Ambition – Community – Equality

ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2nd October 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,

This week we have been lucky to have sessions delivered from 'The Life Bus'. Each class participated in a session focused on personal, social and health education. From the importance of mental health, acceptance, goals and aspirations; everyone took so much from these sessions…and of course seeing 'Gerald the Giraffe' again!





Our focus on PSHE continued with a live assembly to teach us about allergies and how we can make sure that we look after our friends.



Today we say "Farewell & Best Wishes" to Mrs Ruddock who is leaving to have a baby. Mrs Ruddock is a key member of our school community and we know that she will keep in touch with us.

Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Tehreem
Rec: Ahlberg – Iyaz
Y1: Cadbury -Brady
Y1: Seacole – Aizah
Y2: O'Keeffe – Ayla
Y2: Elgar - Billal
Y3: Newton – Ayesha
Y3: Hawking – Amelia
Y4: Lewis – Leighton
Y4: Simmonds – Kristol
Y5: Shakespeare – Harry
Y5: Bloom – Keeva
Y6: Duleep – Samiyah
Y6: Barnardo – Fahima



Applications for Reception 2027 are now open through the Birmingham Local Authority. We are unable to allocate places ourselves so please do follow the link below and do recommend us to family and friends:

http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Next week we will begin our focus celebrating Black History Month. This year our theme is 'Honouring Our Communities'. We will be taking part in a national competition so please watch out for this.

Have a wonderful weekend!

E Baxter, Headteacher

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	**100%**	**0**
Ahlberg	98.1%	2
Cadbury	98.5%	2
Seacole	91.1%	12.5
Elgar	**99.3%**	**1**
O'Keeffe	94.8%	7
Newton	93.0%	10.5
Hawking	95.7%	6.5
Lewis	97.2%	3
Simmonds	97.1%	3
Bloom	**99.0%**	**1.5**
Shakespeare	94.0%	8.5
Duleep	98.7%	2
Barnardo	93.7%	9.5
Whole School	95.8	

Attendance Messages



As the weather becomes cooler, we know that many children will start to pick up the usual coughs, colds and seasonal bugs.

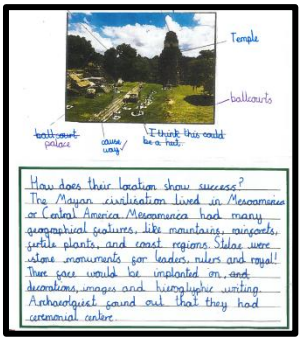
It can sometimes be difficult to know whether your child is well enough to attend school. The NHS provides helpful guidance on when children should come to school and when they should stay at home to recover.

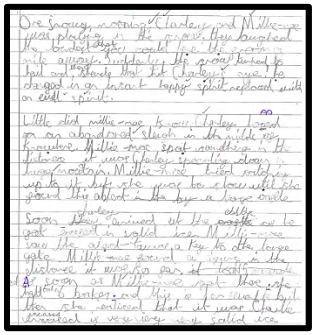
Please click the link below for more information:

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Thank you for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly whenever they are well enough to do so.

Writing of the week!





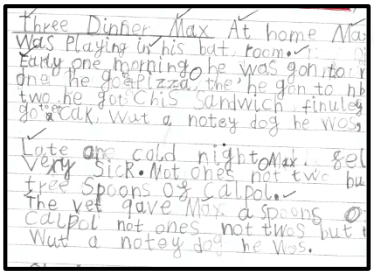
Abeera – Year Two

Tobias – Year Four

Abeeha – Year Six









Keeping our site safe for everyone

Please can we remind our community that there is a Parents, Carers & Visitor Code of Conduct that we expect all visitors to our side to abide by this code to keep everyone happy and safe. If this is not adhered to, restriction to the site can be implemented.

Our staff are here to deal with any concerns regarding anything in school.

Autumn Events 2026

13th October	9am Speech and Language parent workshop
13th October	Parents evening
14th October	Parents evening
19th to 23rd October	British Values Week: Mutual Respect
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
16th November	ODD Socks Day
20th November	Christmas card competition - Deadline
8th December	9.15am Nursery & Reception winter performance 2.30pm Y5 Winter performance Winter Disco for KS1 – after school
9th December	Winter Disco for KS2 – after school
9th December	9.15am Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm Y3 &4 Winter Performance
10th December	Christmas/Winter Jumper Day & Christmas school dinner
16th December	School pantomime performance
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

THANK YOU!

We are so happy to inform you all that with your support we raised an amazing **£300.97** for this truly worthy cause!

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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**

