

Elmstead Wood Primary School

July 2025 Newsletter

Dear Elmstead Wood Families

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful summer term, I want to take a moment to thank you all - pupils, parents, and staff - for making my first year as Headteacher at Elmstead Wood Primary such a positive and rewarding one!

This last term in particular has been packed with memorable moments. We kicked off with a Year 2 trip to the Horiman Museum - the children loved this. Then, Sports Day arrived on the hottest day of the year, and although we had to adapt some activities because of the heat, the children's enthusiasm and team spirit shone through. And our youngest pupils also enjoyed their own special Nursery Sports Day, full of energy, laughter and pride.

Our vibrant Music Day also took place this term, where the school was filled with the sound of singing, instruments, and joyful performances. And of course the PTA Fair was such a special event that the whole community enjoyed!

Academically, the school has so much to celebrate. The outcomes from the KS2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics Screening, and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check have all shown marked improvement compared to last year - a testament to the hard work of our children and the dedication of our staff and parents. We are incredibly proud of every pupil's progress and effort.

Our recent transition days have helped everyone prepare for their next steps with growing confidence and excitement for the year ahead.

A very special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Their performance of *The Wizard of Oz* was truly magical - funny, heartfelt and full of talent. They danced the night away at their Leavers' Disco. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported this. This week, we've shared laughter (and a few tears) as we say goodbye. This has been my first Year 6 cohort as Headteacher, and they will always have a special place in my heart. We wish them all the best as they move on to secondary school.

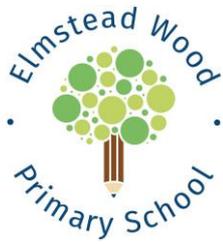
To our whole Elmstead Wood community: thank you for your continued support and commitment. I am so proud of what we've achieved together this year, and I look forward to building on that even further in September.



A celebratory cake for our Year 6 cohort from the Emiantor family.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny summer break.

Mrs C Lewis
Headteacher

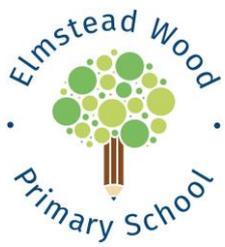


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Dates for your Diary

3 rd Sept	First Day back of the Autumn Term
9 th Sept	Meet the teacher
25 th Sept	9.30am Open Morning 6pm Open Evening
2 nd Oct	Individual School Photos
6 th Oct	Harvest Festival
7 th Oct	Parents Evening
9 th Oct	Parents Evening
20 th -31 st Oct	Half Term
3 rd Nov	First day back after half term
7 th Nov	PTA Glow Disco
18 th Nov	Rec to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
20 th Nov	9.30am Open Morning
21 st Nov	INSET day (children not in school)
29 th Nov	Christmas Fair



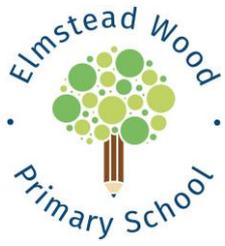
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Reception

Cherry class, staff and lots of parents enjoyed a wonderful trip to the park. The children had a fantastic time - spinning speedily on the roundabout, bravely sliding down the big slide and taking turns so kindly on all of the play equipment. It was a joy to see how supportive and caring they are towards one another. We finished off a hot day with a well deserved, delicious ice lolly - the perfect treat! Thank you to all the parents who joined us.





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Year 1

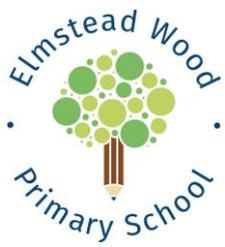
This half term we have been focusing on clocks in maths. We have been looking at o'clock and half past. We have been using mini clocks to help us understand where the hands should go on the clock. We have had some activities where we matched the clock to the words.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning different techniques for joining materials to help them make a functioning packed lunch box. The children read the story 'The Lighthouse keeper's lunch' and then designed a lunchbox that would keep the seagulls out! They made sure that their box was insulated, waterproof and compartmented with a strong handle. When their lunch boxes were completed, they tested them by packing a picnic inside, and carrying them outside. They further tested them by sending the boxes down a rope to test their durability, just like in the story!





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Year 3 and Year 4

This term, Year 3/4 have been learning about coasts in Geography. The children have explored what a coast is, using the correct geographical vocabulary to describe different coastal features. They have also considered the important question, “*What can we do to protect our coasts?*” and created informative fact files highlighting key ways we can look after these vital environments. In Computing, we have been learning about writing blog posts and thinking carefully about what we should share online. The children explored how to communicate responsibly and how to keep themselves safe when using the internet. They then used Google Sites to create their own blog posts, showcasing their ideas in a creative and thoughtful way.

Year 5 and Year 6

The Year 5/6 children were absolutely fantastic in their production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The children have all put so much effort into learning their lines, the songs and the dance routines and performed amazingly to the school and to parents in their afternoon and evening shows. Each child brought their character to life with personality, expression and a real sense of confidence on stage. The Year 5s all worked hard to create an ensemble for the production and the enthusiasm from all of the children made a fantastic show. We couldn't be prouder of them all!

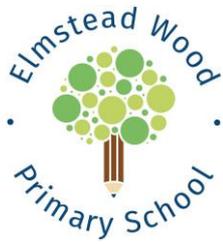


PE and Sport



What a fantastic Sports Day we had! The sun was shining, the energy was high, and our pupils gave it their all in every event. Everyone showed amazing determination and team spirit. Children from every year group participated with huge smiles and great sportsmanship, cheering each other on and celebrating each other's achievements.





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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

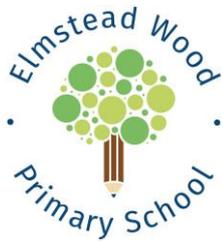


**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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.

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

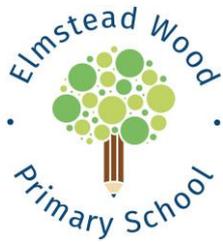
Universal Free School Meals

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



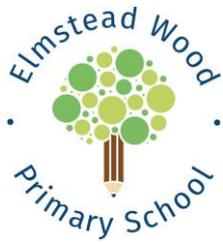
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- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit), with a gross annual household income of no more than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs-HMRC)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support 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** – Prescribed 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. However, we will no longer be allowed to administer Calpol, Nurofen or Piriton.
- **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
- **Absence** - When reporting absences for your child please either contact the school office by 9 am on 020 8857 1504. You can also report this by email 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.



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AUGUST 2025

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SESSION 1 10am-11.45am SESSION 2 12pm-1.45pm

family 1st PRESENTS

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB

Jar Decorating
Carpentry
Grow your own
Make your own cards
Balloon Artistry

28TH JULY – 14TH AUGUST 2025

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Mottingham Methodist Church,
62 Mottingham Road,
SE9 4QR

Trips
Baking & Cooking
Arts & Crafts
Music
Dancing
Cinema &
Many more

JOIN US FOR DAYS OF
FUN, IN THE SUN!

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BENEFIT-RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEAL

FREE FOOD BOX FOR EACH
CHILD!

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