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ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026

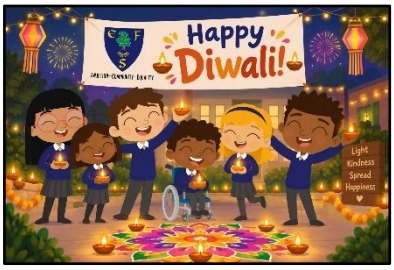
Proud to be an 'inclusive school'

Ofsted 2026



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

Dear Parents & Carers,



It has been a great start back after half-term. We have enjoyed learning about Diwali and making some Diwali crafts with many of families in our workshops. We hope that all of our families celebrating this weekend a very Happy Diwali!

Site Safety

Please can we ask parents and carers that once you have collected your child from their teacher, that they remain with you. We have two members of staff on the external gates to make sure that everyone exits safely, however it will help us if you have your child next to you.

Labelling clothing



Now that we have coats, jumpers and cardigans in school, please can we remind you to label your child's clothing. We have a large site and it is much easier to locate the owner of items if they are named. Staff will be happy to write in labels if you would like us to.

Head Teacher Award of the week

Well done, everyone!

Rec: Donaldson – Alma
Rec: Ahlberg – Antonia
Y1: Cadbury - Fatimah
Y1: Seacole –Kinsi
Y2: O'Keeffe – Sharifa
Y2: Elgar - Mona
Y3: Newton – Renesme
Y3: Hawking –
Y4: Lewis – Aurora
Y4: Simmonds – Salma
Y5: Shakespeare – Zakariyah
Y5: Bloom – Hannah
Y6: Duleep – Eva
Y6: Barnardo – Yameen

If you are attending bonfire or firework events over the weekend. We hope that you enjoy them and stay safe.

E Baxter, Headteacher



Right of the Month

Article 27: You have a right to food, clothing and a safe home

This month at EFPS, we will be reflecting on our right to be safe as we observe Remembrance Day and take time to remember those who have served and sacrificed to protect the freedoms and security we enjoy today. We will also be supporting Children in Need, helping to raise money for children and families.

By taking part in fundraising activities, our pupils are showing kindness, empathy and respect for the rights of others, helping to make a positive difference in the lives of children across the UK. Through these events, we continue to learn about the importance of supporting one another and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to feel safe, valued and cared for.

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	**96.7%**	**3**
Ahlberg	95.2%	5
Cadbury	94.2%	7.5
Seacole	94.8%	7.5
Elgar	96.2%	5.5
O'Keeffe	**96.4%**	**4.5**
Newton	89.0%	16.5
Hawking	93.7%	9.5
Lewis	90.5%	10.5
Simmonds	96.2%	4
Bloom	93.2%	9.5
Shakespeare	94.7%	8
Duleep	94.8%	8
Barnardo	**96.7%**	**5**
Whole School	94.1%	



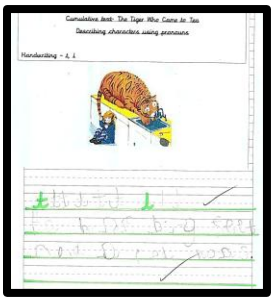
Attendance Messages

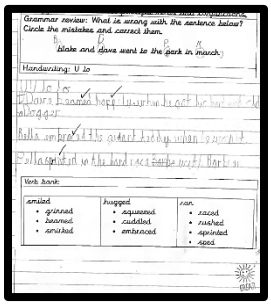
Helping Children Stay Healthy This Winter

As we move further into the winter months, we encourage all families to help children stay healthy and ready for school. Simple steps such as regular handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, getting plenty of sleep, eating a balanced diet, and dressing appropriately for cold weather can help prevent the spread of seasonal illnesses.

Good attendance is essential for children's learning, friendships, and wellbeing. While children should stay at home if they are genuinely unwell, we ask parents and carers to support regular attendance whenever possible.

Writing of the week!





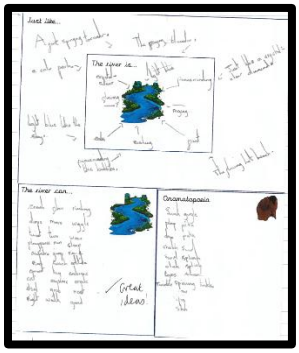


Hughie – Year One

Elvis – Year Two

Anum – Year Five





Autumn Events 2026

16th November	Anti-Bullying Week: 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**



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

