Ambition – Community – Equality

ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16TH 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,

Thank you to all of those who were able to make Parent & Carers' Evening this week. We hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work and hearing about their progress. If you were unable to attend, please do get in touch with your child's teacher. Thank you to those who are being patient in Nursery, Y1 & Y4-we will organise these asap.



We received some wonderful news that both Mrs Ruddock has had a baby boy and Mrs Qadeer has had a baby girl! Both Mums and babies are very well and we have sent our joy and best wishes to them

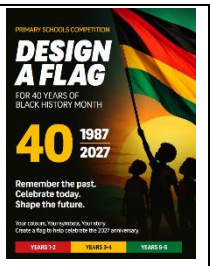
This week was Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Week. Our Speech & Language Therapist, Demi hosted a special workshop-thank you to those who attended. Demi is employed by West Midlands Speech & Language Therapy Service-take a look at their Facebook page for lots of resources and information: https://www.facebook.com/WMSLT

Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Noah
Rec: Ahlberg – Hashim
Y1: Cadbury - Alisha
Y1: Seacole –Danial A
Y2: O'Keeffe – Mayvee
Y2: Elgar - Bahar
Y3: Newton – Jamaal
Y3: Hawking – Ayshah
Y4: Lewis – Emmanuel
Y4: Simmonds – Jaysen
Y5: Shakespeare – Whole Class
Y5: Bloom – Lily
Y6: Duleep – Vinnie
Y6: Barnardo – Teddie

We have seen some super work for **Black History Month** continuing this week. The national flag competition is being launched in school in the next week.





We are proud of you!

A huge congratulations to Penelope in Year 6 who came 3rd in her solo Acro section competition.

We have also had a number of Year 6 pupils sit the 11+ grammar examination for secondary school. Sitting the exam is such an accomplishment-well done.

Have a wonderful weekend!

E Baxter, Headteacher

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	**96.7 %**	**3**
Ahlberg	92.9 %	7.5
Cadbury	97.8 %	3
Seacole	92.1 %	11
Elgar	**98.6 %**	**2**
O'Keeffe	96.9 %	4
Newton	89.6 %	15.5
Hawking	98.0 %	3
Lewis	87.3 %	14
Simmonds	91.9 %	8.5
Bloom	96.9 %	4.5
Shakespeare	89.7 %	15.5
Duleep	**98.7 %**	**2**
Barnardo	98.0 %	3
Whole School	94.2 %	

Attendance Messages



A gentle reminder about the importance of punctuality. Arriving at school on time helps children start their day calmly, settle into learning, and avoid missing important lessons and instructions.

A huge thank you!

To our community for supporting our scholastic Book Fair, we really enjoyed seeing everyone purchasing books and other items from the fair. We cannot wait to spend the vouchers that we have been given on new books for the children. Thankyou again for your support.





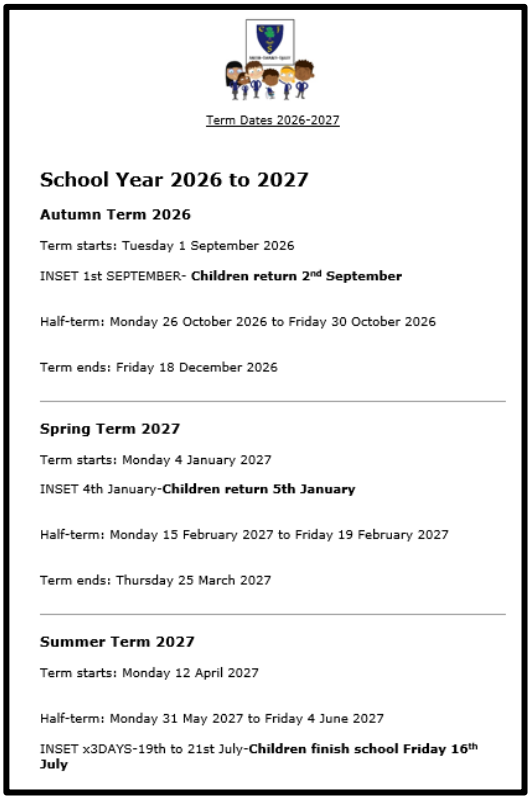


Applications for Reception 2027 are now open through the Birmingham Local Authority. We are unable to allocate places ourselves so please do follow the link below and do recommend us to family and friends:

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

Autumn Events 2026

19th to 23rd October	British Values Week: Mutual Respect
26th October to 30th October	Half Term
2nd November	Flu Vaccines
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**

