

Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 31 Friday 17th May 2024



2023/24 Academic year

Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

Year 3 Information Evening Wed

26 June 6:30pm

INSET DAY Fri 28 June



Sports Day Dates

Y5 & Y6 Mon 1 July back up Tue 9

Y3 & Y4 Tues 2 July back up Mon 8

Infants Thur 4 July back up Weds 10

Last Day of Term Tues 23 July

2024/25 Academic year

Term 1

Mon 2 Sept–25 Oct '24

INSET DAYS Mon 2, Tues 3 Sept &

Fri 25 Oct '24

*First day of Term 1 Children return
to school Wed 4 Sept '24*

Term 2

4 Nov – 20 Dec '24

Term 3

6 Jan – 14 Feb '25

INSET DAY Mon 6 Jan '25

First day Term 3 Tues 7 Jan '25

Full details can be found [here](#)

Dear parents and carers,

Our Yr6 children have all taken their statutory government Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) this week, which consisted of a grammar and spelling test, a reading comprehension test and 3 Maths papers on reasoning and arithmetic.

The tests are a culmination of all the learning and hard work the children have experienced in these subject areas since they began their school journey.

Our Yr6 children, as always, wanted to do their best, and we are so proud of every single child. They have all stepped up to the challenge and completed the tests to the best of their ability. Whatever they achieve, we know they have done their very best and that is all we ask of them. Thank you to our Yr6 team who have prepared the children so well to take on the challenge of SATs.

Arts Week – It's our fabulous Elmlea Arts week next week with our theme "All creatures great and small". The range of activities our fabulous art leaders Miss Wilson and Miss Cosgrove have planned is very exciting for the children. We invite you to come and see the children's work on Friday afternoon – details below.

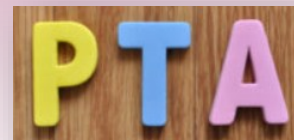
Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

PTA Dates for your diary

Fri 17 May - PTA Quiz (pre booked ticket entry only)

Sat 6 July - PTA Summer Fair 11am-3pm

Sat 30 Nov - PTA Xmas fair



Arts Week Celebration 2024: 'All Creatures Great and Small'

This year, our theme for Arts Week is 'All Creatures Great and Small' and each year group will be inspired by one of the seven animal groups over the course of the week.

Just like last year, to celebrate your children's work during Arts Week, we would love to welcome parents and carers into school at 3pm on Friday 24th May.

Junior School: Parents and carers of those in Year 6 head to the Junior school office where you will be directed to the year 6 classrooms. Year 3/4/5 parents and carers can use the outside classroom doors.

Infant School: Parents and carers with children just in Reception, Year 1&2, please arrive at the Infant School via the Infants gate at 3pm.

Parents with children across both schools are invited to come to the Infant School via the Infants gate at 2:45pm prior to visiting the Junior School. Please be sure to let your child's teacher know when you are leaving with them so we can record that they have left safely. Additionally, feel free to walk through the school to access sibling classrooms. Children taking part in clubs can leave as usual.

Thank you so much and we hope you enjoy celebrating the children's fantastic artwork!



Music News

The tickets are now available for the Junior Choir Summer Sing at Bristol Beacon. Please follow this link to purchase them: [Summer Sing Schools' Concert | Bristol Beacon](#). Please note we are performing on **Thursday 27th June** as there are two dates available on the website.

Piano stools - we really need some in school so that the children can sit at the correct height to play. If have a spare piano stool you no longer need, please consider donating it to us - thanks!



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Inclusion Information and Support

'Kids Matter ' Parenting course - Parent Pop Up coming up in June with the wonderful Kids Matter parenting course looking at Play, Encouragement and Listening! More information can be found [here](#).

Free online course on sleep for neurodiverse children - join Bristol Parent Carers and sleep expert Kerry Davies from the Sleep Charity, for an invaluable free online course on your neurodiverse child and sleep on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 at 7 PM. Please note that due to the last-minute availability, spaces may be limited. We encourage you to secure your spot by registering [online here](#).

Elmlea externally led after school clubs in Term 6

Fine Art & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School

Fine Art Club Tuesdays starting Tues 4 June The Lodge & **Craft Club** Wednesdays starting Weds 5 June in Class 3B - Cost £56 for 7 weeks. Both clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm. To guarantee your place, email rasa.ashworth@live.co.uk or by phone on 07842 366065 Or click [here](#).

Henleaze Tennis Club

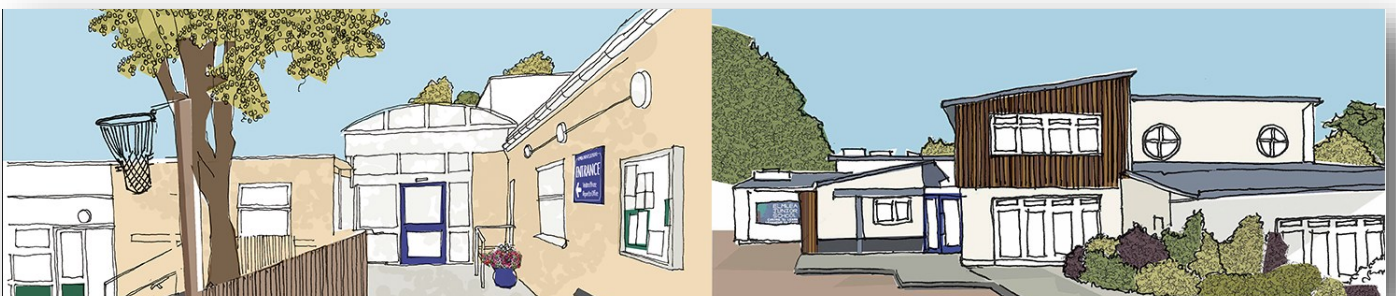
A fun after school tennis club for Elmlea children in Years 3 to 6 on a Wednesday from 3.15 - 4.30pm run by Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club's highly qualified and LTA accredited coaching team. All the equipment provided. and Parents pick up from Elmlea Junior School promptly at 4.30pm. For more information and to book, click [here](#).

Community News

Girls rugby invitation - North Bristol rugby club in Almondsbury - are running a free session on Friday 24th May for Year 5 and 6 girls going into Years 6 and 7 next season. It's a great opportunity to get girls out and engaged with sport. Full details can be found [here](#).

Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve Photo competition - They're particularly keen to attract more entries from the children's and 12-18 year old categories this year. The theme is 'A bug's life' Click [here](#) for further details or visit the [website](#).

The Sports Project May Half Term Sports Clubs - Sports Development with Social-emotional Learning. Only £15/ day (booking deadline is this Sunday 19 May) More information can be found [here](#).



ESTA News



The annual Elmlea quiz is tonight! All those who have bought a table get your thinking caps on and have your team names ready.

Doors open at 7pm for the quiz start time of 7.30pm in the Infants Hall.

And don't forget Pizza is included.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday 4th June, evening - time and venue tbc.

We need new Chairs, a Treasurer and a Secretary for next academic year to support the large team of event organisers we have in place.

Please come along to the meeting to find out more about the roles and how you can help.

Preparations are in full swing for our **Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July 11-3pm**.

There will be musical performances from Elmlea's own musicians, Bristol Samba, Taekwondo demonstrations and a Fire Engine.

Plus two exciting inflatables, thanks to your donations for **Bag2School**.



With lots of food, drinks, fun activities, games and stalls to explore, make sure to book the 6th July in your diary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help the fair run smoothly and give the kids a great time, we need a little help on the day from as many of you that can. Please visit this sign up genius link and volunteer for a slot.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA9A62FA0FAC34-48859648-summer#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA9A62FA0FAC34-48859648-summer#/)

Please note ***all* children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and remain the responsibility of that adult throughout their attendance.**

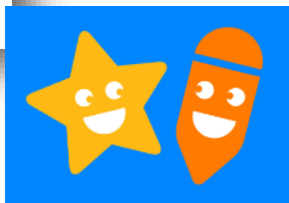
Don't forget to use Easyfundraising where you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain. To date we've raised £1,700...just for your usual spending.

The Elmlea Schools TA, elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com





Year Group News



Top Joint TOP DoodleSpell classes this week are 2R and 2SC - amazing work, well done everyone!

Reception

This week we have been learning about length and weight in Maths, and compound words in Phonics. We have also enjoyed watching Maple perform their Class Assembly - well done Maple Class! We just wanted to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers for your support with the Class Assemblies.

Please continue to send your child in with sun cream already applied and a hat each day (and a coat if it looks like it may rain). We are really excited for Arts Week next week and our visit from The Scrap Store! Have a lovely weekend everyone!



The Reception Team

Year 1

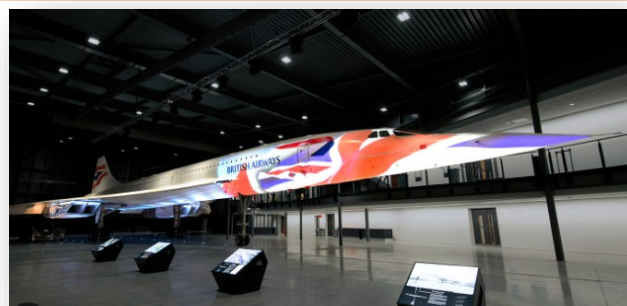
Another busy yet glorious week in Year 1 this week has meant that we have got some brilliant work done. In our English lessons, we have been revising skills such as capital letters, full stops and sorting words into their correct word classes. In science, we have been reflecting on recent seasonal changes and logging a weather diary and in PSHE, we have thought about all of the reasons why we are each 'incredible' and what makes us proud.

Year 1 Team



Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week which started by coming into school on Monday to find that our runner beans had started to grow! We then enjoyed a trip to Aerospace Bristol on Wednesday, thank you to our parent helpers! Year 2 took part in a workshop, went onboard Concorde and spent time looking around the museum. The children went on to design fantastic, fact-filled posters about their trip with some very realistic drawings. We have enjoyed being on the field and playing in the sunshine as it finally starts to feel like Summer!



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3 Information Evening

Current Year 2 parents, please note the date - 6:30pm on Wednesday 26th June in the Junior school hall for your Year 3 Information Evening.

Year 3

Pupils in Year 3 have had an exciting week this week and have especially enjoyed painting their clay dragon eyes in art. We have been so impressed by the detail that children were able to include and the care they took to paint their final pieces. In English, pupils have planned and drafted their letters and have demonstrated a developing understanding of this style of writing. In maths, children have consolidated their knowledge and understanding



about volume and capacity and have enjoyed some practical activities to reinforce this. Pupils learnt about the Roman Empire and the reasons why the Romans came to Britain during topic this week. Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have produced some fabulous poems inspired by their Arts' Week animals (reptiles.) We have identified examples of figurative language in existing poems and have then applied this to our own writing.

We have also begun sculpting our dragon eyes out of clay. Year 4 have had a lot of fun learning about the terms 'score' and 'slip' when working with clay and the teachers are so impressed with the intricate details that they have managed to create with their clay scales. We're really looking forward to painting them next week and for other Arts' Week activities!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 5! We have continued to work hard on our summer assessments, but we have squeezed in lots of other things too! We started a new English unit based around a film called 'Alma' and we have loved writing setting descriptions inspired by the film. We're looking forward to creating some suspenseful writing next week! In maths, we have been working



on statistics and have focused on reading and analysing tables and graphs. In science this week, we have been learning about the lifecycle of mammals and birds. We finalised our cake designs for our DT baking unit - just wait until you see the finished results! Following our auditions for the Year 5 production, we're looking forward to getting started with rehearsals after half term!

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6



We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on all their hard work during this week's assessments. We are really proud in the manner with which they have approached this week and how they have come in with a smile on their faces each day.

Thank you, also, to all the parents and carers who have given such positive support to the children - it has been a real help. Year 6, we are very proud of you. Well done! Your afternoon of fun on the field is thoroughly deserved!

**Miss Leach, Miss Sheffield and Mr Dickenson
Year 6 Teaching Team**