



# Elmtree Echo

Issue 4



**Respect - Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive**



## A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's a definite autumn feel in the air – and with it, those familiar *September sniffles* are starting to appear! Just a gentle reminder to keep up the good habits: regular hand-washing, a little bit of space where we can, and using tissues or elbows for sneezes and coughs. Together, we can help keep everyone feeling their best as we settle into the season.

To all our families who celebrated Rosh Hashanah earlier this week or are marking it this weekend – we wish you a sweet and joyful New Year, filled with peace, happiness, and joyful moments.

With the autumn equinox on Monday, we've now officially welcomed a new season. Autumn is a lovely time to pause, reflect, and appreciate how far we've come – and perhaps to gently let go of anything we no longer need, just like the falling leaves. It's a natural time to reset and think about how we'd like to see the year out.

Our House Captains were out in the community today delivering our Harvest hampers to local residents – a wonderful tradition that really captures the spirit of giving. We've also had our Harvest assemblies this week, and what a celebration they were! The children were fantastic, and our school hall was full of warmth and joy. Thank you so much to all of you who came along – we're so lucky to be part of such a supportive school community here at Elmtree.

Wishing you all a calm, healthy, and cosy start to the season.

# Drumroll please...

## ♥ A Moment of Joy and Gratitude

**We are absolutely overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude as we share the most wonderful news: Mrs Birch's youngest daughter has officially rung the cancer-free bell. This moment marks the end of a long and courageous journey, and our entire school community is rejoicing alongside the Birch family.**

**The strength, resilience, and hope they've shown have touched us all deeply. We've watched with admiration as Mrs Birch continued to support our students with unwavering dedication, even while facing unimaginable challenges at home.**

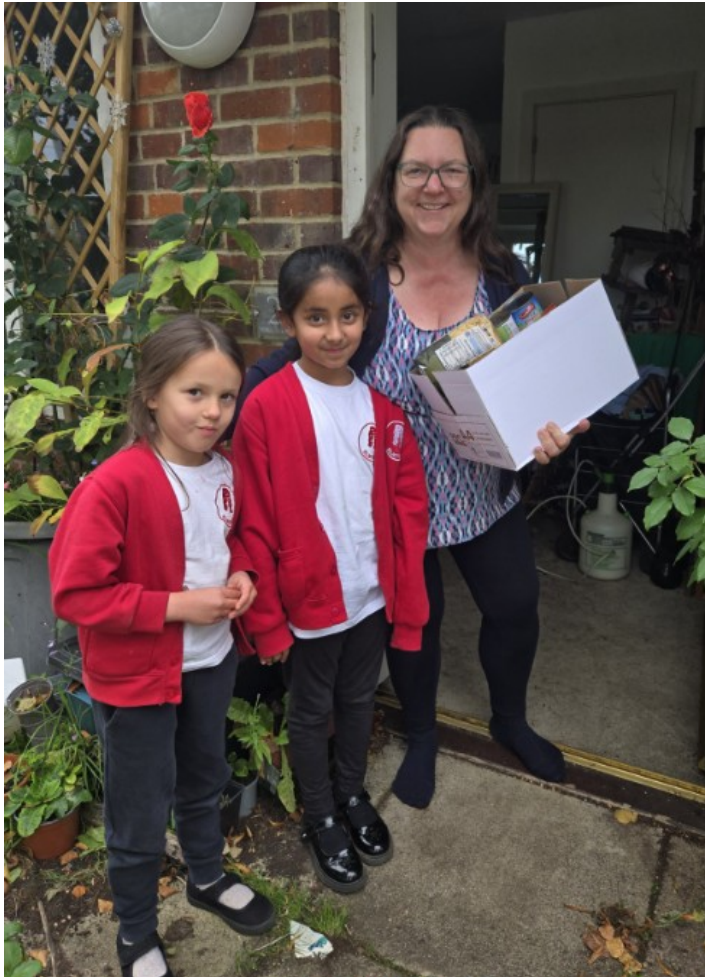
**Please join us in celebrating this beautiful milestone. Our hearts are full, and we couldn't be more thrilled for the Birch family.**



# Harvest Assemblies



# ***Year 2 House Captains Delivering Harvest Hampers***





 **Theme: ‘Bangers & Beats’** A Musical Mash-Up Celebration

 **When: Thursday 2nd October**



 **What to wear:**

Bright neon’s or primary colours to match musical energy.  
Dress as a musical icon, dress through the decades.

 **Food:**

Every child in Reception/Year 1 and 2 will be offered ‘Bangers and Mash’ (Veggie and Halal options available).

- “Drumstick Bangers”
- “Beat Drop Mash”: Mashed potato bar with colourful toppings like: Sweetcorn, peas, cheese sprinkles and rainbow veggie confetti

 **Extras:**

- Dancefloor area in school hall and musical bangers playing at lunchtime.





## Important Dates & Events



### Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



#### → Key Dates

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep – Parent Forum – 2.45pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep - New to Reception Tours 9.30am 26-27 intake

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Flu Immunisations (R/1/2)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct—Bangers and Beats—dress up (see poster above)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Beech/ Birch learning consultations

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Vancol’s individual school photos

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Oak and Willow learning consultations

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Maple learning consultations

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct ARP learning consultations

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct House colour Mufti Day

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 2 stay and learn 9am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Reception stay and learn 9am 26-27 intake

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 1 stay and learn 9am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nursery stay and learn 9 and 2.45

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – New to Reception tours 9.30 26-27 intake

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – New to Nursery tours 10-10.30

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Dress Rehearsal 9.30am Babes in arms .

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas production 9.15 No siblings

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas production 9.15 No siblings

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – New to reception tours 9.30 26-27 intake

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Xmas songs 10-10.30 Parents welcome.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery last day (Xmas party)

#### 📌 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](http://www.elmtreeschoolandnursery.co.uk)

**Contact:** [Office@elm.odbst.org](mailto:Office@elm.odbst.org) / 01494 771474

# Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **93%**

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

The champion year group this week is Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
92%	91%	93%



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

Alfie - Maple

Sumaiyah - Maple

Evie-Mae - Oak

Callen - Oak

Emily - Oak

Aiza– Willow

Jayden - Willow

Roman - Willow

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Haniya - Willow

Aiza - Willow

Rabail - Maple

Krishvin - Beech

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Nursery

# YEAR 2 HOUSE CAPTAINS

WENDOVER	CHILTERN	LOWNDES	WATERSIDE	PEDNOR
Musa Ismah	Anshika Lenny	Cleo Manahil	Marnie Gwen	Diana Amelia



**ECO WARRIORS YEAR 2 :** Harvey, Alfie, Miley

**HEALTHY HEROES YEAR 2:** Freya, Robyn, Khadijah K, Zunera

**HEALTHY HEROES YEAR 1:** Leo, Uswah, Enes, Amelia

**POWER RANGERS YEAR 2:** Rayaan, Anniyah and Esmae

**POWER RANGERS YEAR 1:** Jordan, Thomasina, Dexter and Kaja

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## **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.

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## Learning Consultations 2025-2026 (and beyond!)

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing children's oracy and public speaking skills from the earliest stages, we are excited to share a new approach to our learning consultations this year.

This year, children will be taking the lead in their learning consultations.

Each child will have a 10-minute appointment, supported by their class teacher, during which they will orally share their learning and talk about their progress and next steps. These sessions are an important opportunity for children to reflect on their achievements, practise speaking to an audience, and take ownership of their learning journey.

Appointments will take place during the school day on a set day for each class. This change is designed to allow children to lead their consultation within our familiar school environment and to help protect valuable family time in the evenings.

We do recognise that daytime appointments may be challenging for some of our working parents. However, our priority must lie with the children – ensuring excellence in their learning and development. By scheduling consultations during the day, we are confident that children will feel prepared and empowered to share their learning meaningfully. We look forward to seeing how they grow in confidence as speakers and learners.

Your child's consultation will take place on the following days (see table below). On this occasion, you will be assigned an appointment which we will inform you of shortly. We will review this for the Spring learning consultations following feedback in our parent forum next half term.

Nursery appointments will continue in the usual way.

Thank you for your continued support.

<b>R Beech</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October/ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>R Birch</b>	
<b>1 Oak</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October/ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
<b>1 Willow</b>	
<b>2 Maple</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October/ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>
<b>ARP</b>	



Mental Health  
Support Team  
Buckinghamshire



**FREE**

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