



# Elmtree Echo

Issue 14



**Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive**



## A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children shone brightly in *all three* of their fantastic performances—each one a wonderful celebration of talent, teamwork, and confidence. It was a joy to see them take to the stage with such enthusiasm and pride.

Adding to the excitement, our *Colonel Custard* event this afternoon brought an afternoon of pure magic, mayhem, and delightful madness! Laughter filled the halls as the children were captivated by tricks, surprises, and plenty of fun.

It has truly been a week to remember, and we couldn't be prouder of our pupils for embracing every moment with such energy and joy.

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us over the three performances- you have been an incredibly supportive, cheering the children on and showing your appreciation!

This weekend we enter the third week of Advent, with a focus on joy- priests in churches wear pink and we think about the joys of the season with the upcoming Christmas celebrations; the joys in everyday life and the joy in our hearts.

I hope you have a 'pink' moment this weekend. Find the joy- she is there, waiting for you all.

### JOY COMES BACK

When you finally realise  
that joy is less fireworks, more firefly  
less orchestra, more birdsong  
she will come back much more often

for joy will not fight with the fast pace of this life  
she is not in the shiny or the new

she breathes in the basic , simmers in the simple  
and dances in the daily to-and-fro

joy has been beckoning you  
for many a year my friend  
you were just too busy *doing*, to see

the very next time joy wraps her quiet warmth around you  
as the garden embraces your weary body in its wildness

tip her a nod...she doesn't stay long  
but if you are a gracious host  
joy comes back.

# Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **93%**

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

The champion year group this week is Year 1

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
94%	95%	89%



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.





# CONGRATULATIONS



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sakeena - Birch

Alycia - Nursery

### HEADTEACHER AWARD

Esmee - Maple



## Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



### → Key Dates

Monday 15th December – Year 2 to Thomas Harding 9am

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – New to reception tours 9.30 (26-27 intake)

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day - Please book lunch via ParentPay

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery last day (Xmas party)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – New nursery (January) visit and play.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 6th January - School open**

### **Collecting Stamps for Hedgehogs!**

After half term, we'll be collecting **used postage stamps** to support the **British Hedgehog Preservation Society**. It's a simple way to help a great cause!

Both UK and overseas stamps are welcome—just try to leave about 1cm of paper around each one.

There's a **red collection box** near the front entrance where you can drop them off any time throughout the year.

Thank you for your support in helping protect our prickly little friends! 🦔



### Important Reminders

- Please book school lunches via ParentPay.
- 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

# Elmtree's Christmas Nativity's





# The EFF Winter Fayre



## Meet & Eat



## Meet & Eat, Chesham Free Family Lunch Club

*Sponsored by MakeLunch*

Christmas holidays from 11.30am to 1.15pm.  
Lunch served at 12.30.

On the following dates:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December &  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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.

URC, The Broadway, Chesham, HP5 1BX  
Www.cheshamurc.org.uk rosemary@cheshamurc.org.uk  
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# ☀️ **Elmtree Infant & Nursery School Charity Appeal** ☀️

**Turn Your Empty Sweet Tubs into Support for Macmillan Cancer Support!**  
**Starting now and running until February Half Term**, we are inviting all families to take part in our school's charity recycling appeal.

## **What We're Collecting**

Please bring in your **clean and empty** plastic tubs, including:

- Celebrations
- Roses
- Heroes
- Haribo
- Cracker tubs

And any similar plastic sweet/chocolate containers

## **Where Your Tubs Go**

All donations will be sent to **Greene King's "Tub2Pub" recycling scheme**, where they will be processed and turned into donations for **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

## **Why Take Part?**

- ✓ Help raise funds for a fantastic cause
- ✓ Reduce plastic waste
- ✓ Support our school community
- ✓ Enjoy your treats *and* help others — **a real win-win!**

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 **Donations accepted from now until February Half Term**

 **Please drop your tubs at the school entrance**

Thank you for supporting Elmtree Infant & Nursery School and making a difference for families affected by cancer. 