



# Elmhurst Junior School

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

**Autumn Term 2**  
**Week 6**  
**WC 8/12/25**



# A message from Ms Airey and the team



Last Friday, the School Council had a very important guest visit our school, Mr. Bryan Knickerbocker, the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr. Knickerbocker came in to meet with our School Council representatives to listen to the voice of our pupil community. Our dedicated School Council members had previously canvassed questions from the wider student body and brought these important topics directly to Councillor Knickerbocker.

The questions covered key areas, including: What future developments are planned in Street for children and what can be done to review road safety outside of the school?

In return, the children learned a lot! Mr. Knickerbocker explained how the Parish Council works and what responsibilities it has for the local community.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in local democracy and show great confidence and respect. We are so grateful to Mr. Knickerbocker for taking the time to come into the school and for the dedication he shows to the children in our community.

A council report will be following soon.



# Is your child safe online?



Once again we have had concerning reports about pupils using digital apps that they are not old enough to use. Use of these apps put the children at an increased risk of online bullying and other harmful actions.

This week it is Snapchat that has caused concern.

Here is a link to a very helpful website that can support you and your child in using the wonderful world of digital media and apps safely.

## What is the minimum age?

**Snapchat  
Quick how-to guide**

For Parents & Carers

[Click here](#)

Like many other social networks and messaging apps, the minimum age to use Snapchat is 13. Additionally, users under 18 must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to use the app. Parents can set up Family Centre to help monitor their teens' safety on the app.

Research shows that children under 13 use the service, despite the age requirement. However, Snapchat says it removes any accounts that belong to an underage user.

Children who use social media underage face additional online risks. Until they reach the age minimum, consider these alternatives suitable for under-13s.



# 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!



# Elmhurst Events



CLICK HERE



<b>Monday 15th December</b>	House Team Competition (in school - pupils only)
<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 Form to complete: <a href="https://forms.gle/ksx2DwWnVo8Q6kYa6">https://forms.gle/ksx2DwWnVo8Q6kYa6</a>
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	Last day of term

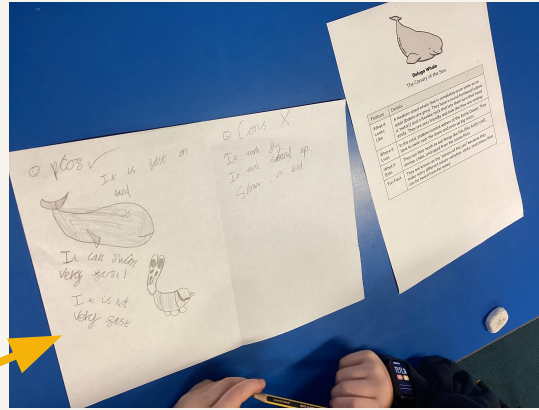


## Elmhurst Student Blog

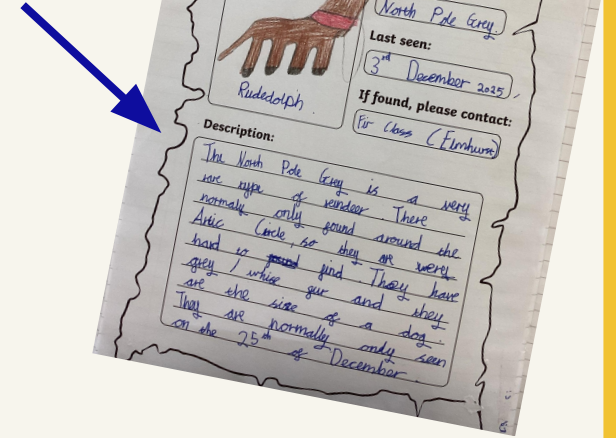
In Fir class, the children have been making snowflakes to decorate their classroom. In addition, they have written letters to Viking families to find out what life was like as a Viking. In Science, the children have been researching Polar animals in order to help Santa! Next up is Y3/4 (Ash), In Science they have used a metre stick to measure soundwaves. In Art, weaving skills have been practised. In Willow class, the children have been busy using factor bugs in Maths, for example 10: 5 and 2, 1 and 10. Debating has been taking place in Willow class. They were debating whether it would be fun or frightening to be a Viking. Now for Year 5- Yew class. The children have been learning to solve fraction related problems. In Art they have created some excellent landscape paintings. In Oak class, the children have learnt a Brazilian dance : Salsa, freestyle and Party Clockwise/anticlockwise. A setting description has been the focus in English based on The Bear and The Hare. In Y6, Hazel class, the children have been learning about the abolition of the slaves in History and conducting a Science experiment to see who had a good recovery heart rate. Finally, our class, in Rowan class we have been writing a biography about Harriet Tubman and were so lucky to go ice-skating on Thursday; it was such fun! Hope and Isabel.



Santa wrote us a letter in response to the evidence we found in the library last week. He told us that his reindeer have not turned up yet so we made LOST posters to raise awareness.



He asked us to investigate other Polar animals that could be called upon to pull the sleigh so we did some research and listed pros and cons.



There was not a clear replacement, so we designed our own sleigh-pulling creatures - just in case the reindeer do not turn up in time for Christmas Eve!

# Year 3: Ash and Fir Class



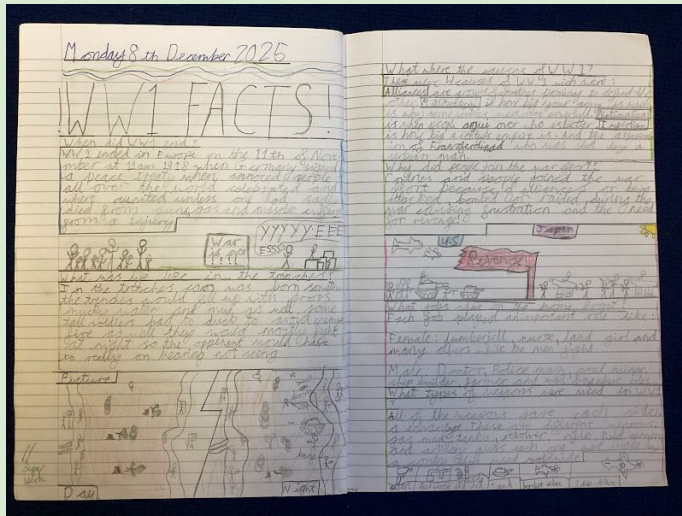
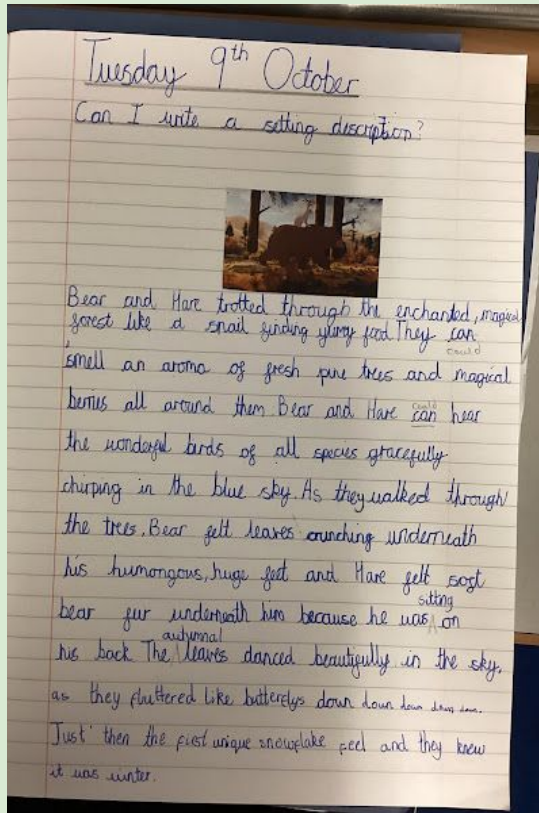
This week, we had our final ukulele lesson. We are so proud of how much progress we have made since September.



In Maths, we have been making arrays to help us identify the factors of a number. In Art, we have been learning to weave.



**Year 4: Ash and Willow Class**

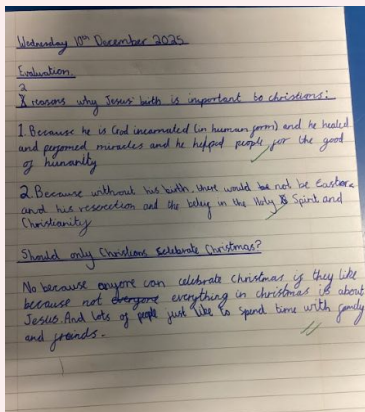
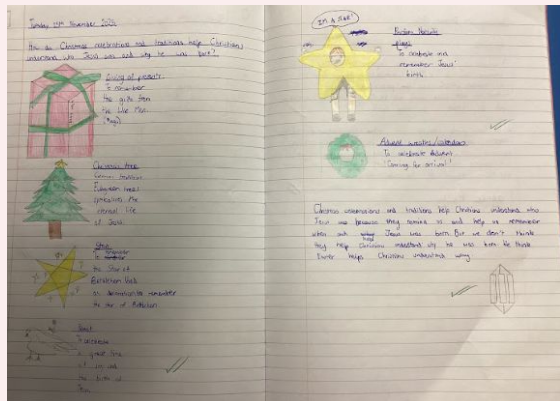


In Gymnastics, we have been beginning to perform small group balances.

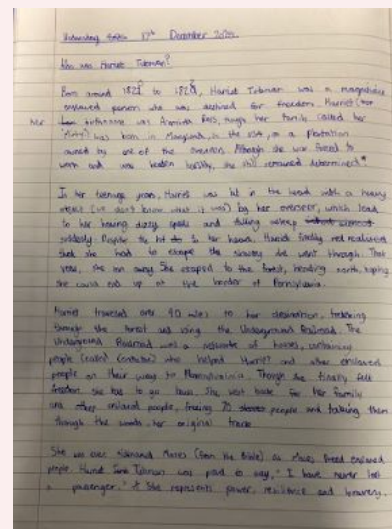


This week we have been writing about the Bear and the Hare and focusing on setting descriptions and conversation. In History we have found out when the war ended and produced our final piece on World War 1.

# Year 5: Oak & Yew Class

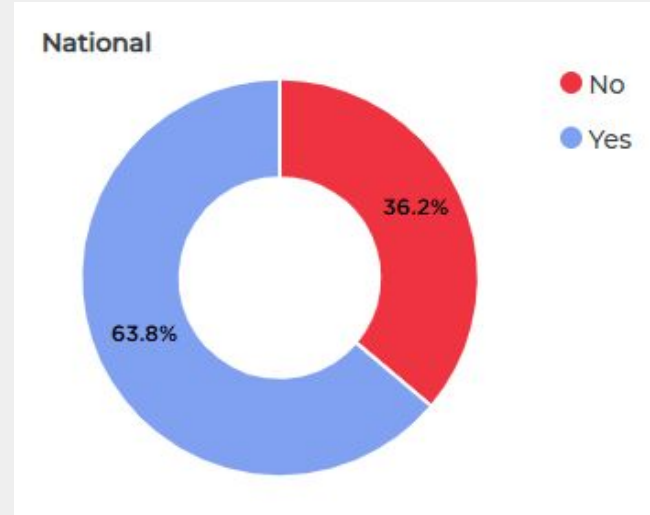
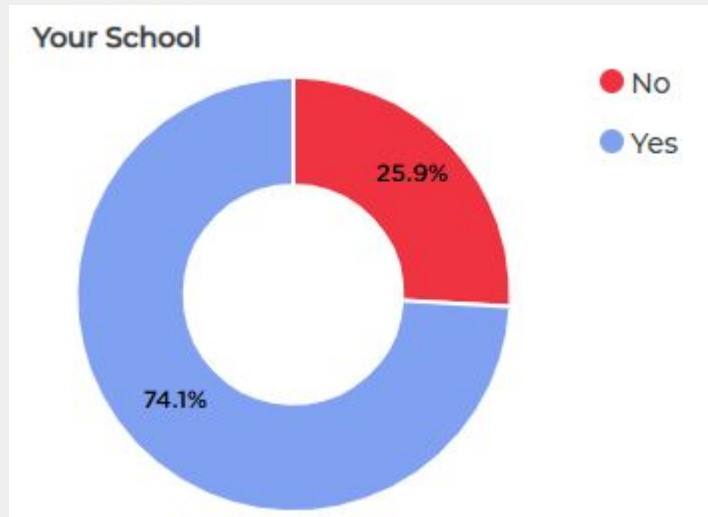


In year 6 this week we have been learning about the abolitionist and social activist Harriet Tubman and writing her biography, we finished our African drumming dance and evaluated our RE topic by considering how important Jesus's birth was to Christians.



**Year 6: Hazel & Rowan Class**

## Are imaginary friends helpful?



This week, the Cambridge Dictionary revealed its Word of the Year: parasocial — a term describing the one-sided relationships fans often form with celebrities. It's sparked debate about how much value these connections hold and where healthy boundaries should be set.

# Upper 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.

# Choir Club Performance at Crispin Community Centre



On Tuesday, Choir Club spread festive cheer by performing their carols to Crispin Social Group, a group supporting local people living with dementia. Everyone was clapping along and feeling festive. The Social Group loved the performance and were very grateful to the Choir for coming down to sing.

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

Mateo (Fir)



Melody (Ash)



Lewis (Willow)



**We value you!**



Nieve(Oak)



Alex (Yew)



Anayah (Hazel)



Elisa (Rowan)

# Elmhurst News



Florence, Amelia, Betsy and Darcy in Oak Class have all been performing in Moorlight's Pantomime - Snow White at the Meyer Theatre this week. Well done girls. You still have time to watch them this weekend.

# Elmhurst News

Daisy Birch, in Rowan class, has been awarded two certificates for her work with St John's Ambulance. One for volunteering in the community and one for fundraising and Enterprise, these are part of the Grand Prior Award! Well done Daisy!





# Elmhurst Sports News



## Weston Prom 25/26 - DEC

11 Dec 2025

1	<b>Heath Hughes-Davies (#712)</b> Wells City Harrier	00:05:47
2	<b>Theo Harford Rees (#578)</b> North Somerset	00:05:55
3	<b>Archie Davies (#539)</b> North Somerset	00:05:56
4	<b>Albi BRAILSFORD (#2165)</b>	00:06:06
5	<b>Ben Buckingham (#2167)</b>	00:06:20

On Wednesday this week Heath took part in the race the night street road running series hosted by Wells City Harriers over 2km and made it 4 wins from 4 with a new course PB of 7:07.

Then on Thursday in Weston Super Mare he took part in the Dave Jones Prom run winter series for primary schools over 1 mile and won that making it 4 wins from 4, winning in a time of 5:47 and now on course to win both series overall.



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



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes Played

Studio Speed



Dexter R  
Year 6

Richie A  
Year 5

Richie A  
Year 5

Beau H  
Year 3

Xander S  
Year 3