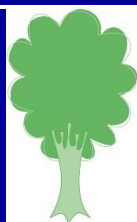


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Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July
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

Mon 4 Nov – Fri 20 Dec '24
PTA Xmas fair - Sat 30 Nov

Term 3

Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb '25
INSET DAY Mon 6 Jan '25
First day Term 3 Tues 7 Jan '25

Term 4

Mon 24 Feb – Fri 4 April '25
INSET DAY Fri 7 March '25

Full details can be found [here](#)

INSET day change next year
Please note final INSET Day
next academic year has
changed to Mon 23 June '25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our summer fair took place last Saturday and was a such a fabulous celebration of community, one of our school values. It was our first Summer fair for 5 years and we had hundreds of visitors. The weather was kind to us and so many Elmlea families, past and present attended as well as local neighbours.

A huge thank you to our PTA committee especially our wonderful Chair, Debbie Frost supported by Tina, Lucy, Becky and all the class reps for making it happen. Thank you too to our huge band of volunteers on the day and our school staff, who spent the whole day helping too; Steve Forbes, Henry Quinnell, Mrs Quinnell and Jen Snelling. It was a real success and also raised over £5000 for the school. If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Yr5 production - The Yr5 production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has wowed many appreciative audiences this week. With every child involved whether on stage or backstage it was a fabulous performance. Thank you to all of the Yr5 team for making it happen and to all parents who helped with costumes and learning songs and lines.

Parent forum - we held our first parent forum this morning which was really useful and thank you to those who attended, your time was much appreciated as well as your reflections and feedback.

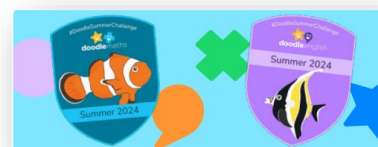
INSET day change - The June INSET day 2025 has been changed to Monday 23rd June - please put this in your calendar.

Parking at drop off and pick up time - We have had reports of parents parking dangerously again, both on pavements with children on them in Brainsfield or on the double yellow lines on the bend of Elmlea Avenue. Also unfortunately a parent has been very rude to a neighbour who pointed out they were parking dangerously. Drop off is a stressful time but please give yourself time in the morning so you can park safely and legally.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

The Doodle Summer Challenge Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the 1st of July - 31st of August, Doodle are running two exciting aquatic-themed Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge! Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.



PTA News

The Elmlea summer fair made a return last Saturday and what a great day it was, with Bristol Samba opening the fair with a bang. There was something for everyone, with Taekwondo demonstrations, musical performances, Josh's magic show, and lots of stalls and activities like nail painting, splat the rat and sumo wrestling. And congratulations Iris who correctly guessed there were 149 sweets in the jar.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorable day and to all our sponsors, including our main sponsor Max Minerva. Together we raised just over £5,000 for Elmlea!!



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Music News

A massive well done to the brave children who played either solo or in a small group at our school fair on Saturday. For some of them it was the very first time they had performed on their own in front of an audience!

We have our **Summer Music Concert** next Tuesday starting at 6.30pm. Please bring the children at 6pm to have their instruments tuned and to set up. Note that the audience won't be allowed in until 6.25pm.

A reminder for all of Mrs Sadler's Wednesday morning orchestra club participants to bring in their instruments on Tuesday next week (16th July) as there will be an extra orchestra rehearsal in the hall after break, in preparation for the summer instrumental concert in the evening.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music





NO TEACHER-LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK

A reminder that all teacher led after school clubs (including sports, Junior and Infant choir and morning orchestra clubs) have now finished. There will be NO clubs next week (week commencing 15th or 22nd July) - please collect your child at 3:15pm or make alternative plans.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER-LED CLUBS IN TERM 1 2024/25

Please note, we will send details of teacher-led clubs and externally-run clubs for Term 1 by the end of next week - you will be able to register interest for your child for any teacher-led clubs that your child is eligible for in early September.

JUNIOR ORCHESTRA AND BOYS CHOIR IN TERM 1 2024/25

We will send details of how to sign your child up/make payment on Arbor for next year's Orchestra club (Wednesday mornings with Mrs Sadler) and Year 6 Boys Choir (Friday afternoons) next week.

Inclusion Information and Support

Bristol SEND July 2024 News for Families please click [here](#) for this months newsletter .

Exercise and Yoga The NHS recommends children aged 5-18 should aim for averaging an hour of moderate or vigorous activity per day across the week. Please click [here](#) for information on exercise for young people and [here](#) for the benefits of yoga.

Mental health and support for children There are lots of helpful organisations out there for young people to reach out to. Some of these are listed below:

[Childline](#) | [Samaritans](#) | [Give us a Shout](#) | Kooth ([Go somewhere Good](#)) | [Young Minds](#)
[Students Against Depression](#) | [The Mix](#) | [Papyrus](#) | [Mind](#) | [Anna Freud](#)

Summer Stress relief - join this FREE online event for co-parenting relationship support, designed for parents who are feeling under pressure . Moe information can be found [here](#).

Support for Inter-Parental Communication (SIPCo) find out more about the free support available from Bristol Council to to promote healthy co-parenting communication for one or both parents [here](#).

External Clubs Information

Shine clubs launch online next week - On Wednesday 17th July at 12:30pm **Reception children:** Are welcome to come to non-sports afterschool clubs and Snack & Chill late stay. A wider choice of clubs will be added for booking in the coming months. **2 term booking:** You will be able to book from September to December. Week by week or day by day booking is possible, subject to availability. **Cancellation:** You can cancel any booking within 6 days notice for a credit or refund. This can be done via your Shine account. **Contact:** Shine can be contacted by 01174 033 033 or info@MyShine.co.uk. Shine Clubs are popular and therefore we recommend if you need wraparound care, that you book early to avoid disappointment. We hope to see you at Shine in the new school year and wish you a lovely summer. [Infant timetable](#) | [Junior Timetable](#)

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. Parents pick up from Elmlea Junior School promptly at 4.30pm. For more information and to book, click [here](#).

Community News

Summer Holidays Guide for Bristol families Click [here](#) for events and activities, including a number of free and inexpensive ones.

RWA Family Newsletter July 2024 Visit the RWA [website](#) or click [here](#) for a listing of the large range of summer activities available for all the family.



Year Group News

Reception

As we are now getting closer to the end of Term 6, please can any school books (reading and library) be returned to Class Teachers by Thursday 18th July.

We would also love to celebrate an amazing year with a Class Party on Friday afternoon - an email went out yesterday with more information. Please remember, we are a nut and seed free school, and that this includes items such as hummus, seeded bars and Nutella we also unfortunately cannot accept ANY forgotten party food during the school day, so please remember to bring it along at drop off.

We hope you will enjoy looking through your child's Learning Diary and Writing Book this weekend and celebrating all the amazing progress they have made.

Thank you The Reception Team



Year 1

As the term and year start to come to a close, Year 1 have been super busy starting to end various units of work and reflect on their year. This week, a huge highlight for us was finalising our handmade hand puppets. We absolutely loved this and worked so hard on them, next week we will evaluate our designs. We also wrote letters to our new teachers to tell them lots of interesting things about us and enjoyed another shuffle up session in our new classroom!

Next Friday (18th July), we will be sending the children's books home. Please ensure your child has an additional bag by this date to transport everything home! Many thanks.

Year 1 Team



Year 2

This week we have been measuring volume and capacity using containers, water and scales.

In English, the children wrote letters to their new teachers which they took to Shuffle Up (or have taken home to deliver to new teachers at new schools!).

We visited the Junior computer suite and practised logging in, we learned how to use a mouse and how to write capital letters with the keyboard.

The children are starting to know their way around the Juniors and are becoming familiar with lots of the friendly faces over there! Thank you for all of the junk modelling brought in so far.

Thank you, Year 2 team



Year 3

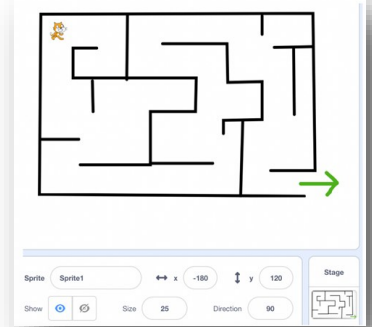
This week in Year 3, pupils have been finishing off and publishing their final writing progress pieces of the year.

In maths, children have been exploring measure and comparing different amounts with a focus on mass and length. In computing, pupils finished their 'Scratch' unit of work by reapplying their coding skills to create mazes. Children then programmed their sprites to move around their creations. Well done, Year 3!



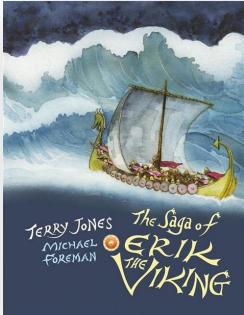
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Well done, Year 3!



Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have spent time researching endangered animals and how their habitats are changing. We worked in groups to research how factors such as climate change and human impact have altered their habitats. Next week, each group will present their ideas to the class and we will discuss what could be done to help protect them.

Year 4 have also completed their final written pieces of the year and have each composed their own Viking saga.



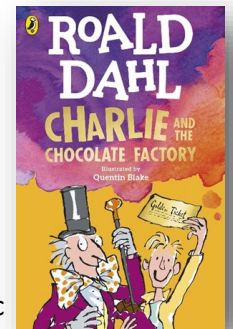
Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

On Monday and Tuesday the year 5's took part in their final performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They did absolutely amazingly and thank you so much parents for all your help to! The children also finished off writing their diary entries based around a day in the life



of coal a miner. They used our trip to the Big Pit to inspire their diaries. They also had their final shuffle up day of the year, meeting their new teachers and classes. We've heard you've made some great first impressions! We finished the week of with an amazing performance from the Bristol Old Vic theater group. We were so lucky to see the performance and the children loved it!



Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

Congratulations year 6 on your SAT's results. You surpassed our expectations and you should all be incredibly proud of how hard you have worked this year.

This week, year 6 have been building motorised cars for their DT project. This involved building a frame with wheels, adding a motor and trying to create the most streamlined vehicle. We will see which one turns out to be the fastest!

We have also finished off the rehearsals for our play. We can't wait to see the real thing next week!

Year 6 Teaching Team

Dates for your diary

Year 6 play performances - Tues 16th July - 1:45pm start and Weds 17th July - 6pm start

Leavers service for parents - Tues 23rd July - 9:15am

