



ELMLEY NEWS

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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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#ElmleyPodcast




ELMLEY GALLERY

ELMLEY'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS


Name: Lu

Favourite Book: Magic Molly

THIS IS ME 

Why would you recommend this book?

This book is good
because it is well liked
and about horses



BOOK COVER



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.



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p>Layla/Oscar</p> <p>Acorns</p>	 <p>Vernon/Betsy</p> <p>Oak</p>
 <p>Flora/Henry</p> <p>Apple</p>	 <p>Charlie/Theodore</p> <p>Elm</p>

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
<p>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.</p>	9.12.24
Christmas Show 2:00pm at the Village Hall	10.12.24
Elm Homework Showcase	13.12.24
<p>Last Week of Term For the last week of term, children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers, festive headbands and/or Christmas socks/tights.</p>	
<p>Christmas Service 2pm at the Church Families welcome</p>	19.12.24
<p>Mum's Aloud 6:30pm at the Church All invited and more information to follow</p>	19.12.24
<p>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).</p>	20.12.24
<p>Carols around the tree at 2pm – Join us for festive carols, mulled wine and mince pies</p>	20.12.24
<p>Last Day of Term at 3:10pm</p>	20.12.24



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



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

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

- 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**



COMMUNITY PAGE



SATURDAY 30TH 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.



Elmley Castle
C.E. First
School PTA's

Christmas BAZAAR

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER
5pm-7pm

Santa's Grotto - Gift Stalls
Food & Drink - Tombola
& much more!

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