Ambition - Community - Equality

ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026

Proud to be an 'inclusive school'

Ofsted 2026

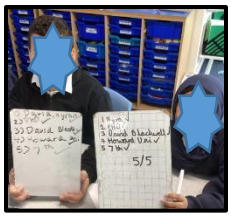


Article 29 Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a very busy week at EFPS from 'Cycle to School Week', launching Black History Month and Ochi's first few days in school; there has a lot to be excited about.

Our focus for **Black History Month** is 'Honouring Our Communities'. Each class have an influential person to research and they will be presenting their work in assembly next week. Year 5 & 6 took part in an online assembly to learn about David Blackwell, a mathematician who had an inspirational impact. They considered statistics, averages and explored probability.





Keeping Healthy

We have seen so many children enjoying cycling to school this week. The bike storage has never been so busy! We are looking forward to seeing pupils' bike design competition entries

Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Isra
Rec: Ahlberg – Antonia
Y1: Cadbury -Cerys
Y1: Seacole – Asiyah
Y2: O'Keeffe – Mayvee
Y2: Elgar - Leo
Y3: Newton – Ruairi
Y3: Hawking – Ziad
Y4: Lewis – Lily
Y4: Simmonds – Ghazl
Y5: Shakespeare – Oakley
Y5: Bloom – Memunat
Y6: Duleep – Yassin
Y6: Barnardo – Noah



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

A reminder to sign up for Parents & Carer's Evening on Arbor. Nursery & Cadbury class will have theirs scheduled as soon as possible. **If you need any help with Arbor, please contact the school office-as our main platform, it is essential that everyone is signed up.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

E Baxter, Headteacher

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	**97.9%**	**2**
Ahlberg	97.1%	3
Cadbury	90.4%	13
Seacole	92.9%	10
Elgar	97.9%	3
O'Keeffe	**98.1%**	**2.5**
Newton	95.0%	7.5
Hawking	97.7%	3.5
Lewis	95.9%	4.5
Simmonds	99.0%	1
Bloom	92.1%	11.5
Shakespeare	96.9%	4.5
Duleep	96.5%	5.5
Barnardo	**99.3%**	**1**
Whole School	**96.0**	

Attendance Messages





Check your child's attendance on Arbor and see how close they are to achieving an excellent **100% attendance record**. Let's work together to make every day matter and help your child reach their full potential. Attendance will be discussed at Parents Evening.

West Midlands Speech & Language Therapy

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Speech and Language Therapy

Parent Workshop

13th October 2026: 9:15 - 10:15 at
ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Who is this workshop for?

Parents and carers of children who may benefit from additional support with their speech, language and communication skills.

Developing your child's communication skills

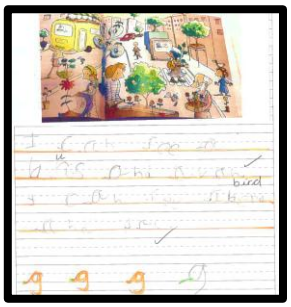
This workshop has been developed to provide information on how speech and language therapy works in school, and to provide you with Top Tips to support communication at home.

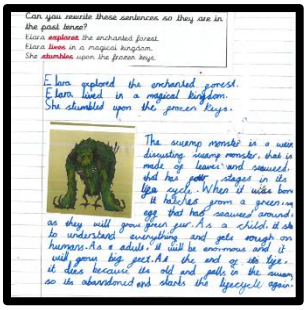
Join us to learn:

- ✅ How speech and language skills develop
- ✅ Practical strategies to support communication at home
- ✅ Ways to encourage vocabulary and language development
- ✅ Learn about Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)
- ✅ Opportunities to ask questions to your schools WMSLT & NHS SALT

Refreshments Provided
We look forward to welcoming you.

Writing of the week!





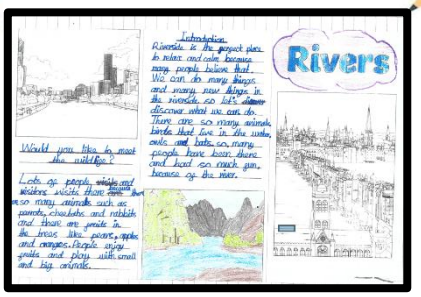
Cara-Belle – Year One

Rahim – Year Four

Bareera – Year Five

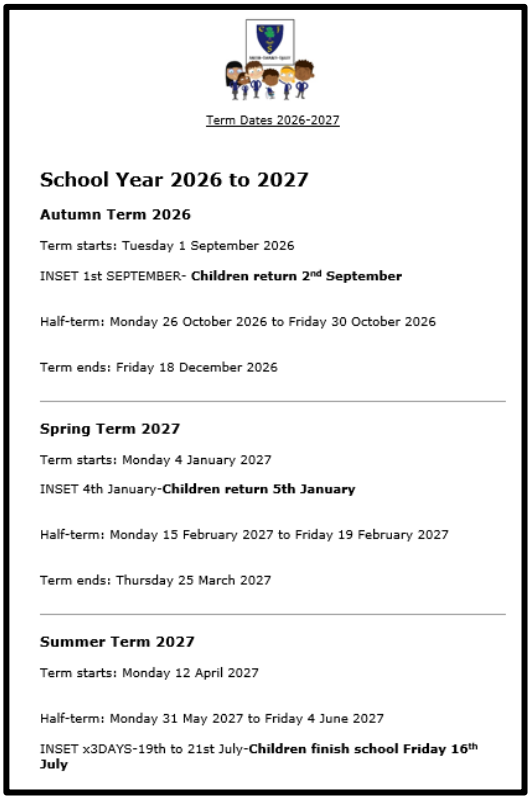






Autumn Events 2026

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



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**

