



# Elmtree Echo

Issue 13



**Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive**



## A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Christians continue their journey through Advent, the focus this week is Hope. Amid challenging times, we encourage everyone to stay hope-full, taking comfort in the light that this season brings. Next week, we will reflect on the theme of Peace, another important reminder as we prepare our hearts and minds.

For Christians, Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus—a moment filled with anticipation, reflection, and joy. For all families, whatever your beliefs, it is a precious opportunity to pause, come together, and enjoy moments of warmth and connection.

Winter will soon be fully upon us, and this morning's beautiful wintery scene was a lovely reminder to look for the small joys around us—the quiet beauty that can so easily be overlooked in our busy days.

The children have been working very hard practising for their upcoming performance, and we truly hope you will be able to join us next week to celebrate their efforts.

Wishing you a hopeful and peaceful week ahead.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Ohene

Headteacher

# Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **92%**

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

The champion year group this week is Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
90%	88%	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.





# CONGRATULATIONS



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Zunera - Maple

Musa - Maple

Livia - Willow

Faras - Willow

Roman - Willow

Masha - Oak

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Khadijah A - Maple

Harper - Nursery

Lila - Beech

Umaiza - Birch

Zakariya - Nursery

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Liam - Birch

Zayyan - Birch

Esmee - Maple

Raayan - Maple

Zunera - Maple



## Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



### → Key Dates

Monday 8th December – Year 2 trip to Thomas Harding (production)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am  
***Babes in arms/siblings.***

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Xmas songs 9.15-10am Parents welcome.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

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

## Class Timetables

Class	Wild Woods	PE	Library
Nursery	Thursday AM	Wednesday AM Monday PM	Monday
Beech	Monday PM	Wednesday	Friday
Birch	Thursday PM	Wednesday	Friday
Oak	Wednesday PM	Tuesday/Thursday	Monday
Willow	Friday PM	Tuesday/Thursday	Tuesday
Maple	Tuesday PM	Monday/Friday	Wednesday

### Christmas cards in school

As an Eco-School, we are always looking for ways to reduce waste and make more planet-friendly choices. With this in mind, if your child would like to send Christmas cards this year, we kindly ask that they write **one card for the whole class**, rather than individual cards.

This small change helps us all cut down on paper usage while still allowing the children to share their festive greetings.

Thank you for supporting our journey to be more environmentally conscious and for helping us make a positive difference.



# ☀️ **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. 

# Artbusters Christmas Camp

## Artbusters Christmas Club Workshops (HERVINES PARK PAVILION)

Monday, 22 December '25 9am - 12pm GMT  
HERVINES PARK PAVILION, Amersham, HP6 5HU  
11 spaces available



### INFORMATION

#### Details

Artbusters will be running Christmas holiday club workshops - New for 2025

Monday 22nd Dec 0900 - 1200  
Tues 23rd Dec 0900 - 1200  
Wed 24th Dec 0900 - 1200

There will be lots of festive fun and amazing holiday crafts each day! 10% off for every 3 sessions booked.

Day One - Elf on the Shelf Day

Elf on shelf hot air balloon  
Elf hat  
Plus one more craft

Day Two - Frosty the snowman Day

Snowman marshmallows craft  
Decorate your own Christmas soft toy.  
Personalised paint your own Christmas plates

Day Three - Polar express - Santa train

Wooden Santa train craft  
Christmas snow globe  
Plus one more craft

#### Instructions

Please drop children promptly at main door.

Any medication needs to be clearly labelled and instructions given in advance.

Children can bring light snacks (no nut products) if required. There will be a selection of fruit, water and juices available.

### TICKETS

	COST	
 Artbusters Christmas Club Workshop 2025	£30.00	Select

Select more

View selections

### LOCATION



HERVINES PARK PAVILION  
Amersham  
HP6 5HU

#### Amenities

- Toilets
- Parking

<https://bookwhen.com/artbusters/e/ev-s5d4b-20251222090000>



# Artbusters After school club



[Elmtree Infant and Nursery School - Artbusters After School Club \(Spring Term 2026\) - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

SCHEDULE | EVENT

## Elmtree Infant and Nursery School - Artbusters After School Club (Spring Term 2026)

📍 Elmtree Infant School, Elm Tree Hill, Chesham, HP5 2PA  
👥 23 spaces available



### COURSE DATES

- ☐ Mon, 12 Jan '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 19 Jan '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 26 Jan '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 2 Feb '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 9 Feb '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 23 Feb '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 2 Mar '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 9 Mar '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 16 Mar '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT
- ☐ Mon, 23 Mar '26 3:20pm - 4:20pm GMT

### INFORMATION

#### Details

Monday 12th January 2026 to Monday 23rd March 2026

No session during half term

#### Instructions

##### INSTRUCTIONS

Please collect your child from main school gate at the end of the session.

Once booked, please can you complete the following forms (if not done previously)

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Registration Form

Photography Consent Form

#### Artbusters Photography Permission Form (Afterschool Clubs)

Artbusters Photography Permission Form (Afterschool Clubs).docx (59 KB)

#### Artbusters Terms And Conditions (Afterschool Clubs)

Artbusters Terms and Conditions (Afterschool Clubs).docx (58.8 KB)

#### Registration Form

Registration Form.docx (85.2 KB)

### TICKETS

COST

🎫 Elmtree Infant School - Artbusters After School Club (Spring Term 2026)  
Course ticket - for all 10 dates.

£105.00

Select

### LOCATION



Elmtree Infant School  
Elm Tree Hill  
Chesham  
HP5 2PA



Mental Health  
Support Team  
Buckinghamshire



**FREE**

**FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS**

# LIVE WEBINARS

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**



**DATES:  
JAN - APRIL  
2026**



**TIME:  
6PM - 7.30PM**

**To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!**

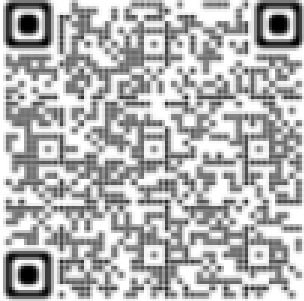
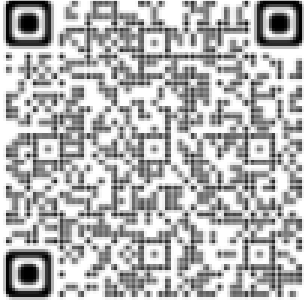
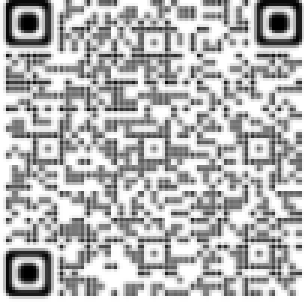
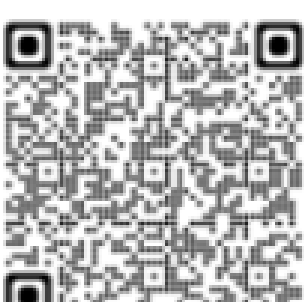
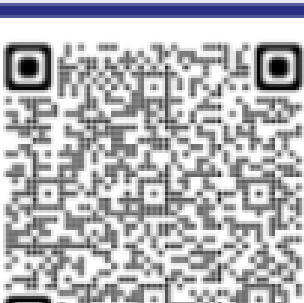


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# SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
<b>Exam Stress</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2026</b>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u></a>	
<b>Awareness and understanding of eating disorders</b>	<b>Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2026</b>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u></a>	
<b>Understanding childhood development and behaviour</b>	<b>Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026</b>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u></a>	
<b>Understanding Low mood</b>	<b>Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2026</b>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u></a>	
<b>Understanding adolescent development and behaviour</b>	<b>Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2026</b>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u></a>	



**20% OFF!**  
When you book  
before 24<sup>th</sup> November



# PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS



**MON 22<sup>ND</sup>, TUES 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER  
& FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY**



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# YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB

**LITTLE CHALFONT  
PRIMARY,  
AMERSHAM,  
HP6 6SX**

**TIMES:**

9:00 - 3:30pm

**AGES:**

Reception - Year 7

**MANOR FARM  
JUNIOR,  
HAZLEMERE,  
HP15 7PH**

**TIMES:**

9:00 - 3:30pm

8:30 - 5:30pm

**AGES:**

Reception - Year 7

**THOMAS HARDING  
JUNIOR,  
CHESHAM,  
HP5 1LR**

**TIMES :**

9:00 - 3:30pm

8:30 - 5:30pm

**AGES:**

Reception - Year 7

**TRING SPORTS  
CENTRE,  
TRING,  
HP23 5JU**

**TIMES:**

9:00 - 3:30pm

8:30 - 5:30pm

**AGES:**

Reception - Year 7

**WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS!**



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

**CLUBS 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.



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# SHOUT OUT FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

We're collecting Christmas  
Jumpers this half term!



Please donate good or very good  
condition jumpers to the front office.  
Thank you!

# SHOUT OUT FOR DRESSING UP!

We're collecting costumes  
this half term!

Pirates • Princesses • Superheroes  
People Who Help Us • Role Play



Please donate good  
or very good condition  
costumes to the  
front office.  
Thank you!

We are also looking for the following:

Dolls/ dolls' clothes

Small world toys: range of vehicles; range of little people/ people who help us (firefighters, police officers, vet, doctor etc); animals (farm, zoo, safari)

Construction: Lego/ Duplo; blocks; magnetic tiles

Games: Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, OK play, Connect 4, Guess Who

Equipment: bean bags, soft balls, hoops

## Uniform Reminder & Lunchbox Guidelines

We kindly ask all families to ensure children are dressed in the correct school uniform each day. This includes **black school shoes only**—please avoid boots, slip-ons, or any other alternatives.

### Lunchbox Checks To support healthy eating and safety:

- Please do not include baby food pouches in lunchboxes.

While convenient, baby food pouches are not suitable for children aged 5 and up. At this age, children benefit from eating whole foods that encourage chewing, support oral motor development, and promote healthy eating habits. Pouches are often high in natural sugars and can contribute to tooth decay, especially when sipped over time. They also don't provide the same sensory experience as solid foods, which are important for developing a healthy relationship with food.

We encourage families to pack a variety of fresh, age-appropriate snacks such as fruit slices, vegetable sticks, cheese, crackers, or sandwiches to support your child's growth and learning.

Double-check use-by dates on all food items—some have recently been over 20 days out of date, which poses a health risk.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy school environment!

### Toys at school

As stated in previous newsletters and communications, **children are not allowed to bring toys into school**. This is to ensure that all pupils feel valued and included. Personal toys can unfortunately lead to unnecessary rivalry, distraction from learning, and the risk of items being lost or damaged. We kindly ask that this rule is respected.

Where needed, we provide appropriate fidget or sensory resources in school to support pupils during the day, and staff ensure they are used in a purposeful and supportive way for emotion regulation and learning.

### Mental Health Support Team

We're pleased to let you know that the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will have a stall at our upcoming Winter Fair.

The team will be available to share information about the support they provide for children and families, answer any questions you may have, and offer helpful resources on wellbeing and mental health.

Please feel free to stop by their stall during the event — we'd love to see you there!

Rhiannon Brooker, Elmtree assigned MHST worker.

**Elmtree raised £82.37 for this years Poppy Appeal**

## PARK AND DRIVE RESPONSIBLY



We kindly ask for your continued support in keeping our school community safe by driving and parking respectfully and responsibly during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please remember to follow all road rules, avoid blocking driveways, and be mindful of local residents who live near the school. Most importantly, always prioritise the safety of our children by parking only in designated areas and avoiding stopping on or near pedestrian crossings or zigzag lines. We want to keep our children and families safe.

Some reminders:

- Do not mount the pavement (our school signs are placed there to avoid this)
- Do not perform U-turns
- Do not double park/ block resident's exits or pathways (we have residents, staff and children with disabilities who need access at all times)
- Do not leave engines running (we want our children to breathe in fresh air outside our school)
- Walk with your child on the pavements

Even better if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school!

Your cooperation helps ensure a safe and considerate environment for everyone. Thank you for doing your part to support our school and local community.

