



Elmtree Echo

Issue 7



Respect - Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive



A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful week at Elmtree! The children have started sharing their learning through our *child-led learning consultations*, and it's been such a joy to hear them having a go at articulating their progress. Supporting our children in developing their oracy skills continues to be an important focus, and we're so proud of the way they're growing in confidence as they talk about their learning.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors to Elmtree this week. Prospective parents have shared such lovely feedback, commenting on how warm and welcoming the school feels, the friendliness of our staff, and the engaging atmosphere throughout the building. We've also hosted practitioners from across the county and local area, who were full of praise for our 'lovely school' and the thoughtful way we support each of our learners.

Last week, we introduced *Show Racism the Red Card* during our safeguarding assembly. As part of our celebrations for Black History Month, we're continuing to have important conversations with the children about challenging stereotypes and standing up against discrimination. Our aim is to help every child grow up with a deep appreciation of difference and a strong sense of acceptance and inclusion.

Next week is *Wonderful World Week* – a real highlight in our calendar! Children will be stepping off their normal timetables to explore a variety of countries, cultures and traditions. From food tasting and arts & crafts to music and performing arts, there will be plenty of exciting opportunities to learn, create and celebrate the amazing diversity in our world. On the 23rd of October children are welcome to come to school wearing international dress or the colour of a flag to celebrate international day.

On Wednesday, staff honoured Baby Loss Awareness Day with a poignant reflection. The grief of such tragic loss is often carried alone. For those who have suffered baby loss, we stand with you. You are not alone.

As many of you will know, Diwali is a five-day festival and, depending on cultural traditions, the main day of celebration can fall on different dates, with some families celebrating the day of Diwali and others celebrating New Year Day.

We want to remind families that, in line with Department for Education guidance, children are entitled to one day of authorised leave for religious observance. If you wish to take this for Diwali or New Year, please let the school office know in advance. Wishing all our families celebrating, a happy and holy period.

Finally, our winning House is **Wendover with 96 points**- they will be able to enjoy their mufti-day next Friday 24th October, wearing something red that is PE friendly, children who are not in Wendover can come to school wearing PE kit for our Dance workshop.

Have a wonderful weekend.

MOMENTS MATTER,

ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Our attendance has dipped below our expected 96%. Please read the NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#). Next week, our safeguarding newsletter will feature aspects children's health and wellbeing as well as aspects of neglect. Each half term we send out a bumper safeguarding newsletter with information to help keep children safe, happy and well.

Understanding the impact of lateness and absence for your child



At Elmtree we have a soft start from 8.45-8.55am. Gates close promptly at 8.55am. Arrivals after this need to be via the school office. Registers close at 9.00am. If your child arrives after this, they will be marked as late.

If in a school year a child is late by-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
5 minutes	3.2 days (16 lessons)
10 minutes	6.3 days (32 lessons)
15 minutes	9.5 days (48 lessons)
20 minutes	12.7 days (64 lessons)
25 minutes	15.8 days (79 lessons)

In order to achieve our expected 96% attendance success, children must be in school for at least 184 out of 190 days. This means that no more than 6 school days can be missed to ensure your child achieves their full potential and maximises their learning.

If a child's attendance during the school year is-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
96%	6 days (30 lessons)
95%	9 days (45 lessons)
90%	19 days (95 lessons)
85%	29 days (145 lessons)
80%	38 days (190 lessons)
75%	48 days (240 lessons)



Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



→ Key Dates

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd Oct – Oak and Willow learning consultations

Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd Oct – Maple learning consultations

Thursday 23rd Oct ARP learning consultations (these will follow class consultations)

Thursday 23rd Oct International Dress Day—Children can wear their own international/traditional clothes, colours of a flag etc.

Friday 24th Oct House colour Mufti Day (PE appropriate) – Diwali dance workshops (children can wear pe clothes to school)

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Wednesday 5th Nov – Snow white panto – school hall - Payment via MCAS app.

Tuesday 11th Nov – Year 2 stay and learn 9am

Wednesday 12th Nov – Reception stay and learn 9am 26-27 intake

Thursday 13th Nov – Year 1 stay and learn 9am

Friday 14th Nov – Nursery stay and learn 9 and 2.45

Tuesday 25th Nov – New to Reception tours 9.30 26-27 intake

Wednesday 26th Nov – New to Nursery tours 10-10.30

Tuesday 9th December – Dress Rehearsal 9.30am Babes in arms/siblings.

Thursday 11th December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

Friday 12th December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

Tuesday 16th December – New to reception tours 9.30 26-27 intake

Wednesday 17th December – Nursery Xmas songs 10-10.30 Parents welcome.

Thursday 18th December – Nursery last day (Xmas party)

Friday 19th December – New nursery (January) visit and play.

Friday 19th December – School closes 1.30pm
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📌 Important Reminders

- **Please book school lunches** via ParentPay.
- If you would like to volunteer for Wild Woods or Reading please do let the office know.

📌 Stay Updated!

Keep an eye on our **school website** and **social media pages** for any last-minute changes or additional events.

Website: www.elmtreeschoolandnursery.co.uk

Contact: Office@elm.odbst.org / 01494 771474

Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **92%**

Let's aim to be in **#SchoolEveryDay** next week

The champion year group this week is Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
86%	91%	98%



Remember that **#MomentsMatter**

We expect all children to attend school for at least 96% of sessions across the year.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off in the school year!

Attendance matters!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.





CONGRATULATIONS



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Dexter - Oak

Lenny - Maple

Gwen - Maple

Phoebe - Willow

Ayat - Oak

Ali - Willow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yahya - Nursery

Oliver - Nursery

Enes - Oak

HEADTEACHER AWARD

GET READY FOR AN ADRENALINE-FUELED LEAP OF COMPASSION!

Rayya is taking to the skies for a heart-pounding sponsored jump in support of Rennie Grove Care Hospice, a charity that provides vital care and comfort to those who need it most.

This daring feat isn't just about the thrill—it's about making a real difference.

Every donation helps fund life-changing services, and every pound raised brings hope to families facing tough times. If you'd like to support Rayya's incredible effort, please donate via the link below and include her name in the payment reference to ensure your support reaches her cause directly:

www.justgiving.com/page/asif-ditta-1



Rennie Grove Peace



The big event will be taking place on 25th Oct 2025.

Let's help Rayya soar—for charity, for courage, and for care!



Chartwells

So much more than fantastic food

Dear Parent / Guardian,

****Meal Ordering & Cancellations****

Please see ordering timetable below.

All orders will need to be completed by midnight Sunday one week prior to the actual consumption week. Please see below

Sickness - The parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line on 07818 944478 before 9am every day of the child's sickness. A credit is given from the second day onwards.

School trips and other cancellations – 48 hours' notice before 9am prior to the event, the parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line for the meal to be cancelled and a credit given.

For all other enquires please email creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
SUNDAY 26 th October 2025	MONDAY 3 rd November 2025
SUNDAY 2 nd November 2025	MONDAY 10 th November 2025
SUNDAY 9 th November 2025	MONDAY 17 th November 2025
SUNDAY 16 th November 2025	MONDAY 24 th November 2025
SUNDAY 23 rd November 2025	MONDAY 1 st December 2025
SUNDAY 30 th November 2025	MONDAY 8 th December 2025
SUNDAY 7 th December 2025	MONDAY 15 th December 2025
SUNDAY 28 th December 2025	MONDAY 5 th January 2026
SUNDAY 4 th January 2026	MONDAY 12 th January 2026
SUNDAY 11 th January 2026	MONDAY 19 th January 2026
SUNDAY 18 th January 2026	MONDAY 26 th January 2026
Sunday 25 th January 2026	MONDAY 2 nd February 2026



Family Connect is an informative website for parents and families. They offer a range of articles and virtual family learning courses about different aspects of parenting and child development (see link below).

[Why does she always do that? | Early Years Alliance Family Corner](#) (article)

[Family Connect | Early Years Alliance Family Corner](#) (family learning online courses)

[Family Connect: exploring schemas](#)

09/10/2025, 1:00 pm

[Family Connect: how babies communicate before words](#)

29/10/2025, 6:30 pm

[Family Connect: BBC CBeebies Parenting: supporting your child's development](#)

04/11/2025, 6:45 pm

[Family Connect: songs, stories and rhymes – supporting early communication](#)

10/11/2025, 10:00 am

[Family Connect: supporting children's emotional wellbeing](#)

26/11/2025, 6:30 pm

Could You Be a Parent Governor?

We're currently looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our Governing Body!

Parent Governors play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, supporting leadership, and representing the voice of our parent community. You don't need to be an expert in education — just someone who is keen to make a positive difference to our school and has a few hours to spare each term.

It's a great way to get involved, learn new skills, and contribute to your child's school experience.





Interested? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact the school office for more information or to express your interest.

Support Chesham in Bloom – Vote with Your Blue Token!

We're excited to share that **Chesham in Bloom** is one of the charities taking part in the **Tesco Blue Token Scheme** – and **your vote could help us win up to £1,500** for new planting projects around Chesham!

Where to vote:



Look out for the blue token boxes at these local Tesco stores:

-  Tesco Express, Chesham
-  Tesco Amersham Superstore
-  Tesco Express, Amersham (next to the tube station)
-  Tesco Express, Little Chalfont

How to vote:

Just **ask for a blue token** when you make a purchase in-store, and **pop it in the Chesham in Bloom slot** to support us!

Winning this funding would help us make **Chesham even more beautiful** with new flowers, greenery, and planting projects – benefiting the whole community, including local schools.

Every token counts, so please spread the word and help us grow something great!  



GYMNASTICS CLUB



Book today
premier-education.com



GYMNASTICS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: Elmtree School

Dates: Friday 7th Nov - 12th Dec

Times: 15:15 - 16:15

Price: £36

Ages: Years 1 & 2 ONLY



Our gymnastics sessions allow your little one to test their balance and coordination through a variety of movements and sequences.

Kids will also love the opportunity to use the school's gym equipment!

[Book now](#) for an extracurricular club they will never forget.

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My son has loved gymnastics, he has been positive about it each week and especially enjoys the games that are played.

Lisa - Parent

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



Premier
Education

Fireworks

by the lake

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025, 5.30PM - 7.30PM

Restore Hope, Latimer Park Farm, Chesham, HP5 1TU

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES: FOOD & HOT DRINKS • KIDS' CRAFTS • LIVE MUSIC • PARKING

This event will enable Restore Hope to continue supporting local families in need

Adult, Child and Family Tickets available, under 2s free
Pre-booking essential, book on at restorehopelatimer.org



Mental Health
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**FOR PARENTS
AND CARERS**

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH



**DATES:
OCT- DEC
2025**



**TIME:
6PM - 7.30PM**

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!






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* PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND AN MHST SCHOOL FOR ACCESS TO THE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT US.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Overview of Mental health – Primary	Monday 20th of October 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c250a6a6-2c15-4997-be09-407feae1ef4e@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Overview of Mental health– Secondary	Monday 3rd of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0d1c87a5-b3b5-4a9b-a4b2-dbbcbce77abf@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Childhood Anxiety	Monday 17th of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/741a9c4f-0eb4-4a23-9694-def68b6eb3b5@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Adolescent Anxiety	Monday 1st of December 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ffeb1299-da8c-44dc-8d3b-6ad980e5c729@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	