

# Elmstead Wood Primary School

June 2025 Newsletter

## Dear Elmstead Wood Families

As we begin what is the last half term of a busy and productive year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and exciting events that have filled our school days in the first half of Summer Term.

First and foremost, I want to commend our fantastic Year 6 pupils for their dedication and resilience during the recent Statutory Tests. They approached these assessments with admirable focus and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Next week, our Year 1 children will be taking part in the the Phonics Screening Check - we wish them luck, and our Year 4 pupils will tackle the Multiplication Tables Check, which they have been practising very hard for! These statutory tests are just one measure of progress, and we celebrate the hard work and growth we see in all our pupils every day.

Sporting events have once again been a highlight of the half term! Our netball team displayed incredible teamwork and sportsmanship in their recent matches, showing great improvement with every game. The cricket season is now well underway, and it has been fantastic to see so many of our pupils developing their batting, bowling, and fielding skills. A particular buzz was generated by our pupils who had the thrilling opportunity to go quad biking – an experience I'm sure they won't forget in a hurry! Well done to all who participated in these events, representing Elmstead Wood Primary with such enthusiasm.

Behind the scenes, preparations are in full swing for the highly anticipated Year 6 production. The children are already showing immense talent and dedication, and I know it will be a truly memorable performance. We can't wait to share their hard work with you all!

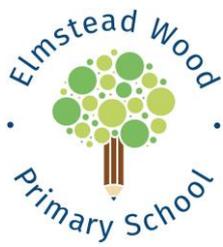
I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the tremendous success of our Easter Fair. Your generosity and support helped us to raise over £1000 for the school – a truly outstanding achievement that will benefit all our pupils. Following on from this success, we are already looking forward to our upcoming Summer Fair which will take place on Thursday 27th June. Please mark your calendars – it promises to be another fantastic event for our school community!

Finally, we were all incredibly proud of our talented choir who delivered a truly beautiful performance recently. Their dedication to rehearsals certainly paid off, and their melodious voices brought joy to everyone who heard them.

As we head into the half-term break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting final half term of the academic year.

Warm regards,

**Mrs C Lewis**  
**Headteacher**



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## Dates for your Diary

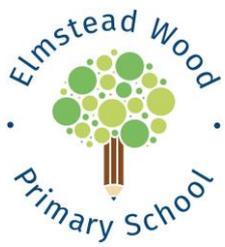
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Check Y4 Multiplication Check
9 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Stay & Play 3.20 - 4.20pm
13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA - Own Clothes Day (bring a new or nearly new unwanted toy/game)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – KS2 am and KS1 pm
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Maths Week
27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair – 2.30pm onwards PTA Own Clothes Day (bring a bottle for the tombola)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day 10.45 – 11.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production - afternoon
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production - evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term

## Reception

In communication, language and literacy reception children read lots of traditional tales and retold the stories using puppets and masks. They made gingerbread biscuits, collaborated to construct the three little pigs house and made the three bears chairs of different sizes using bricks. They even made a trap in forest school to catch the wolf!

In Understanding the World they learnt all about plants including parts of a plant and ways to take care of them and help them to grow.





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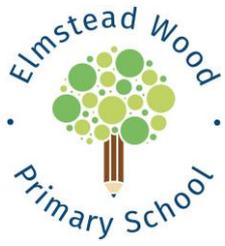
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## Year 1

In year 1 we have been looking at naming different trees and different types of common plants. We walked around the school to see what we could find. We even found out how to find out what the difference between trees are!





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## Year 2

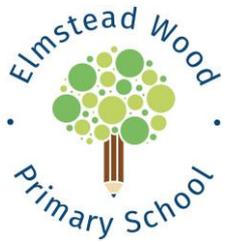
Last half term, Year 2 completed a food technology unit in their D.T. lessons. After trying different dips and dippers, and finding out what they liked, the children designed and made their own versions. They learned all about different ways to cut safely with a knife and then put this into practice when they prepared their own food. They had a fun dips and dippers party with the food they prepared!



## Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their recent art unit based on the artist Clarice Cliff. The children explored her brightly coloured ceramic art work. We then designed and created our own plates using clay and bright acrylic paints. The children worked hard to create beautiful plates and we were all proud of the outcomes.





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## Year 5 and Year 6

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all the Year 6s who have now completed their SATS. All of the children in Year 5/6 have worked incredibly hard over the last year and we are so proud of all of them.



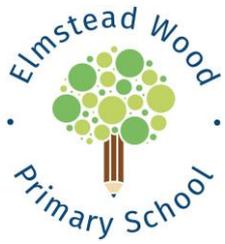
This half term in art we have been learning about sculptures. We have learnt about a variety of different artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and Alexander Calder. We worked hard to create a mobile in the style of Calder's artwork out of wire. A mobile is a type of sculpture that is formed of delicate components which are suspended in the area and move in response to air or motor power. Last week, we learnt about how Goldsworthy uses natural resources to create his art work. We went into forest school and collected our own natural resources: such as rocks, leaves, twigs and flowers. We then used these to create our own sculptures on the field.



## Attendance

### Netball

Our school netball team took part in an event with other schools from within the trust. They enjoyed practising their netball skills including catching and throwing, footwork and shooting. They represented Elmstead Wood very well and played with enthusiasm and energy.



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## Attendance

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance is a key priority for Elmstead Wood Primary School and our target for overall attendance this year is 96.5%. Good attendance underpins academic achievement and we want all of our children to achieve and succeed.

We will soon be sending out letters to parents of children whose attendance is falling below the Department for Education's minimum expectation of 96% attendance. If you would like to discuss any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do contact me. We want to offer support early so that we can resolve any issues as quickly as possible.

Thank you for supporting your child at school.  
Mrs Arnold

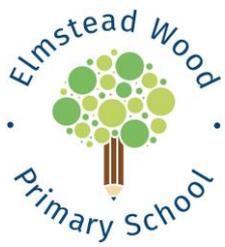


**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Help your child to come to school on time:

- Get everything ready for school the night before.
- Have the same bedtime routines every night.
- Get up early enough every morning.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Allow plenty of travel.
- Form good habits

Children only get one chance to attend school and to take advantage of all we have to offer!  
THEIR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS...



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## OPAL



### Come rain or shine...

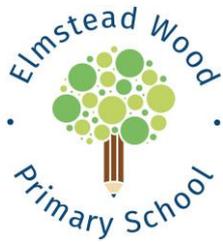
We would like **children** to be able to play outside in **all weathers** but this is dependent on the clothes and footwear they have in school. So that they can play happily they **MUST** have **named wellies** and a warm waterproof coat in school to enjoy these and other areas. Without wellies, your child will not be able to go on the field. We have outdoor wellie sheds for each class to keep them dry.

Loose parts is something that we heavily rely on for creating the OPAL environment. They can be natural materials like logs and stones or man made items such as tyres, crates, planks, plastic barrels, and cable wheels.

This month we will be collecting:

- Suitcases
  - Compost
  - Plastic barrels
  - Plastic buckets
- Buckets/Mops  
Sand (For our sand pit)





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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous support.

The OPAL Team

**The 'Theory of loose parts' (Nicholson 1971) says that the more moveable things there are in a play environment, the greater the number of possibilities there will be for invention, creation and imagination**

### Universal Free School Meals

The Mayor of London's office has confirmed that they are extending the Universal Free School Meals offer for the Academic Year 2024 / 25. However, if you are eligible to receive free school meals as per the criteria below, please do apply as this results in extra funding for the school.

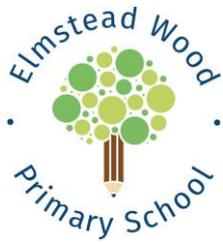
Parents can apply through the London Borough of Bromley link for Pupil Premium at regular intervals throughout the year. <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

To be eligible for Pupil Premium, families should be in receipt of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit), with a gross annual household income of no more than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs-HMRC)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, with a net annual household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any other benefits you receive).

### School Office Notices

- **Medication** – Medication can be administered by the school. If your child needs to have medication during the school day, please come in and complete a form to give us permission.
- **Contact details** - Please make sure the school office has 2 points of contacts for your children. It is part of our Safeguarding Policy that you have 2 contacts on Arbor. Remember to update us when you have changed your circumstances. Please contact us either by the school office on 020 8857 1504 or email [admin@elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk)
- **Absence** - When reporting absences for your child please either contact the school office by 9 am



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on 020 8857 1504. You can also report this by email [attendance@elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk)  
Please do not report absences on Class Dojo

- **Arbor** - Everyone should be able to log-in into arbor this system is to update any info regarding your child such as: Family, Guardian Contacts (all people that collect your children need to be on arbor) Medical Consents section (you will need to consent to your child attending local trips, photographs and many more
- Please ensure that all changes in collection arrangements for your child are phoned into the school office before 2:45pm.
- All paid school services must be paid for in advance (breakfast club, after school club). The school has credit control procedures in place for any arrears.
- If you need to book breakfast club or after school club on an ad hoc basis, please email the relevant club in advance. Payment on ParentPay must be made before your child attends and does not automatically notify the club that your child will be attending.
- Please could all late arrivals be signed in on the EntrySign in the entrance hall.
- If children are not collected by 3:30pm and the school has not received notification from a parent or guardian, they will be taken to the after school club. This is a chargeable service.

## Flyers

Dear friends of Bromley Borough Foodbank,

The countdown is on! We're excited to announce that in 3 weeks our **Big Give Summer Fundraising challenge** begins! ☐

It's a chance to **double the difference** in the work we do - with all funds raised going to directly towards providing essential support to local households over the tricky summer holidays ♥👏

During the Big Give Summer Challenge from 23 -30 June all financial donations made to Bromley Borough Foodbank will be matched by the Global Make Some Noise Foundation👏

So every £1 you raise and donate, provides £2 for food, supermarket vouchers and wraparound services for the households in Bromley who need it this summer.

Save the date now! ☐

Add a reminder to your calendar! 📅

Can your school help us raise vital funds? Could you:

- Let parents know through your newsletter (details on how to donate are at [www.bromleyborough.org.uk](http://www.bromleyborough.org.uk) - QR code is below)?
- Support us with a summer fair donation?
- Hold a "Wear green for the foodbank" day?



Your school can make double the difference this June.