



# December 2024 Newsletter



'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Dear Parents/carers

We are now in the full Christmas spirit here at Elworth and are excited to start the Christmas program with the Christmas Discos on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We also have the EYFS Nativity performances on Wednesday and Thursday. We are asking for donations of £2 per ticket for all of our performances by EYFS, KS1 and KS2. All funds raised will go towards the new Library where we are looking to raise £15,000 and also the School council for future projects

The Elworth Choir attended the Big Sing event held at Audacious Church in Manchester yesterday. They performed in front of 1000 people and made us all very proud. Thank you to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Garratt and Cathryn for supporting all of the children who performed.



On Friday myself and Mrs Morgan will be taking the KS2 Choir and the Big sing choir to the Sandbach Christmas markets to perform. If you are at the markets please come along to the cobbles at 5:30pm to see us.

We will be holding our Christmas fair on Friday 13th December and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. This is always a fun filled evening with lots of fun and games for the children. Please see below poster from the PTA with details of how to book at Santa's Grotto slot

Could I please ask all parents to log into Arbor to check any outstanding balances for meals and ensure these are paid up to date before we return to school in January.



All lost property will be displayed in one of the classrooms at the christmas fair for parents to come and look at. Anything remaining that is unnamed will be donated to the second hand uniform for Love Elworth. Could I please remind parents again that items need to be clearly named for us to be able to return them to the correct class

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt  
Headteacher

## *Diary Dates*



Tuesday	3rd December	EYFS Disco - 5-6pm Year 3 & 4 Disco - 6:15-7:15pm
Wednesday	4th December	Year 1 & 2 Disco - 5-6pm Year 5 & 6 Disco - 6:15-7:15pm
Wednesday	4th December	EYFS Nativity - 1:45-2:45pm
Wednesday	4th December	Tag Rugby Festival - Sandbach Rugby club
Thursday	5th December	EYFS Nativity - 1:45-2:45pm
Friday	6th December	Sandbach Christmas Markets - 5:30pm at the cobbles
Monday	9th December	KS1 Nativity - 1:45-2:45pm
Tuesday	10th December	KS1 Nativity - 1:45-2:45pm
Wednesday	11th December	Blaze Dance group - Dance Competition@ sandbach girls school
Thursday	12th December	Year 5 & 6 First aid training
Friday	13th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday	13th December	Christmas Fair 4:30-6:30pm
Friday	13th December	SEND Coffee morning@ St peters
Sunday	15th December	Messy Christmas - St Peters
Tuesday	17th December	Whole school Christmas lunch
Wednesday	18th December	KS2 Christmas concert 1:30pm & 6:30pm
Friday	20th December	St Luke's Elf Run
Friday	20th December	School closes for Christmas
Sunday	22nd December	Carol Service, 6pm in St Peters church
Tuesday	24th December	Crib Service 4pm in the church hall Christmas Communion, 11pm in Church
Wednesday	25th December	All age Christmas Communion , 10 am in the church hall
Monday	6th January	Inset Day



Tuesday	7th January	School open for children
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## Worship News – December 2024

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**John 3:16**

What an amazing term we have had! Our Worship this term has focussed on just how awesome God is: from the solar system and the whirlpool galaxy to the depths of the oceans. From the incredible creatures who walk the earth to our unique personalities and qualities.

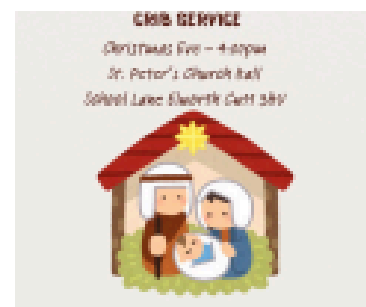
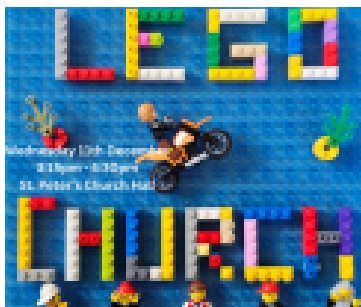
As the Christmas season approaches, we are considering God's great goodness to us, sending His one and only Son to us to provide hope and salvation in a world of pain and suffering. It is so important that the children understand 'the reason for the season' and that Jesus is the centre of Christmas. One little boy once said to me what an unusual coincidence it is that Jesus was born on Christmas Day. It is so easy to overlook the true meaning of Christmas amidst the hustle and bustle of parties and presents. But let's take time this Christmas to consider the first Christmas and the message of hope, joy, peace and love which Jesus offers.

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December the whole school will be taking part in our annual Christingle making when we will be remembering the work of the Children's Society. If you would like to make a contribution to this charity there are collection boxes available from the school office.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful Elworth CE families a very blessed Christmas. Hope to perhaps see you at some of our Christmas activities across at St. Peter's (detailed below).

God bless.

Cathryn – School Chaplain



# Office News & Reminders

## SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 2nd December 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

## A FREE FAMILY EVENT FROM GRACE CHURCH SANDBACH

Come and join us at Sandbach Town Hall for your trail instructions before you head off around Sandbach on a Christmas word hunt!

Once you finish the trail then make your way back to the town hall for more fun, including crafts and refreshments.

Every child will receive a chocolate treat and a Christmas book when they leave.

(Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

EMAIL: [FAMILY@GRACE-SANDBACH.CO.UK](mailto:FAMILY@GRACE-SANDBACH.CO.UK)  
WEBSITE: [WWW.GRACE-SANDBACH.CO.UK](http://WWW.GRACE-SANDBACH.CO.UK)



# Buzz!

## Christmas Family Trail



Saturday 7th December  
1pm-3pm  
Sandbach Town Hall



# ELWORTH CHRISTMAS DISCO

**TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

**5-6 PM - EYFS**

**6:15-7:15 PM - YEARS 3 & 4**

**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

**5-6 PM YEARS 1 & 2**

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

**TICKETS £ 3**

**AVAILABLE AT PTA EVENTS**







# every lesson

**IMMEDIATE  
START AVAILABLE**

**SWIM SAFE &  
STRONG**

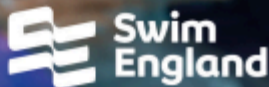
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## SWIMMING LESSONS AT EVERYBODY HEALTH & LEISURE



### 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



### 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.

