



Elmtree Echo

Issue 21



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A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the half term break, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for Elmtree. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term, making progress and learning new concepts.

Our pond area is taking shape, thanks to Chesham in Bloom, parent volunteers and our children! We have another interested company who may help to develop our sensory garden and bring it back to life so watch this space!

Next half term, we will have the opportunity for children to get involved in food tasting with the national, 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' healthy eating campaign. What a wonderful experience for the children to look forward to.

Look out for parent consultation dates and book these ahead of time. Children look forward to their parents coming to hear all about their learning and progress. Our teachers work incredibly hard to teach and assess the children and their feedback is vital to the children's progress, as is your support.

This week, our Reception children enjoyed a visit from, 'Little City' to support their learning about *People Who Help Us*. The hall was a hive of activity, enjoyment and engagement!

Safeguarding

Please note that parents are not allowed in the school building without express permission from the Headteacher or a member of staff who you have made an appointment to see. There are some exceptions for parents of children with additional needs, as agreed by the Headteacher and/ or SENDCo. If you have an appointment, then please wait in the main foyer, by the office window, until the member of staff is available to meet. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Recently, we have had parents coming into the building when the door has been open for another reason, e.g. a member of staff leaving/ delivery. We cannot have parents just entering the building- this is a safeguarding risk to all concerned, especially if parents are heightened in their emotions. We have a duty of care to all children and staff and safeguarding is our priority.

Have a wonderful break- get out and about in nature, have fun and enjoy playing with your children! It's your chance to be a big kid too!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Ohene



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Avnoor - Maple

Rayyan - Maple

Amelia - Birch

HEADTEACHER AWARD

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**

Reception

96%



Year 1

92%



Year 2

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.





Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



➔ Key Dates

17th February - 21st February - Half Term

24th February - Return to School

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

17th March - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 6.45pm

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

♥ Upcoming Highlights

19th March - Oak Class Assembly 9am

21st March - Class Photographs (Vancols)

📌 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 in Bloom Launches New Street Sign Planting Scheme

Residents of Chesham now have an exciting opportunity to enhance the town's green spaces through the new **Street Sign Planting Scheme** launched by **Chesham in Bloom (CIB)**.

This initiative encourages locals to beautify their neighbourhoods by planting flowers and drought-resistant plants around street signs, contributing to the town's environmental and community efforts.

How Does It Work?

The scheme allows residents to nominate street signs in their area for planting. The aim is to introduce a mix of bulbs and hardy, drought-friendly plants such as lavender, which will add natural beauty, support biodiversity, and create a welcoming environment for the community.

To be eligible for nomination:

- The street sign must be positioned in grass or soil, allowing space for planting.
- Residents must commit to helping maintain and water the plants during dry months.
- While not mandatory, donations to **Chesham in Bloom** are encouraged to support ongoing efforts.

How to Get Involved

If you'd like to nominate a street sign for planting, simply send an email to isabelle.hatfield@chesham.gov.uk with details of the location.

A Growing Success

The scheme is already making an impact! Street signs near local schools and along Wallington Way have been planted with beautiful greenery, setting a great example for other areas to follow. These green additions not only enhance the town's appearance but also foster a sense of community pride and responsibility.

By taking part, residents can help transform Chesham into an even more attractive and eco-friendly place to live. So why not nominate your street today and be part of this inspiring initiative?



Friendly February 2025

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

SUNDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise



24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



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FEB
HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

ADVENTURE

FENCING

ORIENTEERING

ARCHERY

DEN BUILDING

NERF

SPORTS

HOCKEY

FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL

TENNIS

GYMNASTICS

ENRICHMENT

CRAFTS

PAINTING

EDIBLE ART

YOGA

DANCE

AND MUCH MUCH MORE..



Premier
Education

INSPIRING
ACTIVITY

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venue: **THOMAS HARDING JUNIOR,
HP5 1LR**

Dates: Monday 17th - Thursday 20th February

Ages: 5 - 12 year olds

Cost:	FULL DAY	EXTENDED DAY
	9:00am - 3:30pm	8:30am - 5:30pm
	£26.00 a day	£34.61 a day

Additional info: Please note that we can only accept children in current year 1 - 6 classes as per our Ofsted guidelines. As an Ofsted registered site, you can also book online using childcare vouchers!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the February half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories! Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

Contact: office-11@premier-education.com

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!



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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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Meet & Eat



Meet & Eat, Chesham Free Family Lunch Club *Sponsored by MakeLunch*

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

On the following dates:

Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th February

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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