Ambition – Community – Equality

ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd 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 concluded our celebration of Black History Month by sharing our work in assembly and having a special lunch. We have had some amazing entries for the flag competition-there is still time to enter if this is something that you would like to do over half-term.





Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Aoife
Rec: Ahlberg – Teejay
Y1: Cadbury - Liyana
Y1: Seacole –Ibrahim
Y2: O'Keeffe – Elvis
Y2: Elgar - Aila
Y3: Newton – Rania
Y3: Hawking – Aahil
Y4: Lewis – Musa
Y4: Simmonds – Memphis
Y5: Shakespeare – Logan
Y5: Bloom – Yakin
Y6: Duleep – Alaiza
Y6: Barnardo – David

We are closed next week for half-**term**

Children return to school on Monday 2nd November

Staff will not be monitoring Class Dojo throughout the week. A reminder that if you are concerned about a child, the number for Children's Services is: 0121 303188

We are already looking forward to another great half-term with Diwali workshops, trips and festive events to look forward to.

Thank you for all of your support this half term, have a good week!

E Baxter, Headteacher

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	**96.7%**	**3**
Ahlberg	87.6%	13
Cadbury	92.1%	10.5
Seacole	84.7%	21
Elgar	89.6%	14.5
O'Keeffe	**95.4%**	**6**
Newton	86.0%	21
Hawking	95.3%	7
Lewis	89.5%	11.5
Simmonds	93.8%	6.5
Bloom	96.1%	5.5
Shakespeare	93.3%	10
Duleep	**98.4%**	**2.5**
Barnardo	96.7%	5
Whole School	91.5%	

Attendance Messages

As we come to the end of Autumn Term 1, I wanted to share some fantastic attendance achievements.

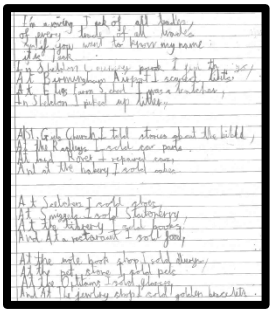
Throughout the term, classes achieved **100% attendance an incredible 168 times**. We also celebrated **three whole-school weeks of 100% attendance**, with **Donaldson Class** achieving this twice and **Barnardo Class** once.

In **5 out of our 8 weeks**, classes reached our target of **96% attendance or above**, and we are ending the term with an overall attendance figure of **95.2%**. This is an improvement of **0.7%** compared to last year's Autumn Term 1 attendance of **94.5%**.

A special congratulations goes to **Duleep Class**, our overall attendance champions for Autumn Term 1, with an outstanding **98.1% attendance**.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to ensuring children attend school every day. Your efforts make a real difference.

Writing of the week!





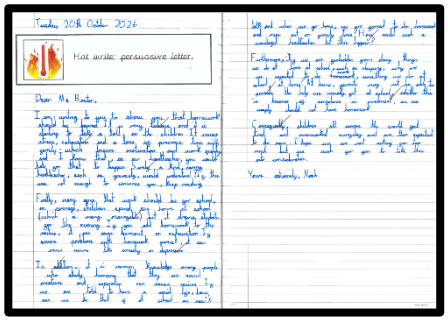


Eesa – Year One

Hafsa M – Year Three

Noah – Year Six



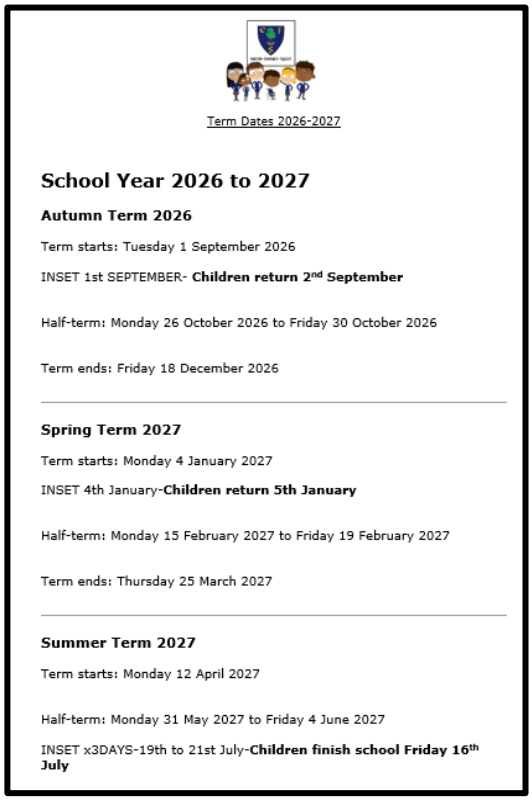


Applications for Reception 2027 are now open through the Birmingham Local Authority. We are unable to allocate places ourselves so please do follow the link below and do recommend us to family and friends:

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

Autumn Events 2026

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
16th November	ODD Socks Day
20th November	Christmas card competition - Deadline
7th December	Y6 Winter performance at Church
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**

