



Elmtree Echo

Issue 29



Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive



A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

Elmtree pupils are thoroughly enjoying our Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) approach during lunchtimes. Last term, our House Captains gave us some wonderful ideas for play activities they would like to see. So far we have introduced:

- Tree climbing (at least 3 points of contact for safe tree climbing, e.g. 2 hands and one foot; two feet and one hand)
- Water and sand play
- Hairdressing doll heads and accessories
- Garden making sets
- Tuff trays with gravel and animals/ vehicles
- A digging area
- Various P.E. equipment such as skipping ropes, bats and balls



In assembly yesterday, classes discussed OPAL- what they are enjoying, what has been tricky and how we can improve. Review assemblies form an important part of OPAL so that we can get things right! We also reiterated our key messages of, 'Hands Off, Play On' and 'Play Safe, Be Safe.'

Next, we will be thinking about our mud kitchens. We would welcome donations of pots and pans, utensils, bowls/ basins, old kettles, microwaves, toasters, cooling racks, dish racks. Metal is best! Here are some ideas:



We have also considered the characteristics of resilience and being unique this week. Miss Gettings inspired the children in trying and trying again, having that growth mindset of persevering through challenges. Mr Curd asked the children what their superpower might be. We had swimming, kindness, counting, faith and drawing as some of the answers the children gave.

Class photos were taken today- look out for these soon as you will be able to purchase them.

Finally, staff enjoyed a professional development session on spirituality from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE), to consider what this means at Elmtree. In our discussions, we thought about spirituality for everyone, what it is to be human- we look in (relationship with self), we look out (relationship with others), and we look up (relationship with the world and beyond). It was a thought-provoking session, and we look forward to sharing our work with you soon.

Have a lovely (long) weekend. We will see you back on Tuesday 5th May at 8.45am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ohene

Headteacher

Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is 95%

Let's aim to be in #SchoolEveryDay next week

The champion year group this week is Year R and Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94%	93%	94%



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.



Parent Governor opportunity for Elmtree

We are currently seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body for a four-year term. This is an exciting opportunity to play an active role in supporting the continued growth and development of Elmtree, helping to shape the strategic direction of the school and ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

Parent Governors bring a valuable parental perspective, and we particularly welcome parents who have specific skills or experience they feel could contribute to the work of the Governing Body. No prior governance experience is required — enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to make a positive difference are key.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office for further information: office@elm.odbst.org



CONGRATULATIONS



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Emily - Oak
Shalom - Oak
Lenny - Maple
Evie - Maple
Ishel - Willow
Aiza - Willow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hafsa - Nursery
Zayyan - Birch
Alana - Nursery
Rayya - Beech
Eesa - Nursery

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



➔ Key Dates

Tuesday 5th May - Year 2 to Dr Challoner's High School - Year 2 Games

Tuesday 12th May- Farm Visit (in school)

Wednesday 13th May - All classes stay and learn 9.00am

Wednesday 13th May - Carnival Club - 3.10 (Parents to attend)

Wednesday 20th May - World Culture Day – Wear cultural clothing

Wednesday 20th May - School Disco 3.10-4pm

*****Friday 22nd May- INSET Day*****

*****Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May Half Term*****

Wednesday 3rd June - Carnival Club - 3.10 (Parents to attend)

Wednesday 10th June - Carnival Club - 3.10 (Parents to attend)

Friday 12th June - Year 2 to Legoland

Saturday 13th June -Chesham Carnival

Tuesday 16th June - Early lunch 11am; 1.00pm- SPORTS DAY at THJ

Friday 19th June - DADS BEHAVING DADLY 2.30PM

Tuesday 23rd June - Nursery sports day 9.15am (PM children to attend)

Saturday 4th July - Summer Fayre

Monday 6th July - NEW TO RECEPTION PARENT MEETING

Tuesday 7th July - NATIONAL TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday 15th July – Reception Vision Screen 9am

Tuesday 21st July - Year 2 Leavers performance and assembly.

*****Wednesday 22nd July - End of term 1.30pm*****

The JR Sports Group

Making each day brighter for every child



Fun first



Inclusive



Safety



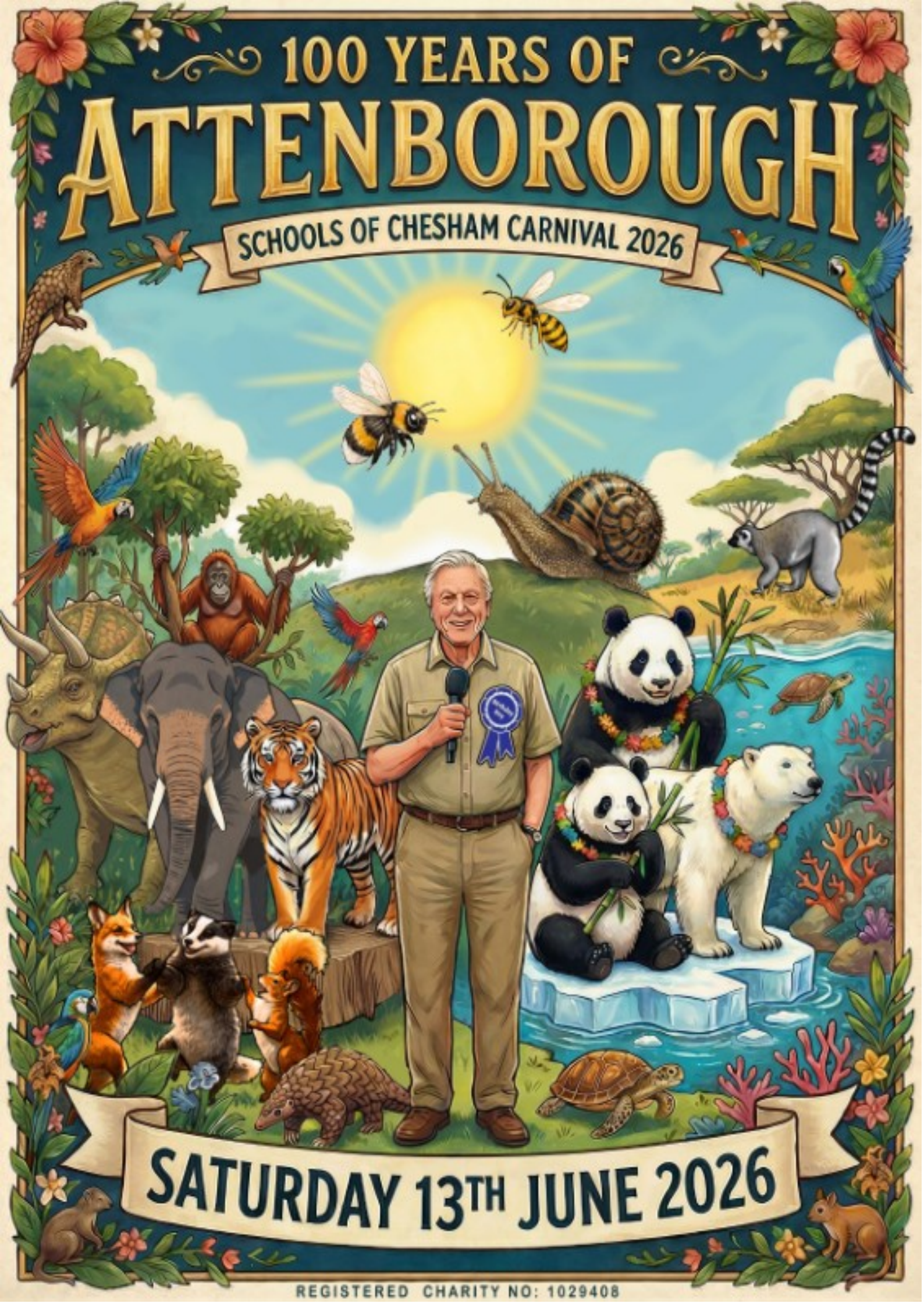
Quality



We had a great football session. Sashon and Cery's taught all the children some new skills. Sole taps drill, improves balance and ball control, close ball control dribbling drill, helps improve technical ability in tight spaces. The children got winner medals for their contribution in the training and using the skills they learned in the match and games.

100 YEARS OF ATTENBOROUGH

SCHOOLS OF CHESHAM CARNIVAL 2026



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

SAFETY REMINDER

[Child car seats: the law: Using a child car seat or booster seat - GOV.UK](#)

Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

Height-based seats

Height-based seats must be rear facing until your child is over 15 months old. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat when they're over 15 months old.

You must check the seat to make sure it's suitable for the height of your child.

Only approved height-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'R129'.

Weight-based seats

The seat your child can use (and the way they must be restrained in it) depends on their weight.

Only approved weight-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'ECE R44'.

You may be able to choose from more than one type of seat in the group for your child's weight.

	Group	Seats
0kg to 10kg	0	Lie-flat or 'lateral' baby carrier, rear-facing baby carrier, or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
0kg to 13kg	0+	Rear-facing baby carrier or rear-facing baby seat using a harness

9kg to 18kg	1	Rear- or forward-facing baby seat using a harness or safety shield
15kg to 25kg	2	Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield
22kg to 36kg	3	Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield

Manufacturers can A doctor can issue an exemption certificate if a child is unable to use a restraint or seat belt because of their condition.

now only make booster cushions approved as group 3. This will not affect any existing booster cushions in group 2 and you'll still be able to use them.

Fitting a child car seat

You must only use a child car seat if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the seat is either:

- specifically designed for use with a lap seat belt

fitted using ISOFIX anchor points

You must also:

- deactivate any front airbags before fitting a rear-facing baby seat in a front seat

not fit a child car seat in side-facing seats

The [Child Car Seats website](#) has information on how to choose a seat and travel safely with children in cars.

Children with disabilities or medical conditions

The same rules apply for children with disabilities or medical conditions, but they can use a disabled person's seat belt or a child restraint designed for their needs.

Uniform reminder: P.E. Kit

Elmtree jumper/ cardigan

White crew neck t-shirt

Plain black joggers/ plain red shorts

Plain black trainers (no symbols, no other colours)

Children should attend school in school shoes or plain black trainers. Boots/ slip-ons and other types of footwear are not allowed.