



# October 2024 Newsletter



'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy start to the new school year with many events already taking place.

Recently we held Prayer Spaces day where we focused on Generosity. Mrs Rookes, Cathryn and the new team of worship warriors have worked hard to ensure the smooth running of this event. The children thoroughly enjoy Prayer Space days which allow them to be reflective and apply some of their learning to their own lives and the lives of people around us. We raised a fantastic £450 which will go towards mental health resources for school and the shoe box appeal. We would like to thank you for your generous gifts towards the Sandbach Foodbank appeal- the Worship Warriors took three car boot loads of food down to the Wesley centre yesterday (see below)



We had a very successful PTA AGM where a new committee was chosen. I look forward to working together to raise funds for the lovely extras for school. The funds raised allow us to make improvements to the school with the most recent being the new EYFS play area. If you are interested in helping at events please email in at [admincontact@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admincontact@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk)

Parents' Evening will be taking place next week on Monday and Tuesday with all meetings held in the school hall apart from EYFS where they will be held in your child's classroom. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and also view their work. We encourage all parents to try to attend these parents evening meetings.

We are seeing an increasing amount of unnamed lost property in school. Could I please ask that all items brought into school are named, especially school branded items. All lost property will be out in the small hall on parents evening so if your child is missing an item please come along to have a look.



On Friday, we held a really successful Open Day for new parents. It was lovely to hear some great feedback from parents about the behaviour and conduct of the children here at Elworth. If you have any family or friends who are looking for a place for the coming academic year, we have another Open Day this Friday 25th October 9:30-11am.

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt  
Headteacher

## *Diary Dates*

Tuesday	22nd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday	23rd October	Parents Evening
Friday	25th October	New reception intake open day
Friday	25th October	Foxes Forest school
Friday	25th October	School closes for half term
Monday	4th November	Inset day
Tuesday	5th November	School reopens for children





## Worship News – October 2024

The past few weeks have been so exciting and inspiring as we have explored and wondered at God's awesome Creation during both whole school and class worship. We've listened to solar symphonies and travelled to the centre of the Whirlpool Galaxy remembering that the Bible says in **Psalms 148 v3**:

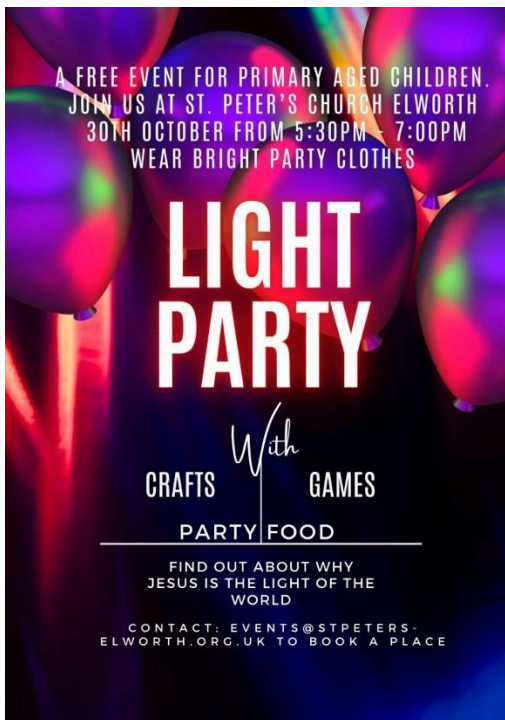
*Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.*

We've also been amazed by the wonders of the deep and thought about some incredible creature facts. Ask your child about the octopus, they'll be able to tell you some awesome things. We've thanked God for His Creation and for His great provision for us.

October also sees our generosity in action as we seek to support the work of two charities close to our hearts. First, can I thank you for your kind donations of food and hygiene supplies for the Sandbach Foodbank and Sandbach Pantry. The School Council will be involved in helping us to take our offerings down to the Wesley Centre where they will be sorted and made into food parcels for delivery to families within our local community.

The second charity we support at this time of year is the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. For those families who are new to school, this charity seeks to provide children across the world with a Christmas shoe box full of simple toys, toothbrushes, hats and gloves. This year we have held two dress down days to raise the funds to fill sixty five shoeboxes. More news on the progress of this in my next newsletter.

Finally, just a reminder that we have a very vibrant children and young people's work across at St. Peter's Church Hall. This month we continue to offer our regular Friday evening groups. In addition, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October sees our monthly Lego Church at 3:15pm onwards in the church hall. Also during half term we will be having our annual Light Party. Please see flyer.



Cathryn



# Office News & Reminders

## SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 21st October 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Autumn Half Term 2024	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Christmas 2024	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Spring Half Term 2025	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Easter 2025	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Summer Half Term 2025	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Summer 2025	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept

### Bank Holidays:

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Monday)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May (May Bank Holiday)

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May (Spring Bank Holiday)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Aug (Summer Bank Holiday)





## Elworth CE Primary School – Term Dates 2025-26

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING For Children	DATE OF OPENING For Children	INSET DAYS Children do <b>not</b> attend
		Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Autumn Half Term 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	
Easter 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Summer 2026	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

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

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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**



# Attendance



## 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.





# Events & Information

## 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.



St Luke's  
CHESHIRE HOSPICE



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

[www.slhospice.co.uk/events](http://www.slhospice.co.uk/events)

 [StLukesCheshireHospice](https://www.facebook.com/StLukesCheshireHospice)

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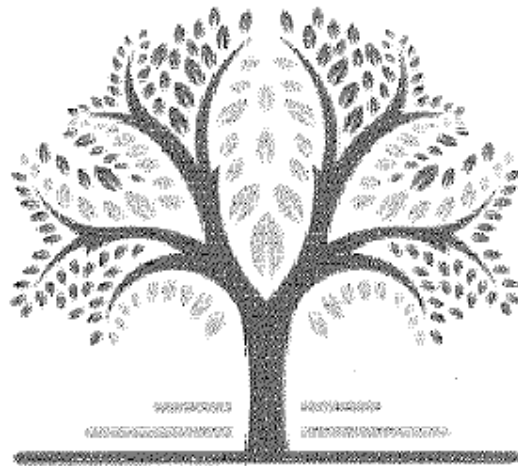
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Registered Charity Number 515595





THE PANTRY@SANDBACH HUB

**Welcome to  
The Pantry @ Sandbach Hub**

**Wesley Centre  
Wesley Avenue  
Sandbach  
CW11 1DG**

**Offering access to discounted food in a friendly and  
warm place.**

**Open Thursday, 10am - 3pm and 6pm - 7pm**

**Membership by referral only**

**Contact us for referring agencies and any queries  
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