



Elmtree Echo

Issue 10



Ambitious - Curious - Resilient - Inclusive



A Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Elmtree. All our classes have had their stay and learn sessions. Thank you so much to all our grown-ups who attended. The children love having you as part of their lessons! I do hope you enjoyed your time and hopefully, you will have learned something about the way in which your child learns in school!

On Tuesday, we honoured Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence at 11am. The Last Post was played. The children have learnt about the importance of this day in their classes this week. Did you now that there are now different coloured poppies to honour the fallen?

Red poppies represent all lives lost in war and conflict, honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who served.

Black poppies commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds who lost their lives in war and conflict.

Purple poppies recognise the animals who served and suffered alongside humans during times of war.

Together, these poppies remind us of the many lives—human and animal, from all backgrounds—who have been affected by war, and the importance of remembrance, respect, and unity.

As we take time this month to remember those who served and sacrificed in the World Wars, it is important to reflect on the diversity of the forces who fought for our freedom. Many thousands of soldiers, nurses, and workers were drafted from across the Commonwealth—men and women from Africa, the Caribbean, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and many other nations—who stood side by side in courage and unity. Their contribution reminds us that strength comes from working together and valuing every individual, regardless of background, faith, or heritage.

It is therefore deeply disappointing that we have recently been made aware of racist conversations taking place on our school site, within earshot of children and families, including those directly affected. Such behaviour goes against everything we stand for as a school community.

The children learnt about anti-racism as part of Black History Month a few weeks ago as part of our, 'I am safe, I feel safe' assembly.

I want to make it absolutely clear that racism, in any form, will not be tolerated at our school. We are **a proudly inclusive community** where every child and family is valued, respected and celebrated. Our strength lies in our diversity, and we will continue to promote our school value of inclusivity in everything we do. Let us honour the sacrifices of those who came before us by showing respect, kindness, and unity in our words and actions every day.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that our school remains a welcoming and safe environment for all.

On Thursday, we held our grand final of our 'Poetry By Heart' competition. Our finalists performed their poems aloud, having made it through the first stages by learning their poem at home, practising it for the last few weeks, having a go in class and being able to confidently perform it in class to their peers. During our assembly, our grand finalists were confident in their articulation, expression and actions! Thank you to all our families who took part. We are committed to developing early oracy skills for all our children. This is just one of the ways in which we have done this so far, as well as our child-led learning consultations. It's the Christmas performance, *Prickly Hay*, next- another chance for children to speak, sing and perform to an audience. I do hope you will be able to join us for this later in the term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Ohene

Headteacher



**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **96%**

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

The champion year group this week is Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
97%	93%	98%



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.



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



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!



We have been made aware of a few possible cases of Hand, foot and Mouth

Symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease

The 1st symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease can be:

- a sore throat
- a high temperature
- not wanting to eat

The 2nd stage usually starts a few days later and symptoms can include:

- Mouth ulcers, which can be painful
- a raised rash of spots on the hands and feet, and sometimes the groin area and bottom

The rash of spots can look pink, red, or darker than the surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone.

The spots can turn into blisters, which might be grey or lighter than surrounding skin and can be painful.

How to treat hand, foot and mouth disease yourself;

Hand, foot and mouth disease usually gets better on its own in 7 to 10 days.

You cannot take antibiotics or other medicines to cure it.

To help the symptoms:

- drink cool fluids to soothe the mouth and prevent dehydration (but avoid acidic drinks, such as fruit juice)
- eat soft foods like yoghurt and avoid hot, salty and spicy foods

take [paracetamol](#) or [ibuprofen](#) to help ease a sore mouth or throat

A pharmacist can help with hand, foot and mouth disease

Ask a pharmacist for advice about treatments, such as mouth ulcer gels, sprays and mouthwashes, to relieve pain, they can tell you which ones are suitable for children.

See a GP if:

- symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease do not improve after 7 to 10 days
- you're pregnant and get hand, foot and mouth disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease can be spread to other people.

Check with your GP surgery before going. They may suggest a phone consultation.





CONGRATULATIONS



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jannat - Beech

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Alfie - Maple

Tiffany - Birch

Seb - Birch

Esme - Birch

Faye—Oak

Kaja - Oak

Thomas - Oak

Noah k - Oak

Noah - Willow

Leo - Willow

Evelyn - Maple

Amira - Maple



Important Dates & Events



Elmtree Infant School - Term Dates & key Events



➔ Key Dates

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Wednesday 19th Nov - Bedtime stories event– 3.10-4.10 £3 payment on MCAS (Children can come to school wearing pyjamas)

Tuesday 25th Nov – New to Reception tours 9.30 (26-27 intake)

Wednesday 26th Nov – New to Nursery tours 10-10.30 (January intake)

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

Wednesday 10th December – Nursery Xmas songs 9.15-10am Parents welcome.

Thursday 11th December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

Friday 12th December – Christmas production 9.15 **No siblings**

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

Thursday 18th December – Nursery last day (Xmas party)

Friday 19th December – New nursery (January) visit and play.

Friday 19th December – School closes 1.30pm

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

Contact: Office@elm.odbst.org / 01494 771474



SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

CHARITY NUMBER 1185739*

PYJAMA

APPEAL!

• WE ARE A COLLECTION POINT •

Donate a brand new pair of pyjamas for a poorly child

Children's Hospital Pyjamas are a UK based charity that collects donations of brand new pyjamas for children aged from newborn to eighteen. These donations are then shared between local hospitals, hospices and women's refuges.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas. Drop them into us. We cannot take used pyjamas.



Scan here to make a donation

HOW?

Bring in a pair of PJ's and we will forward them on your behalf.

WHEN?

From 5th November 2025

To 20th November 2025

WHY?

Because no child wants to be in hospital and if they have to be, they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJ's!



Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages to see us delivering your PJ's x

Children's Hospital Pyjamas

@childrenshospitalpyjamas

@CHPyjamaCharity

Remembrance Day



Poppies for Remembrance

Red poppies bloom in fields so wide,
A sign of love for those who died.
They marched with hope, so brave and
true,
To keep our skies forever blue.
We wear our poppies every year,
To show respect, to hold them near.
We stand in silence, heads held low,
For peace and kindness we must grow.
Though we are small, our hearts are
strong,
We learn what's right, we know what's
wrong.
So let us promise, hand in hand,
To spread sweet peace across the land.



Evie-Mae representing her Rainbows group at the Chesham Remembrance day service.

Elmtree marked the occasion with class assembly's and a 2 minute silence while playing the last post from the hall.



Elmtree's Bedtime Story Event

Wednesday 19th November

3.10-4.10 Collection from classroom doors.

£3 Payment via MCAS

Children can come to school wearing pyjamas



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.





Chartwells

So much more than fantastic food

Dear Parent / Guardian,

****Meal Ordering & Cancellations****

Please see ordering timetable below.

All orders will need to be completed by midnight Sunday one week prior to the actual consumption week. Please see below

Sickness - The parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line on 07818 944478 before 9am every day of the child's sickness. A credit is given from the second day onwards.

School trips and other cancellations – 48 hours' notice before 9am prior to the event, the parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line for the meal to be cancelled and a credit given.

For all other enquires please email creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
SUNDAY 26 th October 2025	MONDAY 3 rd November 2025
SUNDAY 2 nd November 2025	MONDAY 10 th November 2025
SUNDAY 9 th November 2025	MONDAY 17 th November 2025
SUNDAY 16 th November 2025	MONDAY 24 th November 2025
SUNDAY 23 rd November 2025	MONDAY 1 st December 2025
SUNDAY 30 th November 2025	MONDAY 8 th December 2025
SUNDAY 7 th December 2025	MONDAY 15 th December 2025
SUNDAY 28 th December 2025	MONDAY 5 th January 2026
SUNDAY 4 th January 2026	MONDAY 12 th January 2026
SUNDAY 11 th January 2026	MONDAY 19 th January 2026
SUNDAY 18 th January 2026	MONDAY 26 th January 2026
Sunday 25 th January 2026	MONDAY 2 nd February 2026

