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Autumn Term 2

Week 7

WC 15/12/25



A message from Ms Airey and the team



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very long and busy autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our pupils have taken since September. We are immensely proud of every child at Elmhurst Junior School and the significant progress they have already made this academic year.

Even as we approach the final days of term, it is inspiring to see that our pupils are still working remarkably hard. Despite the dark mornings and the natural tiredness that comes with December, they continue to fill our classrooms with what often seems like boundless energy and a truly joyful enthusiasm for learning.

In a world where news headlines can often feel heavy or negative, we feel incredibly lucky. It is a genuine highlight of our week to be able to share positive updates, achievements, and "wow" moments with you all. Being able to focus on the growth and successes of our young people provides a wonderful perspective for us all.

It is a privilege for our staff to spend time with your children every day. Watching them learn and grow—not just academically, but as individuals—is a joy. We are constantly impressed by how multi-talented our pupils are; they bring such a wide range of knowledge, skills, and unique personalities to our school community. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative arts, their diverse talents make Elmhurst a vibrant place to be.

We hope that all our families manage to find time for a well-deserved rest over the festive period. We know how much the children (and perhaps you!) are looking forward to the break. We wish you a wonderful time making memories with your families and friends.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for an exciting Spring term.

Online Safety

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



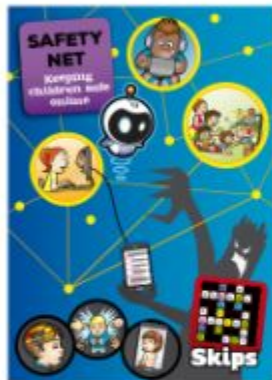
A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online Safety

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Keeping children safe online www.skipssafetynet.org

Helpful sites for parents

- [Keeping your child safe on their smartphone | Barnardo's](#)
- [How to manage your child's mobile phone use and keep them safe online – BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)
- [Mobile phone safety | Childline](#)
- [Parents and Carers – UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Phones – UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Online safety advice by age | Internet Matters](#)
- [Children and technology: Age-appropriate usage advice | NSPCC](#)





Elmhurst Events



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Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	First Day of term
Wednesday 14th January	Football at Millfield Prep, 2.30pm kick off (Letters are being sent out)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Birch on the birth of her daughter, Orla.
We wish her and her family a happy first Christmas.



Elmhurst Student Blog

Hi it's Isabel and Hope here! This is what everyone has been doing this week! First up we have Fir class, year three, in Maths they learnt how many sides different shapes have 2d and 3d. The children also told us how the Normans invaded Britain. Next, we have year three and four. They went to forest school and created Christmas trees out of paper and leaves, which is very creative! In Maths, they practised dividing by ten, multiplying by ten and one hundred. Next, they tried out some weaving with three different colours such as, blue, red and white (the colours of Britain). Year four, Willow, watched a video about Edgar and took some notes writing words down that they heard in the video. Willow also tested how much they learnt about sound waves by doing a science investigation. Yew class, year five, they used Google Draw in computing.



Elmhurst Student Blog

Yew class also had PE indoors they created human poses and human pyramids as well as tag rugby outside. Year five, Oak, learnt about the White Fox in Guided Reading. In Maths tackled a calculation test and went through their tests. In year six, Hazel, the children made Christmas cards which were collages inspired by Romare Bearden. They reviewed their latest maths papers, Obi got 36 on paper one (arithmetic) and 20 on paper two (reasoning). Year six (our class) we also went through our latest SATS papers including the grammar test! I got 30/50 and am proud! Everyone has been to the church for our special carol services, which was a lot of fun. The carols we sung in Y6 were: Little drummer boy, Away in a manger, Calypso carol, We three kings and Mary's boy child. That's it for this last week of school - we wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



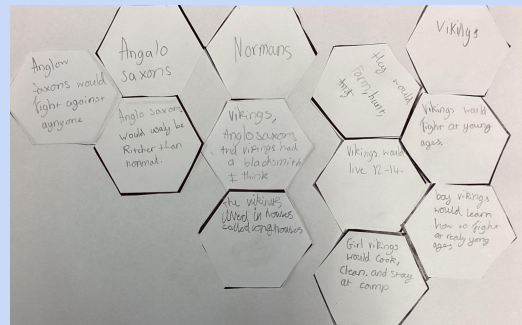
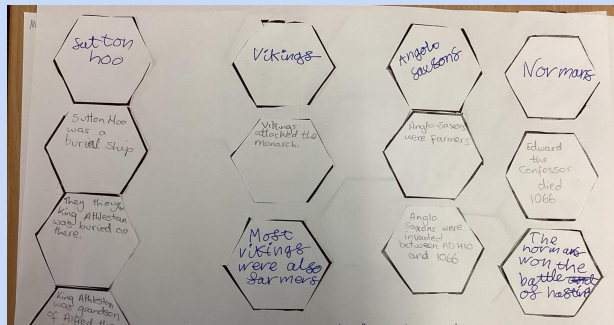
Year 3 took part in their first ever Christmas carol service at Holy Trinity Church and performed brilliantly.

Our audience commented on their confident reading and enthusiastic singing.

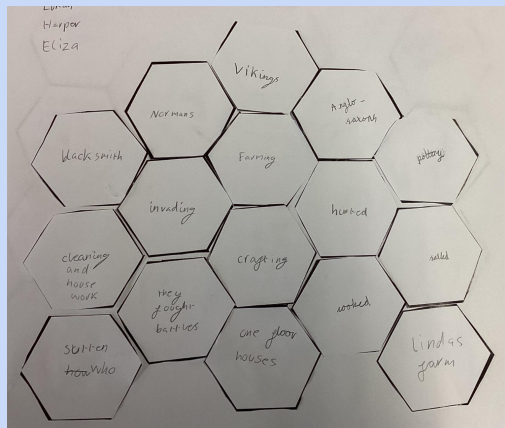
We are so proud of the newest members of our school community and wish them and their families a wonderful Christmas.



Year 3: Ash and Fir Class



In History, we worked in groups to assess our learning from our Invasion topic. We wrote everything we knew about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans onto hexagons and worked together to make links between this knowledge.



We also performed our Christmas Carol Service brilliantly to full audience at the church.



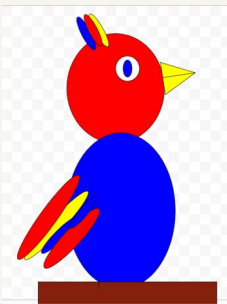
Year 4: Ash and Willow Class



On Tuesday we performed our carol service at Holy Trinity Church. We thank everyone for coming.

The year 5 pupils all read, sang and performed brilliantly.

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class



Friday 12th December

Bear and the Hare



Bear and Hare trotted through the enchanted, magical forest like a snail finding yummy food. They could smell an aroma of fresh pine trees and sweet berries all around them. Bear and Hare could hear the wonderful birds of all species gracefully chirping in the blue sky. As they walked through the trees, Bear felt leaves crunching underneath his humongous, huge feet and Hare felt soft bear fur underneath her because she was sitting ^{on} his back. The autumnal leaves danced beautifully in the the sky as they glittered like butterflies down down down down down. Just

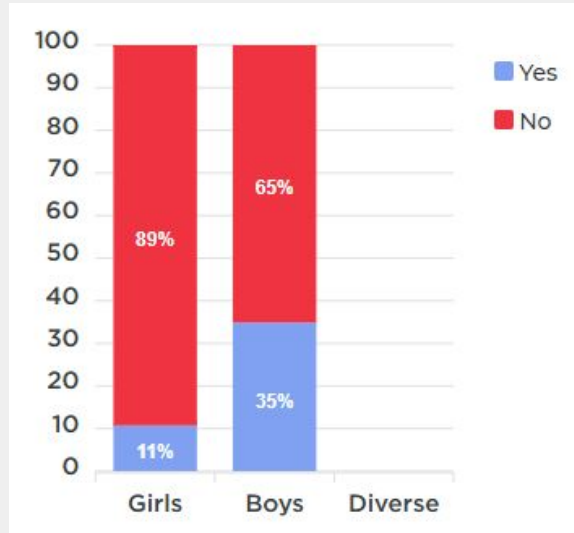
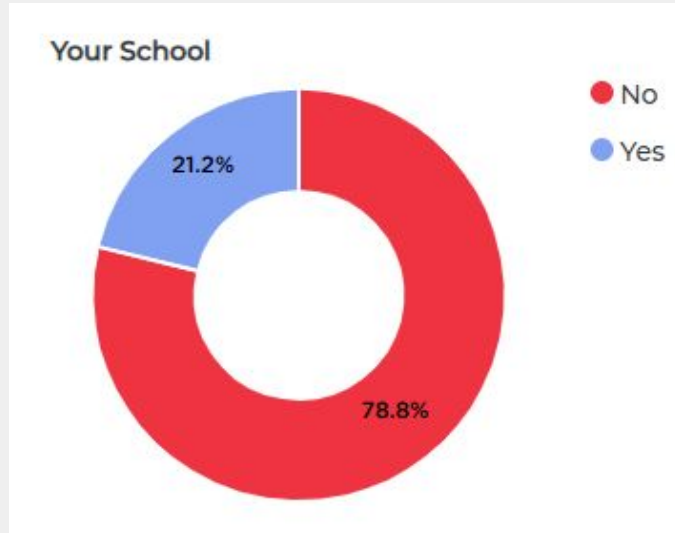


We have been very creative this week. We have produced drawings on the computers and sketched and painted landscapes. In English we have published our stories.



Year 5: Oak and Yew Class

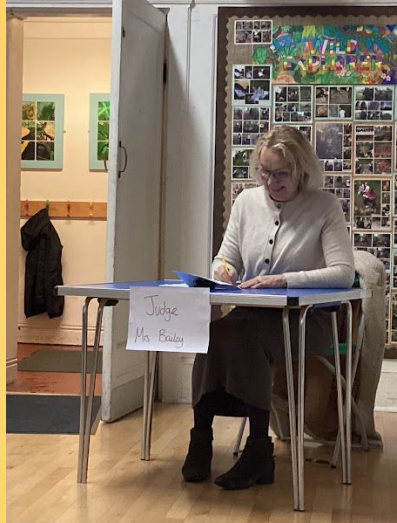
Are you ever too old for toys?



This week, we have been turning our attention to toys. Voters have explored how many toys are actually bought for adults — and consider whether you're ever really too old for them.



Elmhurst News



Well Done to Mandela house who won the house singing competition on Monday and earned the whole house a non-uniform day on Friday.

The competition was judged on a number of criteria by Mrs Bailey, a member of our Partnership Board. Then each House Captain picked which song their House would sing, to make it fair.



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to Heath in year 5, who competed at Bath University at the weekend in the four counties cross country championships - featuring Avon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset.

Despite being a year younger than most he won his first Somerset U11 XC title.



Well done to Anayah Pope from Hazel Class. Anayah took part in the Electric Dance Company Competition on Sunday 14th December. Anayah received 1st Place for her Lyrical Dance.



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



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes Played

Studio Speed



Merve S
Year 5

Richie A
Year 5

Tyler T
Year 3

Tyler T
Year 3

Lillian O
Year 4

Community Events

Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts



20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am–3.30pm

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

Saturday 20 December
Festive Foliage

Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

Monday 22 December
Willow Christmas

Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

Tuesday 23 December
Driftwood Angels

Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.



Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*Merry Christmas from the
Elmhurst Staff*

