Ambition – Community – Equality

ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11TH September 2026

Proud to be an 'inclusive school'

Ofsted 2026



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

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many of our parents and carers attending 'Meet & Greet' with class teachers this week. Relationships with our community are extremely important to us so we hope that you found them useful in getting to know your child's teacher. In the coming weeks we will be sharing our 'Communication Guide' to further strengthen our work together.



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined the EFPS community this term. All of the children have settled so well into the school year and we are already seeing high standards of work and ambition across the year groups.

Booking a holiday?

If you are considering booking a holiday, please have a look at our **term dates** below. The academic year ends on 21st July 2027 however, we have allocated 3x INSET days at the end of the year.



This means that **pupils finish the year on Friday 16th July**. Holidays **appear to be considerably cheaper between the 17th and 21st July** than after 21st July **at the moment**. We hope that this helps families who are looking to book. **We are unable to authorise any holidays in term time** and these could result **in penalty notices** under Local Authority procedures which we have to adhere to.

Our attendance this week has been fantastic-so much so that Ms Pettitt provided all classes with a treat for break and lunchtimes. There are so many children at 100% attendance which is great to see.

Gold Accreditation

A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. We are incredibly proud to share that following assessment in Summer term, we have been awarded 'Gold'! A huge 'Well Done' to everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	100%	0
Ahlberg	96.5%	3.5
Cadbury	93.3%	9
Seacole	97.2%	4
Elgar	97.4%	3.5
O'Keeffe	92.7%	9.5
Newton	94.0%	9
Hawking	96.3%	5.5
Lewis	95.5%	4.5
Simmonds	99.0%	1
Bloom	98.6%	2
Shakespeare	98.2%	2.5
Duleep	99.4%	1
Barnardo	98.0%	3
Whole School	96.2	

Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Anha
Rec: Ahlberg – Dean
Y1: Cadbury -Zayan
Y1: Seacole – Isa
Y2: O'Keeffe – Hashir
Y2: Elgar - Jasleen
Y3: Newton – Fabeha
Y3: Hawking – Dawran
Y4: Lewis – Alfie
Y4: Simmonds – Rahim
Y5: Shakespeare - Amelia
Y5: Bloom – Eshal
Y6: Duleep – Haris
Y6: Barnardo – Kandis

Term Dates 2026-2027

School Year 2026 to 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

INSET 1st SEPTEMBER- **Children return 2nd September**

Half-term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027

INSET 4th January-**Children return 5th January**

Half-term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

INSET x3DAYS-19th to 21st July-**Children finish school Friday 16th July**

Please share with families & friends before we get fully booked!

Elms Farm Primary School

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?

Come and join us for...

Wednesday 16th September
2:30-3pm
Sports and Games

Thursday 24th September
2:30-3pm
Forest School

-Refreshments
-**Free** gift bag to take away
-Offering **free** stay and play sessions throughout the year
-Our school offers in-school, wrap around for all years from 7:40-5:30pm

Tuesday 29th September
2:30-3pm
Arts and Crafts

Monday 5th October
2:30-3pm
Cooking

Confirm your place using the QR code or at the office on 01214644634

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OFSTED 2026

Exceptional
Strong standard
Expected standard
Needs attention
Urgent improvement

Key Dates	
18th September 3.40pm	Y6 SATS Meeting for parents & carers
22nd September	9am Reading Workshops Y5 & Y6 2.30pm Phonic Workshop-Reception
23rd September	9am Reading Workshops Y3 & Y4 2.30pm Phonic Workshop-Y1 & Y2
19th to 23rd September	British Values Week: Mutual Respect
25th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
28th September	PSHE School Bus for pupils
5th October	Pupil Photograph Day
13th October	Parents evening
14th October	Parents evening
14th October	9am Speech and language parent workshop
21st October	9am Year 5 Shakespeare Carding mill Valley Trip
26th October to 30th October	Half Term
3rd November	2:30pm Diwali Workshops EYFS
4th November	2:30pm Diwali Workshops KS1
5th November	2:30pm Diwali Workshops KS2
7th December	Y6 Winter performance at Church
8th December	9.15am Nursery & Reception winter performance 2.30pm Y5 Winter performance Winter Disco for pupils
9th December	9.15am Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm Y3 &4 Winter Performance
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas school dinner
16th December	School pantomime performance
Friday 18th December	Last day of term