



November 2024 Newsletter



'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome all of our families back to school and I hope everybody had a lovely half term break. As you may be aware both Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Storer are now on mat leave- we wish them well and I will update as and when they have any happy news to share.

I would like to say a massive well done to everybody who entered the Art competition, we had a fantastic response and the children have enjoyed seeing their artwork displayed around school. We will be sending details for the next competition soon.

Next week we have lots going on in school:

- Mon 11th Remembrance at Elworth: we passionately believe in teaching children how lessons from the past can impact on their life and learning today. This is one of the most poignant and powerful experiences we use to help children understand the cost of conflict. We will be observing the two minutes silence on Monday morning and watching the service at the Cenotaph in London. The younger children will be taught this through a range of visually appropriate resources. The older children will be doing various pieces of written and art work based on poetry and texts detailing the experiences of conflict.
- Tues 12th- Fri 15th Odd Socks Anti Bullying Week: children are encouraged to wear odd socks all week to celebrate that being different is great- our uniqueness is God given! The childrens learning will be focussed on Conflict Resolution- how to build and sustain good friendship and what to do when things go 'pear shaped'. This work will finish with a **Prayer Space on Friday** where Mrs Rookes, Cathryn and myself will help the children reflect on and value their friendships and how they can protect themselves from getting into situations which lead to arguments and division. EYFS and Y1 work will be focussed on a children's story, Y2-4 will be using the story of Joseph and his brothers from the bible and Y5-6 will be looking at the use of phones, social media and communications to build strong friendships and also identify when communications are going the wrong way and what to do about it.
- Bikeability- Can your child ride a bike? Are they confident at balancing? Do they enjoy scootering?
Bikeability lessons for our EYFS and Year 1 classes have been arranged by Mr Darby our PE leader (We already have Bikeability courses for children in Y4 and Y6) - he is passionate about all children being physically confident in as many different environments and ways as possible. If your child can already ride a bike- wonderful! They will really enjoy showing off their skills to their peers- to those who aren't riding yet we know that this will inspire them to love riding a bike and hopefully enjoy more outdoor experiences. Watch this space for further courses for children in Y2 and Y3.



- It's Chocolate Bingo time again- it will take place in the main hall on Wednesday 13th from 6:30 p.m.. It's 50 p a ticket and £3 for a bingo book- we will play three games and as always there will be lots of winners! This is great fun and there are lots of prizes to be won. Please come along and support the PTA. <https://www.pta-events.com/elworthcofepta/index.cfm...>

I will be writing to you all in the next week or so regarding our Christmas calendar including dates for the nativities, KS2 performance , Discos and much more. As you can appreciate this is a busy time of year.

This month we have some great trips with the children. Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum and year 1,2 and 3 are going to the New Vic theatre to see the Three Musketeers. The Big Sing Choir will be performing at the Big Christmas Sing at Audacious church arranged by Chip K on Sun 1st December- further information re: tickets will be sent out separately.

The School council will be selling Warm Choc Brownies £1 every Friday night 3:10-3:30 to raise money for their chosen local charity The Railway Children <https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk/> (click link for more info). Please celebrate the weekend and it being Friday by buying a brownie before leaving school.

Cathryn and the team of prefects have been busy packing up the Shoe boxes. Please see below worship news for more information regarding a special Shoebox Sunday service at St Peters .

We will be holding a parents information evening on Wednesday 20th November. Further details on this will be sent separately

Uniform- we have a wonderful school uniform at Elworth and I am always proud that our children present themselves so smartly on most occasions. However at present there are an increasing number of children wearing trainers as part of their regular school uniform- this is NOT school uniform. Teachers will be reminding all the children about appropriate footwear - please can you support them. Could I remind parents again to please ensure all items of uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled. We have an increasing amount of lost property with no names which makes it very difficult to return to the correct classes

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt
Headteacher

Diary Dates



Monday	11th November	Anti Bullying Week - odd socks week
Monday	11th November	Year 1 Bikeability
Tuesday	12th November	EYFS Bikeability
Wednesday	13th November	Chocolate Bingo - 6:30pm
Thursday	14th November	Football League - Team B
Friday	15th November	Prayer space
Friday	15th November	Badgers forest school
Tuesday	19th November	Year 5 and 6 imperial war museum visit
Wednesday	20th November	Reception 2025 open evening 4-5pm
Wednesday	20th November	Parent information evening 3:30-4pm and 5-5:30pm
Thursday	21st November	Football League - Team A
Thursday	28th November	Big Sing rehearsal
Thursday	28th November	Year 1, 2 and 3 New Vic Theatre trip

Worship News - November 2024



Practical Christianity has been at the forefront of our Worship both at the end of October and as we have started November. The last week before half term saw the Worship Warrior team visiting Sandbach Pantry and Food Bank. We took an enormous delivery of food items plus sanitary and cleaning products down to the Wesley Centre where we were welcomed by Gary from the Sandbach Pantry team. Can I take this opportunity to thank all our Elworth CE families for making such generous donations to this very worthy local cause. Our children are so aware of the importance of living out the Christian faith in the day to day of life.



Two dress down days have also enabled us to raise the money to fill sixty five shoeboxes as part of our Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. All our Elworth CE families are cordially invited to come along to **St. Peter's Church on Sunday, 17th November at 10:30am** to share with the church family in 'Shoebox Sunday' when the school prefects will be presenting the boxes to the church. The boxes will then start their journey across the world in time for Christmas.



In James Chapter 2:26 we are told:

²⁶ *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

As we journey through the second half of this term our desire as a school will be to show generosity in all we do and this will be reflected in both whole school and class worship as we consider the great generosity of God – so generous that He sent His only Son to save us.

God bless.

Cathryn – School Chaplain

Office News & Reminders



SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 11th November will be the **Menu Week1**. You can find menu choices from Mellors on our website. **Please pay online via Arbor and can we kindly ask that accounts are cleared on a regular basis so balances don't build up.** The price for a school dinner is £2.30.

Anybody wishing to discuss their child's meal balance please contact the school office

Please can we ask that all parents log in to Arbor to clear any balances on their account

Elworth CE Primary school 2024-25



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING For children	DATE OF OPENING For children	Inset Days Children do not attend
		Wed 4 th Sept	Mon 2 nd Sept Tues 3 rd Sept
Autumn Half Term 2024	Fri 25 th Oct	Tues 5 th Nov	Mon 4 th Nov
Christmas 2024	Fri 20 th Dec	Tues 7 th Jan	Mon 6 th Jan
Spring Half Term 2025	Fri 14 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	
Easter 2025	Fri 4 th April	Tues 22 nd April	
Summer Half Term 2025	Fri 23 rd May	Tues 3 rd June	Mon 2 nd June
Summer 2025	Fri 18 th July	Wed 3 rd Sept	Mon 1 st Sept Tues 2 nd Sept

Bank Holidays:

Fri 18th April (Good Friday)

Mon 21st April (Easter Monday)

Mon 5th May (May Bank Holiday)

Mon 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday)

Mon 25th Aug (Summer Bank Holiday)





Elworth CE Primary School – Term Dates 2025-26

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		Wednesday 3 rd Sept	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September
Autumn Half Term 2025	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd Nov	
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th Dec	Tuesday 6 th Jan	Monday 5 th January
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13 th Feb	Monday 23 rd Feb	
Easter 2026	Friday 27 th March	Monday 13 th April	
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22 nd May	Tuesday 2 nd June	Monday 1 st June
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July		Monday 20 th July

Bank Holidays: (School is closed to Staff and Children)

- Thursday 25th December 2025
- Friday 26th December 2025
- Thursday 1st January 2026
- Friday 3rd April 2024
- Monday 6th April 2024
- Monday 4th May 2024
- Monday 25th May 2024
- Monday 31st August 2024



TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

Here at Early Birds and Night Owls we are always on the lookout for different resources to reuse here in club. So, if you are having a sort out of your child's toys and you are wondering what to do with them, EBNO would greatly appreciate them.

We are especially on the lookout for any Construction Toys, Dressing Up Clothes and Small World items.

Thank you

The EBNO Team



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



Care for a Cuppa

St Luke's is your local Hospice

St Peters Church Hall

Friday 8th November 12.30pm - 3pm




School Ln, Elworth, Sandbach CW11 3HU

Join us for lovely afternoon and enjoy a hot drink and cake. There will also be a raffle, tombola and some lovely stalls.



If you would like to attend, just show up on the day or email community@slhospice.co.uk to find out more.

www.slhospice.co.uk/events

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Chocolate
PREMIER QUALITY

Chocolate Bingo

Wed 13th November

6.30pm Till 8pm
In the School Main Hall

Chocolate Hampers
Raffle prize
Crisps, Drinks

Elworth C of E

Tickets will be available on
PTA Events

Every ticket bought enters
you in the raffle