



Elmtree Echo

Issue 22



Respect - Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive



A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,


Tomorrow begins meteorological Spring! In weather terms, Spring starts tomorrow even though the equinox is not until later in March. It has been lovely to see the sun today, albeit with the chill factor! I do hope the sunshine in the coming days fills you with a renewed sense of hope, joy and new beginnings.

At Elmtree, the children have had a busy week of learning. They have come back ready, respectful, safe and kind. Next week, children will have the opportunity to plant their own sunflower as part of our commitment to World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March (odd socks day that day in school!). The message this year is to 'improve support systems' and the organisation is calling on government to help:

Everyone needs support sometimes. People with Down syndrome need support to live and be included in the community, like everyone else. Families also need support, as they are often supporting their family member with Down syndrome. Support is a key human right that helps make other rights possible. The support that we need is different for each person.

We have the right to support that meets our needs and gives us choice, control and dignity.

More information can be found on the website: [2025 Theme - World Down Syndrome Day](https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org)



2025 Theme - World Down Syndrome Day

Global work to transform care and support. For people with disabilities, we use the word 'support', not 'care', because it is more empowering and is used in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. But the word 'care' is used more widely by other groups, including care for children, people with disabilities, and older people.

www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

Thank you to Meryn Brown (Chair, EFF) for donating the sunflower seeds and to Chesham in Bloom for donating the pots and collating the soil from our grounds!

Next Thursday is World Book Day. The children will be able to spend their £1 token in book shops. We will be **dressing up as a book character or word**. Please avoid football kits, princess/ superhero outfits unless the character features specifically in a children's storybook. Children in Nursery might even like to dress up as a Nursery Rhyme character! Be creative and have fun. Please do not spend money on costumes/ new costumes. Reception children have their dance trip to Dr Challoner's that day and will still be able to take part in book and story-themed dance!

A gentle reminder that children should only be on apps and games online in line with their respective ages. Content for apps and games with an older age rating contains inappropriate/ more adult-like content that can harm children. Please see our safeguarding newsletter for more information.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ohene



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Izzah - Cherry

Margot - Cherry

Oliver - Maple

Gwen - Oak

Aiyla - Oak

Ashleigh - Cherry

Iqra - Maple

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alfie - Cherry

Kleant - Cherry

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Alfie - Cherry

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 1**

Reception

90%



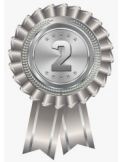
Year 1

97%



Year 2

95%



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

11th/12th March - Birch Class Parent Consultations 2.30 - 5.30pm

17th March - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 6.45pm (Beech/1/2)

17th March - Daisy Parent Consultations 1-3pm

18th March - Rose Parent Consultations 1-3pm

19th March - Tulip Parent Consultations 1-3pm

20th March - Lavender Parent Consultations 1-3pm

20th March - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 6.45pm (Beech/1/2)

♥ Upcoming Highlights

6th March - World Book Day—Dress up day

6th March - Reception to DCHS for a Dance Festival (parent helpers needed)

6th March - Year 1/2 Stay and Read 9-9.30

7th March - Year R Stay and Read 9-9.30, Nursery 2.45 - 3.15 Stay and Read

19th March - Oak Class Assembly 9am

21st March - Class Photographs



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

Nursery



Lunar new year

Celebrating the lunar new year with props in our role play area, writing Chinese numbers in glitter and crafting to make lanterns.



Valentines Day crafting



Children's mental Health week

The children enjoyed nursery's Spa for the day, taking some time out for a relaxing foot spa with complimentary snacks and drinks



Reception

We have enjoyed a variety of learning opportunities this half-term. We had a visit from the Amersham Fire Service, during which we learnt all about the jobs that firefighters do.

We pretended that we were firefighters and enjoyed sitting in the fire engine and spraying the hose!



We had a great time participating in our 2nd lesson with Dan the Skipping Man – we learnt some new skipping skills and we have made so much progress with our skipping.



We also enjoyed a visit from Little City role play. There were lots of opportunities to play and learn in the different role play areas.

Year 2

In year 2 we have started our new topic, Roald Dahl. We have enjoyed learning about him and finding out that he lived in our local area. We have been able to link this in English and have enjoyed reading Georges Marvellous medicine. We have created our own recipes and included imperative verbs. The children are keen to make their marvellous recipes!



In Maths we started our topic on Money. We have identified the different types of coins and notes and beginning to create amounts.

Our topic in PE is Gymnastic. We have continued to experiment with our different shapes and have been taking them to new heights! We have also enjoyed another visit from Dan the Skipping man!



Wishing all our Muslim families a blessed and Holy Ramadan as it begins today.

We can all benefit from the opportunity to pause and reflect, to carry out acts of kindness and to come together to enjoy food! As this holy month begins, may you and your families find solace and comfort in each other and your respective journeys; may your prayers answer you and favour you now and always.

RAMADAN MUBARAK

As you fast and offer
prayers during Ramadan,
may Allah bless you with
His divine grace and mercy.

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Have
your
say

Spring Roadshow 25



CHESHAM

**Come and talk to us about your
experience of local health and
social care services**

Thursday 6 March 2025



**Chesham Library
1 - 3pm**



Whether it is GPs, hospitals, pharmacies, care homes, dentists, 111, or any other health and social care service, we want to hear from you to help make improvements



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