotional state to cope with everyday stress and to be most available for learning and interacting. From time to time, all of us (including adults) find it hard to manage strong feelings such as worry, anger, restlessness, fear or tiredness, and this stops us from getting on with our day effectively. Children who feel these emotions often find it hard to learn and concentrate in school. The Zones of Regulation aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn. We hope to run a parent workshop on this soon!

### The Zones of Regulation



What zone are you in?









# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p><b>Ema-Leigh</b></p> <p><b>Acorns</b></p>	 <p><b>Max</b></p> <p><b>Oak</b></p>
 <p><b>Isaac</b></p> <p><b>Apple</b></p>	 <p><b>Hugo</b></p> <p><b>Elm</b></p>

**Generosity Value Awards go to:** Theodore (Elm)  
Anastasia (Apple) Amelia C (Oak) Briar-Rose (Acorns)



Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Bazaar!

# PTA UPDATE

We raised a whopping £986.21.  
We will be putting some of this money towards some new reading books and some outside badminton sets.

Congratulations to Hugo and his class mates who raised an incredible £388.56 for some new sports equipment. A huge triumph!



## FOREST SCHOOL

### Forest School

Below are the dates for your child's class to come to school wearing their Forest School clothes. Children will need to wear a long sleeved top, trousers and old trainers/wellies. **Acorns - Every Tuesday.**

Oak	Elm	Apple
8th January	15th January	17th January
22nd January	29th January	31st January
5th February	12th February	14th February
26th February	5th March	7th March
12th March	19th March	21st March
26th March	2nd April	4th April
9th April		





# DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Please take note of the calendar dates for the first term. We will always try our best to give us much notice as possible but sometimes there will be factors out of our control that mean we need to add or alter event dates.

January	
PTA Kids Movie Night – Please sign up Via Parent Pay Movie and Meal provided 3:15–5pm	9.1.25
Aladdin Panto at the Everyman Bring a sweet treat to take with you	10.1.25
Clubs Begin	13.1.25
Elm Class Worship	17.1.25
Community Afternoon Tea 1:30pm–3pm All welcome (including families)! Please invite local residence.	17.1.25
Free Taekwondo Experience Sessions – Please come in PE kits on this date Oak Class Elm Class	21.1.25
Non Uniform Day (Break the Rules Day!)	24.1.25
Apple Class Worship	24.1.25
Free Taekwondo Experience Sessions – Please come in PE kits on this date Acorns Class Apple Class	28.1.25
February	
Oak Class Worship	31.2.25
Communion Service at St Mary's 2pm – All welcome!	6.2.25
Acorns Class Worship	7.2.25

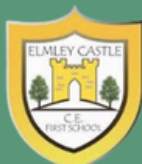


# DATES FOR THE FUTURE

## Acorns Class Information

Elmley Castle First School

Term 3  
January 2025



**PE Day** (come to school in your PE Kit): Mondays

**Show and Tell:** Fridays (please remember no toys in school apart on any other day)

**Forest School Day:** Every Tuesday. Wear old clothes (including long sleeves and long trousers). Bring a named pair of wellies to be stored in school.

**Reading Book Changing Days:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Celebration Worship:** Friday 7th February

If your child is the Star of the Week or Values Winner you will be sent a text and invited to Friday's Celebration Worship. If your child is Star of the Week, your child will be given Timmy the Turtle to take home for the weekend and look after (return on Monday).

## Oak Class Information

Elmley Castle First School

Term 3  
January 2025



**PE Day:** Tuesday and Wednesday (every other - the alternate week will be Forest School)

**Forest School Days (Wednesday):**

8th January

22nd January

5th February

26th February

12th March

26th March

9th April

**Reading Book Changing Days:**  
Tuesday and Thursday

**Celebration Worship:** Friday  
31st January



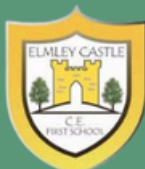


# DATES FOR THE FUTURE

## Apple Class Information

Elmley Castle First School

Term 3  
January 2025



**PE Day:** Wednesday  
afternoons (Double PE)

### Forest School Days (Fridays):

17th January

31st January

14th February

7th March

21st March

4th April

**Reading Book Changing Days:**  
Independently when needed

**Celebration Worship:** Friday  
24th January

## Elm Class Information

Elmley Castle First School

Term 3  
January 2025



**PE Day:** Tuesday and Wednesday  
(every other - the alternate week  
will be Forest School)

### Forest School Days: (Wednesdays)

15th January

29th January

12th February

5th March

19th March

2nd April

**Reading Book Changing Days:**  
Independently when needed

**Celebration Worship:** Friday  
17th January



# PTA EVENTS 2024-2025

Please take note of the calendar dates PTA events We will always try our best to give us much notice as possible but sometimes there will be factors out of our control that mean we need to add or alter event dates.

**Get the dates in your diary**


Movie Night and Meal for children 3:15-5pm	9.1.25
Non Uniform Day (Break the Rules Day!)	24.1.25
End of Term Disco 3:15-5pm	13.2.25
Non Uniform Day (bring in eggs and chocolate)	4.4.25
Easter Bingo 3:15-5pm	11.4.25
Non Uniform Day (bring a bottle)	20.6.25
Summer Fayre	TBC

## Attendance Matters



# ATTENDANCE

**Whole School: 95% - This is a 1% improvement on last week!**  
**Let's keep going!**

Acorns	94%
Oak Class	94%
Apple Class	96.1% 
Elm Class	96%

**Congratulations to Apple Class for winning Super Sloth (our attendance mascot) this week! I wonder which class will have the best attendance next week?**

**Whole School Target: 98%**





# TERM DATES



## ELMLEY CASTLE TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/25

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tues		3	10	17	24	Tues		1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed		4	11	18	25	Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thur		5	12	19	26	Thur		3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28	
Fri		6	13	20	27	Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat			7	14	21	28	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1		8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY							
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues			7	14	21	28	Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	1		8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur	2		9	16	23	30	Thur		6	13	20	27
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	3		10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat			7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat		1	8	15	22	
Sun	1		8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun		2	9	16	23	
MARCH						APRIL						MAY							
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		4	11	18	25		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thur		6	13	20	27		Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat		1	8	15	22	29	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		3	10	17	24	31
Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		4	11	18	25	
JUNE						JULY						AUGUST							
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tues		3	10	17	24		Tues		1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur		3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat			7	14	21	28	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1		8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		3	10	17	24	31

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		ED DAY	

Term 1: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	40 days
Term 2: Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	30 days
Term 4: Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

\*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2024/25 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).



# COMMUNITY PAGE

Elmley Castle C of E First School

## FREE TASTER SESSIONS

IS YOUR CHILD NEARLY READY TO START PRESCHOOL?

### A Little Piece of Heaven on Earth

Join us on:  
6th November  
5th February  
21st May  
  
9:30am-11am

Call us to let us know you'll be popping in!

Call Us **01386 710279**

For More Information <https://elmleycastle.worcs.sch.uk/>

Please share with friends  
and family.





# COMMUNITY PAGE

Homegrown in the Vale of Evesham



**New Veg Box Collection Point  
Elmley Castle School  
every Friday**

**10% of sales go to the PTA**

## Ordering Details:

**[www.styanfamilyproduce.co.uk](http://www.styanfamilyproduce.co.uk)**

- Please select 'Store Pickup' and choose Elmley Castle School as your collection point
- Orders to be placed by midnight on the Wednesday prior to collection
- Orders will be in crates labeled with your name; produce will be bagged inside boxes with packing slip (please leave the boxes)
- Collection is from the staff carpark next to the school
- Collection is from **1pm on Friday**



ELMLEY CASTLE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL  
WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

## Community Afternoon Tea

JOIN US FOR HOT DRINKS,  
HOMEMADE CAKE AND GREAT  
COMPANY!

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY  
1:30-3PM

AT ELMLEY CASTLE C OF E FIRST  
SCHOOL

MAIN STREET, ELMLEY CASTLE  
PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE

RSVP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:  
[OFFICE@ELMLEYCASTLE.WORCS.SCH.UK](mailto:OFFICE@ELMLEYCASTLE.WORCS.SCH.UK) OR  
01386 710279







The background of the poster is a vibrant red with a gold border, featuring a large, stylized 'MOVIE' in a marquee-style font. Below it, 'NIGHT' is written in a bold, italicized font. The date 'THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY' is prominently displayed. The central focus is a large, overflowing cup of popcorn in a red and white striped container. Surrounding the popcorn are various movie-related items: a clapperboard, a film reel, a hot dog in a red and white striped container, and several movie tickets. The tickets are red, green, and yellow, with 'ADMIT ONE' and 'TICKET' visible. The time '3:15PM TO 5PM' is written in a bold, yellow font on a red circular background. At the bottom, the text '\*Movie choice tbc\*' and 'Tickets are £5 per child' are displayed, followed by 'SQUASH, POPCORN &amp; A HOT DOG ARE INCLUDED'.

Elmley Castle C.E. First  
School PTA's

# MOVIE

## NIGHT

THURSDAY 9TH  
JANUARY

3:15PM  
TO  
5PM

\*Movie choice  
tbc\*

Tickets are £5 per child

SQUASH, POPCORN & A HOT DOG ARE INCLUDED





**EVESHAM**



**RUGBY**

# MINI **FREE** RUGBY SUNDAYS

**10:30: RECEPTION + YR 1**

**COACHES**

**DBS Checked  
Headcase  
TackleSafe  
Activate  
Safeguarding  
RFU Level 2**



**Contact Emma  
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