



Elmtree Echo

Issue 27



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A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week of celebrations and the sun has arrived in its splendour to greet us throughout the week!

On Monday we had our Eid assembly where children demonstrated their knowledge of Eid and how this wonderful festival is celebrated.

On Tuesday we held our, 'Everyone Together at Eid' celebration in school. The children dressed in special Eid clothes, party wear or their favourite outfits. It was such a joy to see them having fun and celebrating the term as well as sharing in Eid celebrations as a community. Thank you to our parent volunteers who provided craft workshops for some of our children. It's heartwarming to see the engagement of our families- so many of you have come to support the children at different events since September and this is very much appreciated.

We also had our Reception Spring assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to all those who attended. The children shared their learning about the lifecycles of chickens and frogs. Our chickens have now gone to safe homes with some of our families and we have released live frogspawn into our pond in the hope of having some frogs soon enough!

'Sustainable Chesham' came to visit our grounds as we put in a bid for some money to help develop our pond area. They were impressed with our work so far.

On Thursday, our Rock Band members performed enthusiastically. How talented they are! It is always wonderful to see the fruition of a skill learned.

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs McLaren and Mrs Bell today as they move on to pastures new. I want to thank them for their service to Elmtree and the difference they have made to so many children.

Finally, there is no home learning this week from year groups. Instead, we have provided a 'Bingo' based array of non-screen activities for you to do as a family. Have fun- see how many you can complete!

Wishing you a wonderful break with the children- make memories, have fun and just 'be' together. The early years go by in a flash and how precious these times are.

Best Wishes

Mrs Ohene



CONGRATULATIONS



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Maggie - Maple

Avnoor - Maple

Ashleigh - Cherry

Evelyn - Oak

Aiza - Cherry

Ottie - Cherry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thierry - Maple

Zunera - Oak

Abdul-Raheem - Cherry

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **91%**

Below our expected 96%

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

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

Reception

84%



Year 1

90%



Year 2

92%



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

28th April - Year 1 to Chesham Library - Parent help needed

29th April - Year 2 to Chesham Library - Parent help needed

9th May - Year 2 to DCHS - Parent help needed

19th June - Summer Ball (during school hours)

13th/20th May - Carnival costume prep - 3.10pm (Parents to accompany)

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

♥ Upcoming Highlights

23rd April - School nursing Reception height and weight and vision

8th May - VE Day - Wear red, white and blue

15th May - EFF Coffee, cake and uniform sale

16th May - EFF Mufti - Bring a bottle for Carnival

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

28th June - EFF Summer Fayre (time tbc)



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

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

CHESHAM CARNIVAL—JUNE 14TH

'THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT'

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S CHESHAM CARNIVAL, WHERE OUR THEME IS INSPIRED BY THE DELIGHTFUL BOOK, **"THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT"**!

GET READY FOR A DAY FILLED WITH **COLOURFUL FUN**, CREATIVITY, AND EXCITEMENT.

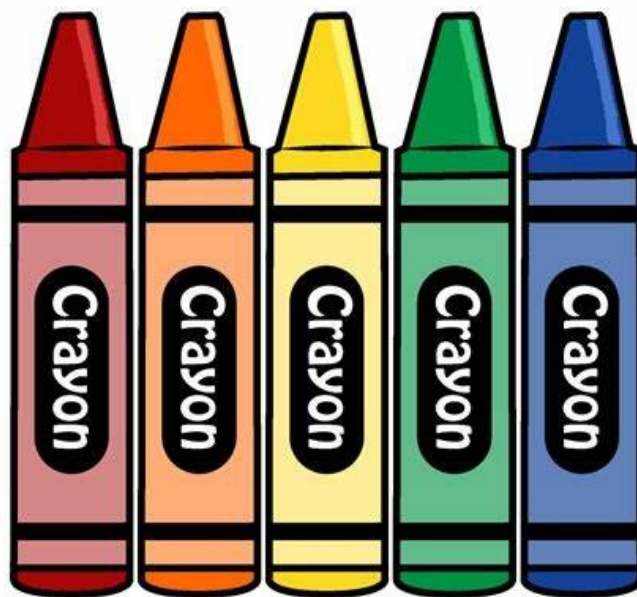
IT'S A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES TO COME TOGETHER, CELEBRATE, AND **MAKE WONDERFUL MEMORIES.**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS **VIBRANT EVENT!** PLEASE SIGN UP AND JOIN US FOR A DAY THAT PROMISES TO BE AS FUN AND IMAGINATIVE AS THE CRAYONS THEMSELVES.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

**THE DAY the
CRAYONS QUIT**



RECEPTION GROUP ASSEMBLY



What an incredible assembly by our Reception group! The children put on a truly fantastic performance, showcasing their creativity, confidence, and all the hard work they've put into preparing for today. A huge thank you to all the parents and families who attended—we deeply appreciate your support and enthusiasm. Your presence means the world to the children and makes moments like these even more special!



Nursery

Spring and growing

The children have been busy planting seeds for our nursery garden, we have been measuring the stalks as they grow using counting cubes and they are now ready to be transferred to our garden pots.



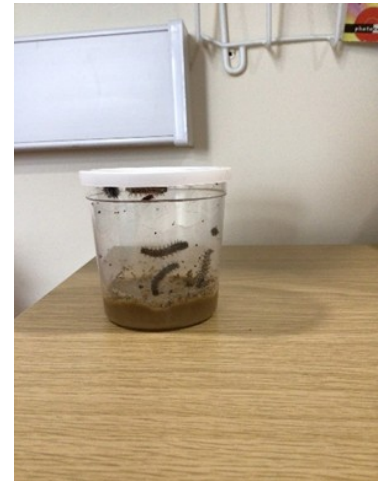
Science week

Science week was really exciting! The children mixed baking soda and vinegar to make sandwich bag monsters explode and made their own fizzing mixtures by transferring vinegar with pipettes.



Our Caterpillars

We have been very lucky to have our very own pet caterpillars this half term and the children have enjoyed watching them transform from tiny caterpillars into big fat caterpillars just like The Hungry Caterpillar. If you see butterflies flying past in the half term it might be our Elmtree pets flying free.



Nursery

Spring Walk

Lastly we went on a spring walk to see if we could find any signs of early spring. The children remembered lots of things from our spring fact book and found daisies, tree buds and some sticks which they thought birds might find useful for making their nests.



Reception

Our topic this half-term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow'. We really enjoyed having eggs in the class and experiencing the hatching process. We took care of our chicks extremely well and were sad to see them go, but we know they went to a good home!



We had a wonderful time at the Dance Festival at Doctor Challenor's High School. We watched the girls perform a dance then they taught us our own dance which we then performed to the audience. We were amazing, and very brave for performing in front of everyone!



We hope you all enjoyed the Spring Assembly. We worked hard learning our lines, the poem and the songs and really loved performing them to you.



Year 1

We have been very busy these last few weeks and have had lot of fun.

In DT we made our own salads! Then we wrote the instructions in our English lessons. I wonder if the children can remember the instructions for the carrot and sultana salads!



The children made some wonderful work during the 'Ladies We Love' sessions. They had a great time!



And finally, the children celebrated Eid at Elmtree by taking part in some Eid activities and having an Eid Party.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have continued to learn about Roald Dahl and made links to our local area. We have used his book, *Esio Trot*, in English to write a continuation of the story. We have come up with some excellent ideas and have focused on making sure our work has expanded noun phrases in. We have enjoyed sharing our work with each other.

In Maths we have been exploring fractions and identifying halves, quarters and thirds. We have used manipulatives to support us.

In DT we have been learning about healthy foods and we designed and made our own healthy pizzas. We thought about the ingredients and how to ensure that the pizza fitted a balance and varied diet. We loved making them, even though it got a little bit messy.



We have loved celebrating different special occasions for our Elmtree Friends. We have celebrated Eid with a party, dancing and crafts. We have also explored the importance of Easter and made Easter cards.





We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parent helpers who made our Eid celebration so special. Your generosity, time, and effort brought warmth and joy to the day, ensuring everyone felt included and cherished. From organizing activities to lending a helping hand wherever needed, your support made all the difference. You truly embody the spirit of community, and we are deeply grateful for everything you did to make this day memorable. Thank you!

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Elmtree holiday (non-screen) activities

Spring 2025

How many can YOU do?



Paint rocks	Make a bug hotel	Play a card game	Learn a playground activity- <i>from your parents/ grandparents</i>
Build and fly a paper aeroplane	Learn some Makaton signs for sign language	Play 'Simon Says'	Build a junk modelling vehicle
Make a bird feeder	Feed the ducks at the park <i>(remember- they can't digest bread!)</i>	Play with a frisbee	<u>Star-gazing</u>
Bake a <u>cake/ muffins</u>	Play balloon volleyball	Go for a picnic- even better if you help make it	Blow bubbles
Cloud watching	Start a garden	Read a book	Play hide-and-seek
Play balloon 'hot potato' or 'keepy-uppy'	Make a card/ pop-up card	Watch the sunset	Make a healthy salad together
<u>Make a stick/ leaf/ flower picture</u>	Have a relay race	Build a fort/ den	Go on the train
Help to wash the car	Make a food rainbow and then eat it!	Make a potato character <i>(from a real potato!)</i>	Make a time capsule- <i>what will you put in it?</i>
Watch the sunrise	Go swimming	Stick races in the park, down the stream	Paint with water



Have a dance party	Play hopscotch	Go to a museum	Play camping- <i>build a tent, what will you eat while camping?</i>
Go for a walk/ run	Have a spelling Bee	Make your own monster/ robot	Do a puzzle
Play flashlight tag- <i>use the flashlight on a device to tag the other person</i>	Bird watching- which birds can you spot?	Roll down a hill	Crat your own obstacle course and then do it!
Play dressing-up	Build boats from recycled materials	Play who laughs first	Go for a bike/ scooter ride
Have a water fight	Chalk drawings outdoors	Make puppets and have a puppet show	Paint a self-portrait
Play bingo	Make an origami animal or learn a new skill!	Vegetable painting/ printing	Kindness jar- <i>fill a jar with all the kind things you have done for others in the holidays</i>
Finger painting- <i>can you <u>make</u> a Spring picture?</i>	Have a tea party	Make a salt dough character/ animal	Make a bookmark
Can you do 50- star jumps?	Leaf rubbing picture	Play hangman	Paint or draw a self-portrait
Have a fashion show	Crat your own racetrack and race your toy cars!	Have a 3-legged race	Have an ABC hunt of things around your home
Make a pizza/ dinner together	Play a board game	Have a 'yes' day	Visit the library
Photo challenge- <i>take a photo each day that says how you feel</i>	Daily mile	Have a Teddy Bear's picnic	Create a secret handshake for you and a loved one

Colour in the box when you have completed an activity. Can you do one or more per day?



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading

For parents and carers with children in Years 1 & 2.

Explore how children are taught phonics, and how they will be assessed, by gaining a better understanding of the Y1 phonic screening test. You will also be given a HUGE amount of resources to support your child with phonics at home.



Choose from:
Wednesday 23rd April
9:30am to 11:30am

Thursday 24th April
18:30-20:30

To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code. For more information call or text Nina 07710145234

SCAN ME



Easter Holiday Events

30th March - 20th April

Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt our gardens for eggs to win a prize! Best for age 3 - 11.
Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.



Tues 8th & Wed 9th April

Discover & Make: Royal Swans of Wycombe

Craft a paper swan, and then make paper crowns for yourself and your swan! Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.



Tues 15th & Wed 16th April

Discover & Make: Trick Your Eyes or Mind?

The Victorians loved opticals illusions. Get inspired & have a go at making your own! Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.



Just for toddlers

Fri 11th

Tiny Talk Time

Toddler story time, crafts and fun.
We'll be reading 'Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus'
Pre-book. £3.90 per child.

Thu 17th

Forest School

Exploring, cooking and singing around the campfire, natural crafts and more. For 18mth - 5 yrs.
Pre-book. £8.90 per child.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk





The
Elgiva

Easter Fairy Tale Trail

Picture Trail At Chesham Library

Thursday 3rd April - 22nd April

During Library opening hours

To celebrate the production of Pinocchio at The Elgiva on the 14th April, Chesham Library has created an Easter Fairy Tale Trail. Help Pinocchio find the eggs hidden in the Library to solve his fairy tale clues. Then see if you can find the 12 signs of Spring hidden on the Eggs.

When you've found all the clues you'll be able to collect a small reward from a librarian and until the 12th April you can enter a colouring competition for your chance to win two tickets to Pinocchio at The Elgiva!

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The
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Pinocchio



Storytelling and Craft
At Chesham Library
Monday 7th April - 10.30am

To celebrate the production of Pinocchio at The Elgiva on the 14th April, come and listen to the story of Pinocchio and make a Pinocchio picture to take home.

After the storytelling don't forget to take part in the Easter Fairy Tale Trail and enter the colouring competition for your chance to win two tickets to Pinocchio at The Elgiva Theatre!

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GroWet

Wednesday 15th April 10.30am - 1pm
drop-in at Chesham Library

Meet Lizzie from the GroWet project, created by Freshwater Habitats Trust, to reintroduce rare wetlands plants into their natural environment.

This is a local project specific to the Oxfordshire-Buckinghamshire Freshwater Network working with local community centres, libraries and schools to help save historic wetland and freshwater habitats.

1. Join in with our library session, where you can get your green thumb out and choose your wetland plant



2. Grow and propagate your rare wetland plant at home



3. Get support throughout the process and expert advice on when to return your plant.



4. Join the GroWet team at a planting event to plant your wetland plant back into the wild



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CALLING ALL YOUNG WIZARDS.



Join the team at Explore Learning for this fun workshop to unlock the magic of numbers and become a true maths wizard. Use the 3, 4 and 6 times tables to create the perfect potion.

Be a Maths Grand Wizard

Wednesday 9th April 11am to 12pm
at *Chesham Library*

For Ages 7-8 years old
Book your place online
or with a member of staff



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