



# Elmhurst Junior School

*Motivated and empowered; influencing the world we live in to bring about positive change.*

**Autumn Term 2**  
**Week 5**  
**WC 1/12/25**



# A message from Ms Airey and the team



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly exciting week we've had at Elmhurst! The Christmas feeling is definitely upon us, and the school is buzzing with festive cheer.

We are thrilled to announce that our beautiful Christmas Tree is now up in the reception area! We are very glad that we have such wonderfully high ceilings at Elmhurst, as it is truly a magnificent sight. However, a tree this grand requires a lot of sparkle! We would be grateful if any parents or carers have any spare, unbreakable Christmas decorations (baubles, tinsel, lights, etc.) that they would be willing to donate. Any contributions would help us fill out the branches of our very large tree and make our reception even more festive for the children. Please feel free to hand any donations to the office staff.

Some of the children have been ice skating, others are waiting to go and we would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents and carers that have helped make this event possible. The children had so much fun and came back full of laughter and maybe a few sore bodys from where they fell over.

It is bingo night tonight and our wonderful new friends association is buzzing with energy and ideas. If you would like to be a part of the PTFA then please let the office know and they can point you in the right direction.

Our school council are busy gathering the voice of the children and today they will be putting questions to Mr Brian Knickerbocker about his role in the community and sharing the thoughts and views of our pupil community.

Best wishes

Ms Airey and the team





## Elmhurst Student Blog

Hi its Isabel and Hope here to inform you about what everyone has been up to this week! In year three, Fir class, they discovered a reindeer had come into the library destroying it! There were books everywhere, ripped books and even half eaten carrots. Year four -Ash class- have been cracking codes in Maths and in English they have been trying to see what it would be like in Viking times as a Viking child. Year four (Willow class) have been learning about about how sound travels in Science. (Sound is an energy produced by vibrations eg playing an instrument). In PE they have been practising dribbling with a football Year five -Yew class- have been using chromebooks where they ordered shapes to make lovely pictures like frogs and plants and lots more! In art they created landscapes of reality and fantasy. In year five (Oak class) they have been learning about World War One and the weapons that they used in the trenches. They used guns such as machine guns, handguns and pistols because they all had a quick reload. In Year Six, Hazel class, they went to the Baptist Church and participated in some fun activities. They learned about the Christmas story! They also sang some Christmas songs such as our God is a big God. In RE, they learnt about Christian symbols and wrote what they resemble. The star resembles the Bethlehem star. Year six, Rowan class (our class) made their own collage made from many different pictures this was a lot of fun linked to Romare Bearden, who is a famous artist. In English, we used lots of features to create a character description about Red Scarf.. That's it for this week, thanks for reading!



# Elmhurst Events

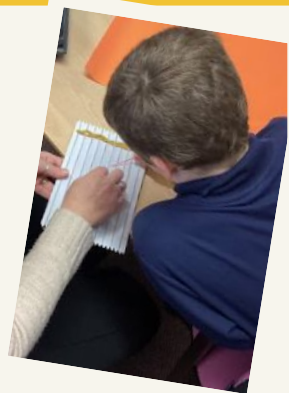


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<b>Friday 5th December</b>	Christmas Bingo in the hall - eyes down 7pm
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	Ash Class Parents Evening (for those that originally had appointments booked for 27th November) - This will be held in Cedar Room
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	Y5 & 6 ice skating at Clarks Village 11am
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	Open Class Session 3.15 - 3.45pm
<b>Monday 15th December</b>	Y6 Carol Service 11 am Holy Trinity Church (opposite Strode College)
<b>Tuesday 16th December</b>	Y5 Carol Service 11 am Holy Trinity Church (opposite Strode College)
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	Y3 & 4 Carol Service 11 am Holy Trinity Church (opposite Strode College)
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	PTA Christmas Disco - Year 3&4 5.00pm-6.00pm, Year 5&6 6.30pm-7.30pm
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	End of term

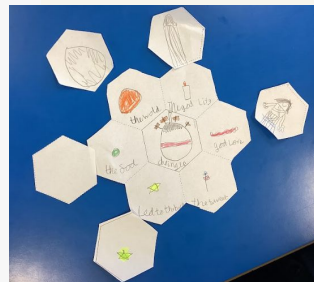




In Art, we have refined weaving skills to create some fantastic pieces of work.



In RE, a Christian visitor came to talk to us about Christingle and what each part of it means. Afterwards, we used SOLO Taxonomy to help us organise and link our ideas, showing our understanding.

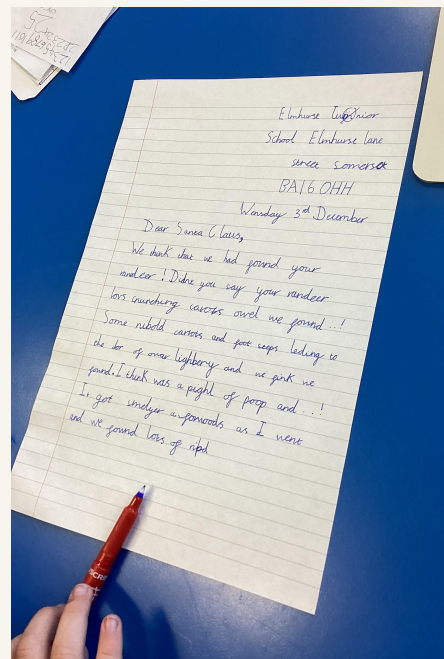
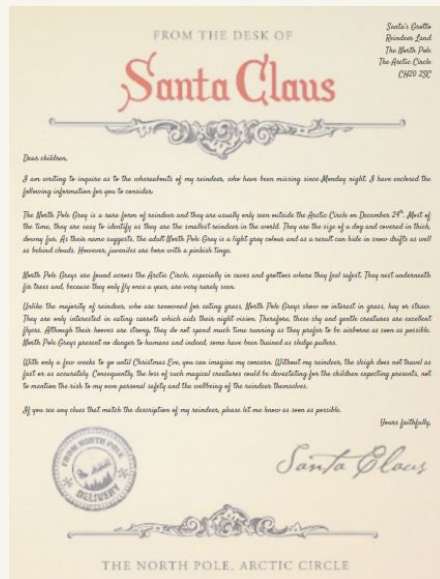


We have been so impressed with the concentration, dexterity and resilience of our Y3 weavers!



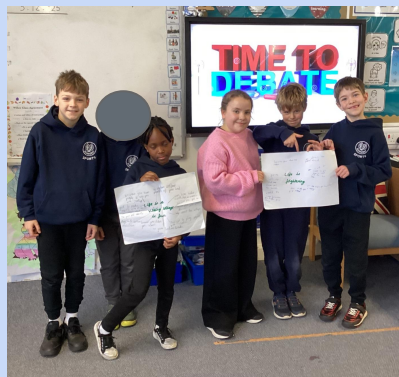
# Year 3: Ash and Fir Class

Our library had a surprise break-in this week with strange clues - snowy hoofprints, a nibbled carrot, some hay and a pile of droppings! We have since received a letter from Santa confirming his reindeer are missing so we have written back detailing our findings...

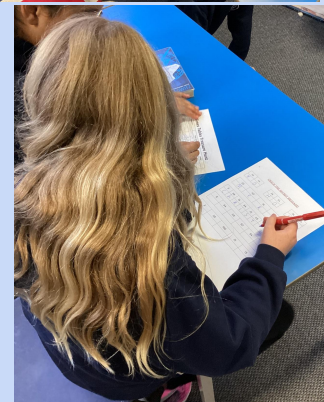
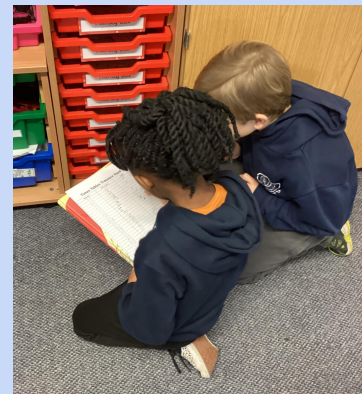


# Year 3: Ash and Fir Class





In preparation for writing our discussion about whether life in a viking village would be fun or frightening we held a debate. We worked in groups to come up with reasons for our side of the argument and presented them to the rest of the class. In Maths, we finished off our first multiplication and division topic by doing a times table treasure hunt.



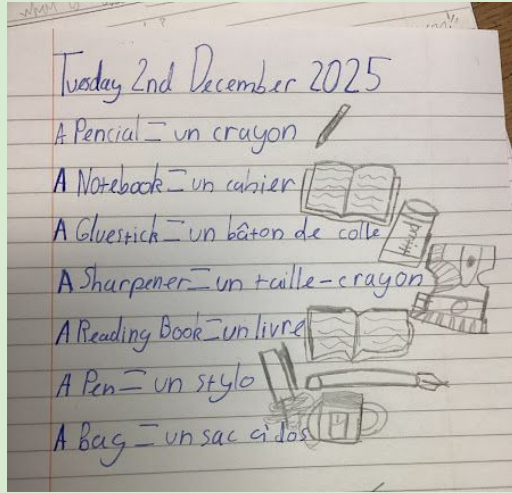
# Year 4: Ash and Willow Class

# Lower School Ice Skating

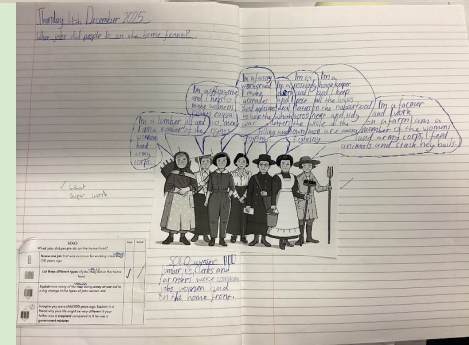
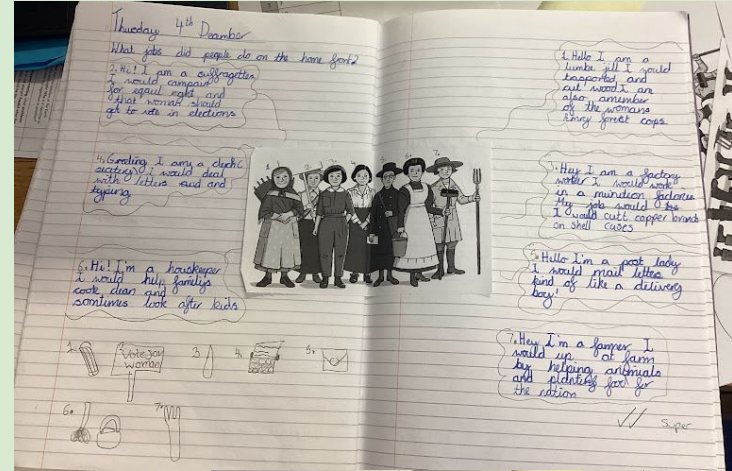


We had an amazing time ice skating! Huge thanks to the parents and carers who accompanied us and made this experience possible for our pupils.





We have been learning to write the French Vocabulary that we have learnt. Millfield visited on Wednesday to work with Oak Class on drama based tasks. In History we have been finding out about the jobs that people did on the Homefront during World War 1. This included Lumberjills and delivery boys.





Hazel Class had a lovely morning at the Baptist Church learning about how Christmas celebrations link to the birth of Jesus.

In Art, we have been creating mood boards in our sketchbooks about the artist Roman Bearden, who we were introduced to by Millfield earlier on the term. In Science, we have been planning science investigations to calculate our heart rate recovery (HRR) that we will carry out next week.



# Year 6: Hazel & Rowan Class



# Choir Club Christmas Concert

On Tuesday evening, Choir Club performed their Christmas Concert. They worked really hard to learn a range of Christmas songs and were very excited to perform for an audience of family and friends. They sang beautifully and the concert was a big success. Well done Choir Club!

We are looking forward to performing our carols to Crispin Community Social Group next week.







We celebrate the **most improved statistics** over the last 7 days for...



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes  
Played

Studio Speed



Ellie R-T  
Year 4

Grace C  
Year 6

Tom H  
Year 6

Beau H  
Year 3

Ayda B  
Year 4

Each week, we invite family of a member of each class to join us in our Celebration Assembly.

Harry (Fir)



Jasmin (Ash)



Harper (Willow)



**We value you!**



Henley (Oak)



Richie (Yew)



Archie (Hazel)



Grace (Rowan)



Thursday 11th December

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



**Save the  
Children**



# ELMHURST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO

Raising money for the PTA



**Wednesday**  
**17th December**



Lower School: 5pm – 6pm



Upper School: 6:30pm–7:30pm



Please arrive 15 minutes before  
to sign in and pay



**Cost: £3.50 including  
drink and a snack**

All money raised supports  
Elmhurst School PTA  
events & activities!