



# Elmtree Echo

Issue 32



**Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive**



## A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated World Culture Day. It was so wonderful to see the traditional clothes and colours of flags as well as global sports teams on show! Thank you.

Who we are makes all the difference. Sharing the ways in which we are both similar and different helps us to gain an understanding of lived experiences for each other as adults. Our assembly on Wednesday gave children the opportunity to talk about their similarities and differences, sharing what is unique about them and also things in common. Some children shared that they both like animals, or the colour blue, or swimming; others shared that they have different hair, different eye/ skin colour. No matter our differences, at Elmtree we are all kind and respectful and we celebrate each other.

Today, two of our children are representing Elmtree at the ODBST Eco-Conference. We have a wealth of evidence towards gaining Green Flag status for eco-schools and will be completing our application in the coming weeks. A huge thank you to Mrs Dowling and Miss Harvell for their leadership in supporting Ismah and Harvey with their presentation.

Our shared holiday home learning is a talk time activity- see below. If you are able to print the sheet then your child/ children can draw in the boxes. If not, then please talk through the prompts as a family. We will share our discussions when we return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Have a wonderful break- it's set to be a scorcher!

Mrs Ohene

# My Gratitude List

Read the prompt in each box, then talk about and draw your favourite things.

Someone I love



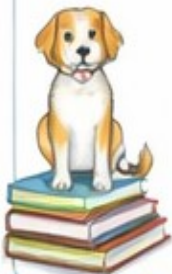
Something that makes me laugh



A place I feel safe



Something I'm proud of



A time someone was kind to



A time someone was kind to me



A fun memory



Something that makes me feel calm



Something I enjoy doing



# Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is 94%

Let's aim to be in #SchoolEveryDay next week

The champion year group this week is Year 1

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
92%	94%	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.



## 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](mailto:office@elm.odbst.org)



# CONGRATULATIONS



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Miley - Maple

Hafsa - Nursery

Livia - Willow

Thea - Nursery

### Half Term Birthdays:

Anniyah - Maple

Maya - Willow

Aliya - Oak

Phoebe - Willow

Thomas - Oak

Tiffany - Birch

### HEADTEACHER AWARD

Dexter - Oak

Ivy - Birch

Seb - Birch

Umaiza - Birch

Faye - Oak



## Important Dates & Events



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



#### → Key Dates

**\*\*\*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- INSET Day\*\*\***

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

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

Friday 5th June - Dress up as David Attenborough or an animal of choice—to celebrate David Attenborough turning 100.

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

Friday 12th June - Year 2 to Legoland

Saturday 13th June -Chesham Carnival

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

Wednesday 17th June - Willow class assembly 9am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - DADS BEHAVING DADLY 2.30PM

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

Saturday 4th July - Summer Fayre

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - NEW TO RECEPTION PARENT MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - NATIONAL TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Vision Screen 9am

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

**\*\*\*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - End of term 1.30pm\*\*\***

We are proud of our school community and the wonderful children who make it such a special place. As we continue to showcase the positive experiences within our school, we would like to include a selection of parent testimonials on our website and social media.

If you are happy to contribute, we would appreciate a short positive comment about your family's experience of the school. Testimonials will be shared publicly, so we kindly ask that they remain positive; if you have more specific or detailed feedback, please continue to use our usual communication channels.

We are also relaunching our Facebook and Instagram accounts, so please keep an eye on our social media for updates and new content celebrating life in our school.

If you would like to take part, please send your testimonial to [office@elm.odbst.org](mailto:office@elm.odbst.org) If you prefer your comment to be shared anonymously, just let us know.

## Elmtree Infant and Nursery School Gardening Club

Our wonderful young gardeners have been hard at work bringing our outdoor spaces to life. With Mr Curd's guidance, they've been planting, watering, weeding and learning so much about how to care for the world around them. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and the pride they take in nurturing each plant is a joy to see.

Below are some updated pictures of their latest gardening adventures — from tiny seedlings to flourishing beds, they've certainly been busy.



# The JR Sports Group

Making each day brighter for every child



**Fun first**



**Inclusive**



**Safety**



**Quality**

Another crafty week for the wraparound children, we love it when they work together to create something beautiful.



# Mythical May Half Term

23 - 31 May 2026

We'll be exploring the world of **Anglo-Saxon myths and legends** with a week of mythical and magical crafts: get ready for dragons, wizards and giants this May half term! Explore **The SAXONS exhibition**, unwind in the sensory room and don't forget to play, learn and explore in the **Roald Dahl Children's Gallery**.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)  
or scan the QR code



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May Half Term





This May half-term join us at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury for a week of Mythical family fun!

23 - 31 May 2026

### Mythical May Family Crafts

Monday 25 May - Decorated Book Boxes (4-11yrs)

Tuesday 26 May - Dragon Marionettes! (4-11yrs)

Wednesday 27 May - Merlin's Potion Jars (4-11yrs)

Thursday 28 May - Nature Sprite Puppets (4-11yrs)

Friday 29 May - Spy Craft! With Mark Creasy (5-11yrs)

Join us for fun activities every Bucks school holiday!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

### Explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Step into the magical world of Roald Dahl's stories. Crawl through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, investigate minibeasts inside the Giant Peach, and explore sound with the BFG in this much-loved, hands-on gallery. Packed with playful exhibits inspired by Roald Dahl's stories, it's a joyful way for children to discover science and the world around them.

Open daily over May Half Term

### The SAXONS are here!

Meet the Saxons through engaging films, sounds, and immersive experiences.

Hands-on interactives and digital storytelling bring history vividly to life.

Discover real artefacts and try the fun family trail and creative activities.

An great day out for curious minds and young explorers!

Discover Bucks Museum

Aylesbury HP20 2QP

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# Meet & Eat



## Meet & Eat, Chesham Free Family Lunch Club

*Sponsored by MakeLunch*

May half term holidays from 11.30am to  
1.15pm. Lunch served at 12.30.

On the following dates:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

United Reformed Church, The Broadway, Chesham, HP5 1BX



Take the pressure off this holiday and come along to Meet and Eat in Chesham. We are **free** and open to families in and around Chesham who would like a healthy hot meal and a place to relax during the holidays, with activities for children. Perhaps you're feeling a little isolated, trying to manage on a tight budget and the kids are bored and you have another day to fill, then come along and join in.

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