



March 2025 Newsletter



Be Strong & Courageous do not be afraid, do not be discouraged for the Lord God will be with you wherever you go Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents/carers

What a great start back after February half term! It was a pleasure to take the choir to young voices last week. It was a great day at a fantastic venue where we were able to put our hours of practice to the test and join many other schools (7,500 children) for such a fantastic event. We hope to be able to take an even bigger choir with us next year



As part of our wider school Partnership the school council visited Elworth Hall and the prefects have visited Wharton Primary . This gives the children an opportunity to see inside other schools and feedback what they think could be improved at Elworth.

We have lots of trips planned in the coming weeks with EYFS visiting chester zoo tomorrow, Year 2 going on their adventure with Mrs Rookes to Delamere forest and Year 1 will be pond dipping at Trentham. Sparks, Blaze and Ignite dance groups will be performing at Crewe's gotta dance on 13th March Year 4 will be continuing their forest school program on Fridays

Tonight will see the start of the Quicksticks Hockey league and Cross country begins on Wednesday. We will also have TGA martial arts coming into school to do some sessions with our year 5 and 6 children.

On Friday 14th March we will be holding a dress down day for the PTA chocolate bingo in exchange for a £2 donation. This will go towards prizes for the night. The bingo event is on Wednesday 26th March. Further details will follow



We look forward to seeing the children dressed up this week for world book day on Thursday 6th March. All details around the activities can be found in the email from Mr Heaton sent earlier today. We will have the book fair arriving on 20th March with lots of new books for the children to buy. The more books sold the more money we receive as a school so please save your book tokens and come along and support us.

We have lots planned for the end of the spring term. All dates can be found below but some of the highlights will include Leaping Lambs run to raise money for St Lukes on 28th March, Easter concerts & Childrens easter lunch and the week will finish with a Prayer space day on the Friday. As you can see its an action packed week and we will all welcome the Easter break.

Further details on parents Evening will be sent out in the next few weeks but these will be held on 28 and 29th April

I am certain you will get to meet our new member of the admin team at school with Miss Cooke joining us in the office with Mrs Bennett and Mrs Dunning

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt
Headteacher

<i><u>Diary Dates</u></i>		
Monday	3rd March	Quicksticks Hockey @ sandbach girls
Tuesday	4th March	EYFS trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday	5th March	Cross Country @ Offley
Thursday	6th March	World Book day
Monday	10th March	Science week
Monday	10th March	Quicksticks Hockey @ sandbach girls



Wednesday	12th March	Cross Country @ Sandbach Rugby club
Thursday	13th March	Crewe's Gotta Dance - Sparks, Ignite, Blaze
Friday	14th March	Dress Down Day
Monday	17th March	Quicksticks Hockey @ sandbach girls
Thursday	20th March	Book Fair arrives
Monday	24th March	Year 1 Trentham Trip
Wednesday	26th March	PTA Easter Bingo
Thursday	27th March	Year 2 Delamere trip
Friday	28th March	Leaping Lambs run - St Lukes
Monday	31st March	KS1 Easter Concert
Tuesday	1st April	KS2 Audacious Church Easter show - Children only
Wednesday	2nd April	KS2 Easter concert
Thursday	3rd April	Year 3 sleepover
Friday	4th April	Prayer space day
Friday	4th April	School closes for pupils
Tuesday	22nd April	School opens for children



Office News & Reminders

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 3rd March 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 £3.00.

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

Attendance



As we are now over half way through the academic year we wanted to put in some key reminders regarding attendance.

Holiday requests

If you are going to request leave during term time, this must be done at least two weeks in advance of the period of leave. Forms are ready for collection from the school office. Most leave during term time will not be authorised. It is only in exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted. This is a decision made by the headteacher.

Punctuality

We understand that there are some occasions where children may not arrive at school on time. Children who do not arrive on time can be marked as late before the register closes, or late after the register closes depending on the time of arrival. Marks after the register closes are unauthorised and can result in the school requesting support from the local authority. If your child has 3 or more late marks on the register we will be in contact with you.

Reason to believe

When children are ill after a period of leave from school e.g an unauthorised holiday we may complete extra checks to ensure that the code on the register which has been given for that child is accurate. The registers are a legal document which we need to correct.



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

A little walk, a big difference!

SANDBACH RUGBY CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY - 17:00 - 18:00





every lesson

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START AVAILABLE**

**SWIM SAFE &
STRONG**

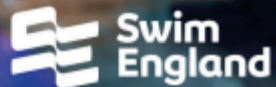
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SWIMMING LESSONS AT EVERYBODY HEALTH & LEISURE



1. ADULT AND CHILD CLASSES

Baby and Toddler Age under 3 years
Our Adult and Child classes allow parents to be in the water with their child to help gain confidence in the water.

2. DUCKLINGS AWARDS 1-4

Age 3+
Ducklings 1 will see children start to move by themselves in the water. By Ducklings 4 they will be jumping in, going underwater, floating and travelling.

3. LEARN TO SWIM STAGES 1-7

Age 4+
Stages 1-7 are divided into progressive stages. We base our programme around the Swim England frame work.

FURTHER SWIMMING PATHWAYS

Children can choose from a range of different pathways once they pass stage 7, such as stages 8, 9 and 10 or our rookie lifeguard programme.

JUNIOR LESSON PRICES
Monthly Direct Debit - £34.99

JUNIOR CONCESSION PRICES
Discounted swimming lessons are available through our Everybody Options scheme. Check your eligibility online or contacting us. £21.99 joining fee required



ALPHA SWIM

Disability Swimming Lessons: Age 4-17
Swimming lessons for young people with a disability or additional need. These lessons are a basic introduction to swimming to encourage children to have fun, be more relaxed in the water while learning basic water skills.



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Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK



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VANGUARD GAMES

THE BEGINNING



FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

Free to attend sports events run in partnership with Crewe Alexandra in the Community.

Saturday 15th March

10:00-12:00

Any participant receives 1 free parent/child ticket for Crewe Alex vs Doncaster Rovers, 3pm kick off



No room for racism

