



# Elmtree Echo

Issue 33



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



## A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

Elmtree has started the final half term in earnest. Children have settled back seamlessly, focused on playing and learning.

This week, the children have been reminded of the power of, 'yet.' Miss Gettings' assembly inspired and encouraged children to take small steps in achieving their goals through the power of yet. In our, 'I am safe, I feel safe' assembly, the children have learnt the difference between secrets and surprises. Mrs Akhtar helped the children in Years 1 and 2 understand this important difference- ask your child about it!

Our teaching staff have also undertaken some important learning about sensory processing and sensory circuits so that we can continue to support Elmtree children with strategies rooted in sound pedagogy and research. We look forward to the addition of sensory circuits as one of our many strategies for helping children's development.

We have had huge success in both school admissions for September and in recruiting staff. We are nearly full for Reception 2025!

The final preparations are taking place for Elmtree's walking float for the **Chesham Carnival which takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 11am**. Come and join us! A reminder also that our **Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**- **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS** to help set up, run stalls/ activities and clear away afterwards. Please see Meryn or India for more information.

**Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we have our Dads Behaving Dadly/ Men With Meaning event from 2.30pm**. Each class has a special activity for you to be involved in so please join your child (Dads, Uncles, Grandads welcome- one adult per child). Nursery will have a morning and afternoon session so keep an eye on the dates page.

Next week, our Year 1 children will take their statutory Phonics Screening Check. We wish them well. I am sure they will demonstrate their learning superbly as they have done in class already. Please ensure your child has a good breakfast each day and comes to school with their water bottle- they will need to keep their brains and bodies fuelled and hydrated.

Wishing all our Muslim friends and family a very Happy and Holy Eid-al-Adha today and this weekend as you celebrate. I'm told that a wish made yesterday will come true. Here's hoping all your wishes come true.

Finally, hope Springs. As we near the end of Spring, I am reminded that with Spring comes new life and new hope. Summer beckons on the horizon with its beautiful late lighter nights, those early sunrises and spectacular hues that flatter the sky. This Sunday marks Pentecost (Whitsun); 50 days of the Easter season for Christians where the Holy Spirit is commemorated for descending upon the apostles. It is a celebration of colour, of speaking in tongues and reminds us of the gifts it brings.

Have a beautiful weekend.

Mrs Ohene



# CONGRATULATIONS



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Aditya - Maple     Judith - Cherry

Thierry - Maple     Anniyah - Oak

Harriet - Beech     Anshika - Oak

Emily - Birch     Cassidy - Birch

Phoebe - Birch     Violet - Cherry

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Noah - Beech

Jessica - Maple

Miss Gettings - Cherry

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Evie - Oak

Esmae - Oak

# Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **97%**

Above our expected 96%

Let's aim to be in #SchoolEveryDay next week

The champion year group this week is **Year 2**

**Reception**

**94%**



**Year 1**

**96%**



**Year 2**

**97%**



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.





## Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



### ➔ Key Dates

3rd/10th June - Carnival costume prep - 3.10pm (Parents to accompany)

11th June - Reception group assembly 9am

19th June - Summer Ball - Come to school in party wear and sensible shoes £2.50 MCAS

17th June - Sports Day at Thomas Harding (from 1pm)

20th June - Nursery Sports Day (AM and PM)

### ♥ Upcoming Highlights

13th June - Dads Behaving Dadly 2.30pm All Dads, Grandads, Uncles welcome.

14th June - Chesham Carnival 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

24th June - Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

26th June - EFF Coffee Cake and Uniform Sale 3.20pm

28th June - EFF Summer Fayre 11am-1pm

**\*\*\*22nd July - Year 2 Leavers Production and Assembly\*\*\***



### Important Reminders

- Please book school lunches on the Schoolbitez website.
- 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

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ELMTREE  
FRIENDS & FAMILY

# Summer Fayre

A yellow flower-shaped graphic containing the text '11AM-1PM'.

11AM-  
1PM

A large orange flower-shaped graphic containing the text 'SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025'.

SATURDAY  
28TH JUNE  
2025

FOOD & DRINK  
HOT DOGS\*  
ICE CREAM & SNACKS

RAFFLE  
TOMBOLA  
GAMES  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
& MORE!

\*HOT DOGS - INCLUDES SAUSAGE, BUN & SAUCES  
HALAL, VEGAN AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE - PLEASE SPECIFY WHEN ORDERING

PRE-ORDER PRICE: £3 PER HOT DOG  
ON THE DAY £4.50 PER HOT DOG  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)



Week Commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> June

## About Wraparound

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent.

Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and we also include Sports, Arts & Crafts, Baking, Lego, Games, Quiet Reading and general Free Play. A snack for every child will be provided each day at 4:30pm.

## Flexible booking

Did you know that unlike most childcare settings, we offer full flexibility to our breakfast or afterschool sessions, with no need to commit to certain dates for the month. You can make a one-off booking, up to 1 hour before the breakfast session, or up until 1:00pm on the day for the afterschool session. Alternatively, you can book multiple sessions in a 6 week block to what ever suits you and your child's needs. All bookings must be made online

## Childcare vouchers

You can book and pay with Childcare vouchers online. To view our providers and how to update your account, click [here](#).

Tax-free childcare and childcare vouchers: your [guide](#) to eligibility and how to benefit from them.

## Activities

This weeks theme: Space Explorers! (afternoon only)

**Mon:** Build you own rocket

**Tue:** Asteroid dodgeball

**Wed:** Alien hide and seek

**Thur:** Paint the solar system

**Fri:** Star scavenger hunt

**PREMIER  
HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**

Our childcare services extend into the school holidays, with our multi-activity holiday camps. With a venue in your community, our camps are the perfect place for your children to keep active, get creative and see or make new friends!

You can you find and book your nearest venue [here](#).

## Contact us:

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Schools of  
**Chesham Carnival**

Arrangements for Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 will be as follows:

- Please attend Asheridge Road with your lorry/vehicle/walkers between 1030 and 1100.
- Please ensure that you are mindful of the many children who will be on Asheridge Road from 1000. Children have minimal awareness of moving vehicles!
- Asheridge Road will be closed to all vehicles at 1130. There will be no exceptions to this, so please make sure you arrive before this time.
- No vehicles other than floats should be parked along Asheridge Road for safety reasons. If you need to leave a vehicle please ensure it is parked away from Asheridge Road.
- Please look out for Committee Members in high viz jackets who will be able to direct you to your allocated position.
- Buckets will be given out to walking members of your float teams to help collect money from the general public. Buckets will be collected from your teams in Watermeadow Car park.
- The procession will commence at 12 noon sharp. When the last float has passed onto Bellingdon Road, Asheridge Road will reopen.
- We look forward to seeing you on Saturday! If you have any queries please email or call Sally Hills on 07891 526110 on the day.