



# ELMLEY NEWS

## A little piece of heaven on Earth



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### A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 5! There's so much happening here at Elmley, and the teaching team is working tirelessly to provide the very best experiences for all our children. This week, Apple Class had a fantastic trip to Croome, exploring history and nature, we had our special Harvest Festival and we ended the week with a Battle of the Bands. Across the school, there are some exciting new writing opportunities popping up in classrooms, and we're thrilled about even more fun activities on the horizon.

Thank you to those who joined our Prize Bingo night. It was a lovely evening!

We hope you're finding Class Dojo helpful in staying connected and seeing what's happening around school. Do make sure you turn on the notifications so that you are up to date with reminders. Please also read our dates of the future on the final pages, there are some updates.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Penney  
Head Teacher



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#ElmleyPodcast






4TH OCTOBER 2024

# ELMLEY GALLERY






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 **ELMLEY'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**


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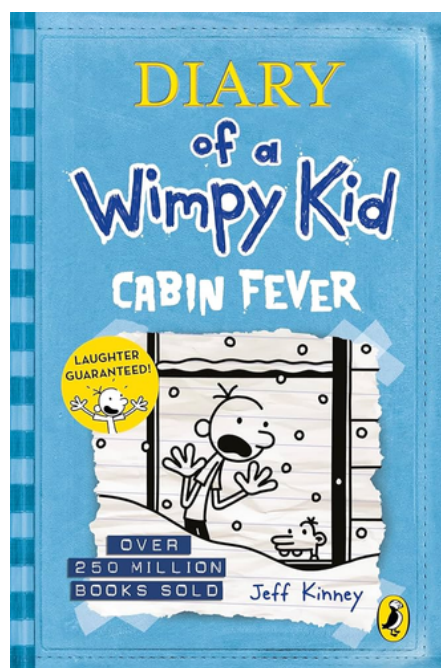
Favourite Book: Black Beauty  
Anna Sewell


THIS IS ME 

Why would you recommend this book?  
because it is  
a fun funny  
book.




BOOK COVER 




 **ELMLEY'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**


Name: Henry

Favourite Book: diary of the Wimpy  
kid Rodrick books  
Jeff Kinney

THIS IS ME 

Why would you recommend this book?  
funny silly



BOOK COVER 



# PTA UPDATE

If you haven't already done so please sign up to easyfundraising, a cash back website for good causes. You can scan the QR code here or the one on the banner attached to the school gate, they will both take you to our Elmley Castle PTA page. Easyfundraising is so simple to use and once signed up you can even add a donation reminder to your phone where a little pop up will appear when you open a website where donations are available... as you order your favourite takeaway this weekend or start to think about those stockings that will soon need filling don't forget to check if by spending a few pennies you could help us gain some too!



### Support your child's future

Sign up to online cashback site, easyfundraising, and select your child's school as your chosen good cause.

Then, when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, the retailer will give the school a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them.

It's as simple as that. No matter what you buy, from food shops to holidays and everything in between - it's a free and easy way to support your school.







### How to get started

Head to [easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause) and search for your child's school, or scan the QR code.

Registration is free and will take you less than two minutes to sign up!

17,000 schools and PTAs have raised over £12.5 million using easyfundraising.

**Sign up and support your child's future today.**











# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p><b>Week 1/Week 2</b> <b>Clara/Jacob</b></p> <p><b>Acorns</b></p>	 <p><b>Week 1/Week 2</b> <b>Roscoe/Tilly</b></p> <p><b>Oak</b></p>
 <p><b>Week 1/Week 2</b> <b>Rueben/James</b></p> <p><b>Apple</b></p>	 <p><b>Week 1/Week 2</b> <b>Lara/Miya</b></p> <p><b>Elm</b></p>

**Generosity Value Awards go to:**

Anabella/Isabelle (Elm) Francesca/Flora (Apple)

Hazel/Evie (Oak) Billy/Ema-Leigh (Acorns)





## After School Club Revamp

Mrs. Hemming and Mrs. Lockhart have updated the After School Club timetable for this year, adding some exciting new elements. Weather permitting, each session will begin with outdoor activities, giving the children a chance to enjoy some fresh air after a busy school day. A variety of activities will be available, including gardening, construction, colouring, arts and crafts and sports. At 4:15 p.m., the children will come inside for a snack, followed by relaxed indoor activities—many of which will be chosen by the children themselves. Screen time has been intentionally limited to ensure children have the opportunity to unwind and recharge after school.



## An Author comes to Elmley

We are thrilled to announce that B. Ware, author of the debut children's book **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!**, will be visiting our school on Thursday, 10th October. This enchanting book is suitable for all ages, and we're sure it will captivate our young readers!

As part of her visit, each class will have the wonderful opportunity to participate in a workshop led by B. Ware herself. These sessions will be filled with activities that will spark students' imaginations and creativity, all inspired by her magical new book.

For parents who would like to purchase a copy of the book, you can do so in advance via [linktr.ee/bwareauthor](https://linktr.ee/bwareauthor). Your child can then bring the book along on the day for the author to personally sign. The book is currently on offer on Amazon for £7.85. Alternatively, B. Ware will be selling signed copies at the end of the school day for £8.99, payable by cash or card.

If your child is in a club that day, you can send them with cash in a named and sealed envelope for the book purchase.

We look forward to a magical day filled with creativity and inspiration!







# 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.

October	
School Clean up - Please help us for 1 hour after school to clean/tidy/sort the school ready for our Open Day	11.10.24
Year 1 and 2 Parent Phonics Workshop During this session Miss Vines will show you our new phonics scheme and how we teach reading at Elmley. There will also be a chance to take part in a phonics lesson alongside your child.	15.10.24
Open Day for new families - Please spread the word to friends and family	16.10.24
Pumpkin Festival after school from 3:30pm (all welcome)	17.10.24
Acorns Class Worship -families welcome	18.10.24
Acorns and Oak Trip to The Play Village	23.10.24
Spooky Disco - 3:15-5pm £4 per ticket- Cash Only - please buy your ticket from the office before 18th October. Hot dogs and drinks included.	24.10.24
Last Day of Term	24.10.24
TED DAY (training day for school staff) School closed for children	25.10.24
HALF TERM 28.10.24-1.11.24	
November	
500 Words Competition Closes	8.11.24
Parents' Evening (info to follow)	13.11.24 and 14.11.24
Christmas Shoe Box Deadline  Please bring in your Christmas shoe box into school.	11.11.24





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December	
SEND Reviews – More info to follow	3.12.24
Christmas Bazaar 5pm–7pm at School	6.12.24
<p>Christmas Show 2:00pm at the Village Hall</p> <p>Two tickets per family are available per show. Please book these on Parent Pay. The children will come home in their costumes after the show and will need to come back to school for the following performance wearing their costume. Children will come back to school after the show to collect belongings and be dismissed.</p>	9.12.24
<p>Christmas Show 6:00pm at the Village Hall</p> <p>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. 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.</p>	10.12.24
Elm Homework Showcase	13.12.24
<p>Last Week of Term</p> <p>For the last week of term, children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers, festive headbands or Christmas socks/tights.</p>	
<p>Christmas Service 2pm at the Church</p> <p>Families welcome</p>	19.12.24
<p>Mum's Aloud 6:30pm at the Church</p> <p>All invited and more information to follow</p>	19.12.24
<p>Christmas Party Day – Each child to print 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
Last Day of Term at 3:10pm	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!**

Spooky Disco 3:15-5pm	24.10.24
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: 95%**

**There's been a slight dip in our attendance - Let's keep working hard to be at school as much as we can.**

Acorns	94%
Oak Class	95%
Apple Class	95%
Elm Class	96%

**Whole School Target: 98%**





# 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 8th October
	Thursday 17th October	Thursday 24th October	Tuesday 5th November
	Thursday 14th November	Thursday 21st November	Tuesday 26th November
	Thursday 5th December	Thursday 12th December	Tuesday 17th December

## EXCITING PROJECT PENDING

We have some very exciting plans up our sleeve but before we reveal all we need your help... Do you know of any local welders who would be willing to help us out?

*Thank you*



# 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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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



## OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

### A Little Piece of Heaven on Earth



✓ An inclusive and nurturing school

✓ A values and faith based school

✓ An inspirational staff team who really love what they do

✓ Forward thinking and innovative

Pop in between 9:00–3pm  
and see the magic in action!

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[01386 710279](tel:01386710279)



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



# Please share with friends and family.



# 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/>

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# COMMUNITY PAGE

## ***Pumpkin Fest is coming to Elmley School! Everyone welcome!***

### What's on:

- Pumpkin decorations; Pre-order your pumpkins £1 each, vouchers will be on sale at 50p Fridays.
- Mystery hay and corn maze;
- *Enchanted Live* music and dance;
- Pumpkin piniata;
- Apple bobbing;
- Camp fire with roasted corn on cob and smores;
- Magic potion (exclusive pumpkin soup & award-winning bread);
- Fresh local apple juice;
- Warming souls spiced cider;
- Festive carrot & courgette cakes;
- Fluffy sheepies petting & hoping for horses;
- Hopefully, legendary tractors on display.
- And maybe more if you like to get involved, please do.

**Why not to wear some autumn colours.**

**Donations appreciated, please bring few pounds for food and drinks.**





# COMMUNITY PAGE

*We Have A Team For You...*

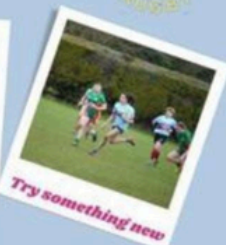
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Girls Touch/Tag	Girls Contact	Womens Touch/Tag	Womens Contact
From 8 years	From Under 12	Over 18's	Over 18's
Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm Sunday 10:30-11:30am	Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm	Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm	Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm
Contact Amy Beard 07929365209	Contact Ty Davenhill 0787666656	Contact Mo Parkinson 07877447703	Contact Mo Parkinson 07877447703



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ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS

DOES YOUR CHILD ASPIRE TO BE A PERFORMER OR  
WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND ON THEIR VOCAL ABILITY?

IN THE SESSIONS THEY WILL:

- DEVELOP SINGING TECHNIQUES
- LEARN ASPECTS OF PERFORMING
- BE PROVIDED WITH A BESPOKE SONG BOOK & WEEKLY REPORT
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- WORK TOWARDS A PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

Each Session is 20 minutes

1-1, £12 per child

1-2, £8 per child (duets)

Payments made directly to Black Box Tuition at the start of term

Weekly session recommended to maximise your child's learning