



# February 2025 Newsletter



'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Dear Parents/carers

We have had a great start to the new year 2025- lots of exciting learning and we had snow too. As you know we have a fantastic PTA who are raising funds for a refit of our school library. From last terms events they have raised £4400 ; Chocolate bingo, Disco's and the Christmas Fair. Thank you for supporting these events and making them such good fundraisers. The Christmas Fair was a real highlight as was the Nativities and the KS2 Christmas Concerts. We are almost a third of the way to our total! We had a great end to term with the St Luke's Elf run raising just over £2200. Thank you to all who donated and all of the children who had so much fun taking part. I look forward to lots more fundraising events in 2025. On that note- it's the Valentine Glo Disco's coming up on Tues 11th and Wed 12th Feb. As with the Christmas Discos'- please book online with EYFS 5-6 p.m.and Y3/4 6:15-7:15 p.m. on the Tuesday and Y1/2 5-6 p.m. and Y5/6 6:15-7:15 p.m.on the Wednesday.

I wrote to all parents a couple of months ago regarding sponsorship. We had a fantastic response from parents in business and we have three sponsorships- we still have space for more!. We are still looking for one more business. If you are interested in partnering with school please contact Mrs Bennett [businessmanager@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:businessmanager@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk)

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and on Monday 3rd Feb we are inviting the children to come in dress down

Prayer Space will take place on Friday 7th Feb with the focus being on Diversity and Racial Justice

I will be holding our first Parent Council meeting on Thursday 6th February where we will be able to discuss some important subjects relating to school life. There are still places available for parents to join. If you are interested please contact the school office [admincontact@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admincontact@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk)

Over the coming weeks we will be launching our new Instagram account where we will invite parents to join to keep track of the fun activities in school. Further detail on how to join will be sent out separately.

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt  
Headteacher



## *Diary Dates*

Monday	3rd February	Dress to Express dress down day
Monday	3rd February	Visyon Parent workshop - 3:45-5:15pm
Tuesday	4th February	Year 5 -Road Safety presentation
Wednesday	5th February	Netball tournament - Sandbach Girls school
Friday	7th February	Prayer Space day
Monday	10th February	Dodgeball tournament @ sandbach girls school
Tuesday	11th February	PTA Disco
Wednesday	12th February	PTA Disco
Thursday	13th February	EYFS screening tests
Friday	14th February	School closes for half term
Monday	24th February	School open to children

## *Office News & Reminders*



## SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 3rd February will be the **Menu Week2**. 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 <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



# Elworth UV PARTY

**EYFS Tuesday 11 Feb**  
**Y 3/4 Tuesday 11 Feb**

**5 - 6 PM**  
**6:15 - 7:15 PM**

**Y 1/2 Wednesday 12 Feb**  
**Y 5/6 Wednesday 12 Feb**

**5 - 6 PM**  
**6:15 - 7:15 PM**

**Tickets Available @ PTA Events**

**Children are welcome to wear Neon / Bright clothing to the event.**

**Snacks and glitter will be available for purchase.**

**If you would like your child to buy anything,  
please send up to £5 in small change.**

**Juice and water will be provided for free.**







# every lesson

**IMMEDIATE  
START AVAILABLE**

**SWIM SAFE &  
STRONG**

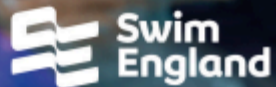
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## SWIMMING LESSONS AT EVERYBODY HEALTH & LEISURE



### 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

9 Swimming pools

- Swimming pool
- Gym/Fitness
- Athletics track
- Spa facilities



### 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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- Saturday 18 Jan 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 15 Feb 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 15 Mar 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 19 Apr 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 17 May 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 14 Jun 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 19 Jul 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 20 Sept 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 18 Oct 11am until 2pm
- Saturday 15 Nov 11am until 2pm

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**Why not join us (age 7+)?**

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







## 2025 CARNIVAL

Coming to Trentham 14th February  
- 2nd of March. Join us for a brand  
new jaw dropping, heart stopping  
production!

**TICKETS**

**USE CODE:  
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applicable when you purchase 4x tickets on  
ringside and premium ringside seating.  
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