

Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week it's been! We are pleased to see that attendance is steadily improving – thank you all for your support in helping to keep our children in school and learning!

We are also happy to announce that our EFF costume sale was a success, raising £28 for our school. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated! They are looking for new recruits to drive our EFF forward as both Trustees will be leaving at the end of the academic year. If you would like to know more about our fabulous EFF then please do come in and ask!

For those whose children missed the flu immunisation, Amersham Hospital is offering a convenient drive-through clinic. Please contact them directly for more details.

Please remember that our Wild Woods visits are dependent on parent volunteers. If you are able to help then please do let your child's class teacher know.

Next week is *Wonderful World Week*! We have a range of exciting activities planned, including food tasting from around the globe and our much-anticipated *International Dress Day*. On this day, children can dress in the colours of a flag of their choice or wear traditional clothing from any country. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the beautiful diversity of our school and indeed the world. We can't wait to see the creativity and cultural pride on display!

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic progress we've made. It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and I'm incredibly proud of how well our children have engaged in their learning and activities.

I'd like to thank our staff and parents for their continued dedication and support. Let's finish this half term on a high note, and I wish everyone a restful break when it arrives.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



Together we reach for the stars



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CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

Otilie - Cherry

Ilinca - Beech

Esme - Nursery

Luana - Maple

Enes - Birch

Well Done Assembly Certificate

- Sade - Maple
- Avnoor - Maple
- Malik - Maple
- Isabelle - Cherry
- Miley - Oak
- Manahil - Oak

Headteacher Award

Amelia - Oak

Deontay - Cherry



Autumn 1

Dates for the diary

18th October Parent Forum - 2.45pm Willow Class

21st – 25th October Wonderful World week (Me, My community, My world, Marvellous Me)

24th October Wonderful World Week International Dress Mufti Day -
3pm EFF Cake sale

25th October Winning house team colour mufti day

25th October Skateboard and Scootering Workshops (during the school day)

4th November Christmas artwork to be returned to school

5th November New Reception tours for 2025-2026 intake 9.30am

5th November Parent Consultations—Bookings available shortly

6th November Parent Consultations—Bookings available shortly

11th November Year 2 stay and learn Phonics 9am

12th November Reception stay and learn Phonics 9am

13th November Year 1 stay and learn Phonics 9am

14th November Nursery stay and learn 9am and 2.45pm

15th November Children in need

20th November Bedtime stories 4.30– 5.30 (Children to come back to school in PJ's)

28th October – 1st November Half Term



Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is 95% this is below our target of **96%**

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

Champion Year Group: Year 1

This weeks attendance

Reception - 94%



Year 1 - 92%



Year 2 - 96%



Remember that **#MomentsMatter**

We expect all children to attend school for at least 96% of sessions across the year.



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.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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Understanding the impact of lateness and absence for your child



At Elmtree we have a soft start from 8.45-8.55am. Gates close at 8.55am. Registers close at 9.00am. If your child arrives after this, they will be marked as late.

If in a school year a child is late by-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
5 minutes	3.2 days (16 lessons)
10 minutes	6.3 days (32 lessons)
15 minutes	9.5 days (48 lessons)
20 minutes	12.7 days (64 lessons)
25 minutes	15.8 days (79 lessons)

In order to achieve our expected 96% attendance success, children must be in school for at least 184 out of 190 days. This means that no more than 6 school days can be missed to ensure your child achieves their full potential and maximises their learning.

If a child's attendance during the school year is-	Your child will have lost approximately this much learning-
96%	6 days (30 lessons)
95%	9 days (45 lessons)
90%	19 days (95 lessons)
85%	29 days (145 lessons)
80%	38 days (190 lessons)
75%	48 days (240 lessons)



October Half Term

at Chesham Library

Under the Sea Children's Craft Event

Saturday 26th 10.30-11.30am

Hedgehog Paper Craft

Monday 28th 4.30pm - *booking required*

Diwali Craft and Storytelling

Tuesday 29th 10.30-11.30

Super Hero Shapes Workshop

Wednesday 30th 12noon-1pm - *booking required*

Spooky Storytelling & Fancy dress

Thursday 31st 2.30-3.30pm

Autumn Crafternoon

Saturday 2nd November 2.30-3.30pm

Four Seasons Children's Art Exhibition until the 8th November

Don't forget to take part in our free Spooky Picture Trail

For more information please ask a member of staff.

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Marvellous Mammoths!

with writer and illustrator Sally Poyton

Saturday 19th October 10.30-11.30
at Chesham Library

Do you want to learn more about palaeontology?

Are you curious about cloning?

Do you think Mammoths are marvellous?

Learn about how cloning mammoths may help to slow global warming and what it's like to be part of a Tusk Force Palaeontology dig!

Listen to an excerpt from Sally's new novel; *Ashley Grimes Mammoth Rider*.

Create your own Marvellous Mammoth Mask!

For children aged 7+ and their families- Free event -booking required

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Meet & Eat



Meet & Eat, Chesham Free Family Lunch Club

Sponsored by MakeLunch

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

On the following dates:

Tuesday 29th & Thursday 31st October

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
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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venue: **THOMAS HARDING JUNIOR,
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Dates: Monday 28th - Thursday 31st October

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 October 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!

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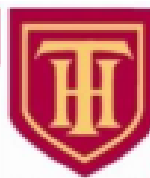
PLEASE BRING

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



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Thomas Harding



Junior School

OPENDAY 2024

Come and visit our wonderful school

Open Evening

7th November 4:00 - 6:00
(Headteacher talk at 5:30)

Welcome to Thomas Harding

'At our school, we thrive because of the outstanding curriculum put in place to make our learning exceptional. Our curriculum constantly challenges us to be the best we can be.'

Eve - Head Girl & Moksh - Head Boy

'Aspiration, this value is shown in everyday life as a student because whenever we learn, our teachers encourage us to keep on trying if we struggle. We are told to chase our dreams, which is why children here think big about their futures. The value of aspiration is one of the numerous reasons why us children feel more confident about what we hope for.'
Maya - Chess House Captain

Open Morning

12th November
9:30-11:30

(Headteacher talk at 9:30)



'Pupils are at the heart of everything staff do. Leaders make sure that every child is valued. Consequently, pupils are proud of their school, and they thrive'. **Ofsted**

For more information, please contact the school office, office@tha.odbst.org or 01494 782211.

Please park safely and legally

The area around school gets very busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please leave plenty of time to get to school in the morning and afternoon.

We encourage all families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. This reduces the traffic around school. Alternatively, you can 'Park and Stride' (park a little further away and walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the journey).

If you have no option but to bring a car, please park safely and lawfully - not on any zig-zag markings/ yellow lines and not over any dropped kerbs or outside residential properties. Please do not park in the staff car park.

This week we have spotted cars parked outside residential homes, blocking residents in. Parking in these areas causes considerable congestion, and is a danger to our children and families.

Please do not leave engines running as this creates increased pollution around school, which our children and families are breathing in.

Thank you for helping to improve parking, congestion and traffic flow on Elm Tree Hill to help support the safety, health and well-being of our children.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A SEATBELT AT ALL TIMES WHILST TRAVELLING IN A CAR/ VAN.

Bags

At Elmtree, we allow children to bring a traditional, school book bag and PE bag. We do not allow any other type of backpack or rucksack.

Why do we have this rule?

We don't have the space to store larger bags. Bags are stored in trays, on hooks in classroom cupboards, or on hooks in the corridors. We are not able to store back packs (other than drawstring bags) in this way.

We don't ask children to bring lots of equipment into school.

We don't want parents to feel under pressure to buy the latest, fashionable bags from Smiggle, Nike or Adidas which can be very expensive.

