## ELMLEY NEWS

# A little piece of heaven on Garth

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#### A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

A big thank you to all our wonderful families for your generosity and support with both our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and Children in Need fundraising efforts! Your contributions have been heartwarming, and we are proud to be able to send so many gifts to children in need, as well as raise much-needed funds for this important cause. Our school is truly a very generous place, and it is inspiring to see how much we can accomplish when we come together. We truly appreciate your kindness and support in both of these initiatives.

I would like to let you know about some staffing news regarding Mrs Priestley, who has been working with us in Apple Class. She will be leaving us on Tuesday 26th November to support her family with their business and embark on new adventures. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Priestley for her hard work. We wish her every success in this exciting new chapter and know she will always have a special place in the Elmley family. We are pleased to share that Miss Stanley and Mrs Jones will be supporting in Apple Class for the remainder of the term.

Warm regards, Mrs Penney Head Teacher





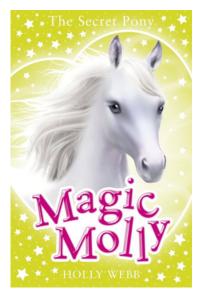


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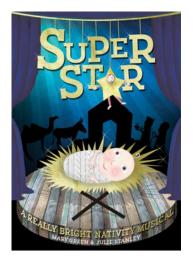


#### **ELMLEY GALLERY**

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## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

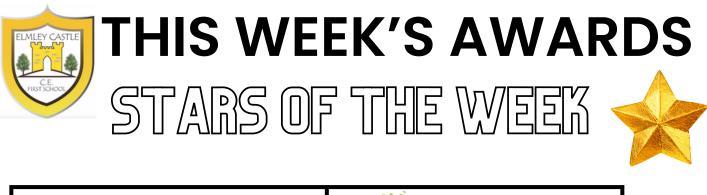


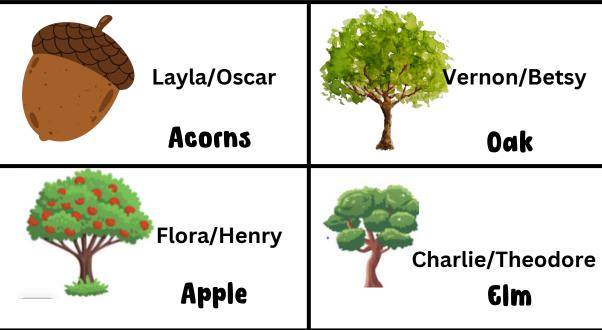
We can officially announce that tickets are available to book on ParentPay for Elmley Castle's school nativity "Super Star" Monday 9th December @ 6pm Tuesday 10th December @ 2pm Both at the Village Hall Tickets are strictly 2 tickets per family, per performance. They will be found under 1 child from the family booking's. We cannot wait to showcase the children's amazing talents!



## **MUSIC LESSONS**

If you are interested in music lessons, we are pleased to offer both guitar and piano lessons. For more information or to sign up, please feel free to contact the school office.





Generosity Value Awards go to: Evelyn/Grace (Elm) Jude/Thea (Apple) Ariyana/Xavier (Oak) Hamilton/Elwyn (Acorns)





Together we raised £131.55 for vulnerable children -Thank you for your kind donations.



#### PTA UPDATE

Don't forget to add the PTA as a friend on our new Facebook page to keep up to date with everything we're getting up to https://m.facebook.com/PTAElmleyCastle/

The PTA's Christmas Bazaar -

Be sure to join us for some festive fun at our Christmas Bazaar! We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help us on the evening with a variety of stalls. We are also asking for very kind donations of Children's toys/teddies/books and tombola prizes (items to place in a hamper would be amazing). If you can help on the evening and/or with donations please see the office or contact us through Facebook. Any help is always greatly appreciated

## 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 Class	Oak Class	Elm Class	Apple Class
Forest School every Tuesday			Tuesday 26th November
	Thursday 5th December	Thursday 12th December	Tuesday 17th December



## 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.

December										
SEND Reviews - Letters have been sent to families	3.12.24									
Christmas Bazaar 5pm-7pm at School	6.12.24									
Christmas Show 6:00pm at the Village Hall Two tickets per family are available per show. Please book these on Parent Pay. Children to go home in between the end of the day and the show. Children to meet us at the village hall for 5:45pm in their costumes. Please bring costumes back the next day! Children in after school club will be taken over the Village Hall. There will be limited spaces in After School Club so please book early. Children will come back to school after the show to collect belongings and be dismissed.	9.12.24									
Christmas Show 2:00pm at the Village Hall	10.12.24									
Elm Homework Showcase	13.12.24									
Last Week of Term For the last week of term, children can come to school wearing Christmas ju festive headbands and/or Christmas socks/tights.										
Christmas Service 2pm at the Church Families welcome	19.12.24									
Mum's Aloud 6:30pm at the Church All invited and more information to follow	19.12.24									
Christmas Party Day - Each child to bring a party food item to share with the class and a toy/board game to play with (no electrical items).	20.12.24									
Carols around the tree at 2pm - Join us for festive carols, mulled wine and mince pies	20.12.24									

20.12.24

Last Day of Term at 3:10pm



## **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 and book a babysitter!

Non Uniform Day for chocolate or a bottle donations	29.11.24
Christmas Bazaar (5pm-7pm)	6.12.24
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

Whole School: 94.5%

Acorns	93%
Oak Class (Y1)	94%
Apple Class	95%
Elm Class	96% 🔶

Super Sloth (our attendance mascot) has enjoyed spending time in Elm Class or the last two weeks.

#### Whole School Target: 98%



#### **TERM DATES**

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<b>Term 4</b> : Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 <b>Term 5</b> : Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025												Spring Bank Holiday 26 Summer Bank Holiday 25				6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 5 <sup>°′′</sup> August 2025			
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Term 6: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 36 days																			

\*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).

195 days\*

Total



#### **COMMUNITY PAGE**



# Please share with friends and family.



## **COMMUNITY PAGE**

New Veg Box Collection Point Elmley Castle School every Friday

family produce

Homegrown in the Vale of Eveshan

10% of sales go to the PTA

#### **Ordering Details:**

#### 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 <u>1pm on Friday</u>



22ND NOVEMBER 2024

## **COMMUNITY PAGE**



#### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Santa will be switching on the Christmas tree lights at Elmley Castle CofE First School at 4.40pm and then all the lights at 5pm outside the Queen Elizabeth Inn at the top of Main Street.

Santa has kindly agreed to take any letters from children with their Christmas lists back to the North Pole with him. So remember to bring your letters with you if you'd like him to.

Best regards

Jane Martin Parish Councillor

N.B. Please note that Main Street will be closed to vehicles during this time to allow a safe Santa Parade.



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