



Ambition - Community - Equality



# ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025

ELMS FARM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IS A 'GOOD' SCHOOL: OFSTED 2021



*Ruby says... Article 29* Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a very busy week at Elms Farm with lots to celebrate.

### Happy Diwali

Many of our families will be celebrating Diwali on Monday 20th October. We hope that you have a wonderful time celebrating. We had some special workshops this week with more planned next week for the children. They experienced storytelling, music and dance.



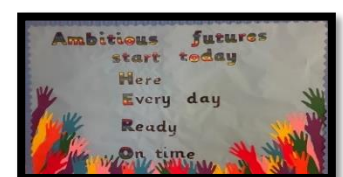
### Writing Workshops

Thank you to those who have attended our 'Writing Workshops' and enjoyed the opportunity to experience how writing is taught at E.F.P.S. The children always enjoy these workshops and we very much value the feedback provided.

### Attendance Steering Group

Ms Pettitt hosted the first 'Attendance Steering Group'. The group will be meeting every half term to discuss how we can best support families with attendance. If you would like to join this group, please let Ms Pettitt know-there is always lovely refreshments available during the meeting and a relaxed atmosphere to share your views.

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	94.1	8.5
Ahlberg	91.7	12
Cadbury	98.4	1
Seacole	91.4	11
Elgar	91.3	13
O'Keeffe	99.6	0
Newton	91.4	9
Hawking	96.2	2.5
Lewis	98.4	2
Simmonds	96.1	5
Bloom	97.9	3
Shakespeare	93.5	10
Duleep	93.3	8
Barnardo	95.4	6
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.9</b>	



As part of our personal development at Elms Farm we enrich our curriculum with educational trips and visitors to the school.



Y1 were visited by The Blue Cross who talked about caring for pets and what they do at The Blue Cross.



Y5 went to the local library to enjoy some reading



Y2 went investigating in the local area.

Bloom class went all the way to Carding Mill Valley to enrich their topic.



Y3 have found out about a very special project that we are working with The University of Birmingham which will involve pupils working with a composer to develop our musical talents.

E Baxter, Head Teacher

### Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done everyone!

- Rec: Donaldson - Amany
- Rec: Ahlberg - Eesa
- Y1: Cadbury - Muizz
- Y1: Seacole - Zakariya
- Y2: O'Keeffe - Noor
- Y2: Elgar - Louie
- Y3: Newton - Salma
- Y3: Hawking - Hadi
- Y4: Lewis - Afra
- Y4: Simmonds - Layton
- Y5: Shakespeare - Georgia-Leigh
- Y5: Bloom - Khuld
- Y6: Duleep - Aisha
- Y6: Barnardo - Mudassar



**Musical Jodelive Focus:**

**Greensleeves**

This week we are looking at a traditional folk tune which was first played in 1580

**E.F.P.S Word of the Week:**

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**tranquil**

**Meaning:** Calm and peaceful

**Challenge:** Imagine a tranquil place. What would you see and hear there?

**CELEBRATING WORDS**

Key Dates	
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali Workshop EYFS 2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 Shakespeare Carding Mill Valley 8.30am return 16.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Diwali Workshop KS1 - 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Diwali Workshop KS2 - 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Geography Workshop EYFS 9am and Year 1 & 2 2.45pm
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Geography Workshop 3 & 4 9am and 5 & 6 2.45pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Church Performance 10am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Christmas Performance 2.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Disco EYFS & KS1 3.30pm – 5pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Chaplin's Panto
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Disco KS2 - 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS BREAK