



Elmhurst Junior School

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

Spring Term 1
Week 6
WC 9/2/26

As we wrap up what has been a long, grey, and exceptionally wet term, I wanted to take a moment to step away from the usual logistics to share a sincere thank you to our parent and carer community.

Education is a partnership between the school, the pupil, and the home. Your commitment makes all the difference, ensuring our children feel supported from every angle. We truly believe that joined-up working is the key to our pupils' success. Because of your ongoing support, we have seen:

- **Increased Confidence:** Pupils feel more secure and motivated knowing they have a unified "team" behind them.
- **Stronger Progress:** The consistency between school and home has directly impacted the wonderful milestones we've celebrated this term.
- **A Positive Environment:** The warm, kind, and positive comments we receive daily from the vast majority of our families are greatly appreciated and keep our spirits high.

We understand that the dreary weather and the length of the term can take a toll on everyone's mood. However, we must remind our community that all communication with our staff must be conducted with courtesy and respect.

While these instances are very few, we have had recent issues involving adults using aggressive tones or swearing. This is **not acceptable**. We take the safety and wellbeing of our staff very seriously and will act accordingly if this behavior occurs.

Our school thrives when it is a place of mutual respect, and we thank you for helping us maintain that standard for the sake of the children. Every achievement your child has reached this term—big or small—is a shared success. We are incredibly proud of our pupils, and we are equally grateful for the trust you place in us every day.

Have a wonderful, restful half-term break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the next term.

Ms Airey and the team

National Year of Reading Challenge

To celebrate 'Going All In,' we want to see you reading in the most unusual places! We have created a special School PADLET Page online.



Simply click the link above and ask an adult at home to help you upload a photo of your most creative reading spot.

Elmhurst Student Blog

Hi everyone, it's Isabel and Hope here! This is what all the classes have been up to this week.

- **Fir Class (Year 3):** In Forest School, they have been making hobby horses, which they enjoyed very much! In English, they became inventors by creating their very own inventions (for example: a money and iPhone machine! Maisie will be rich when she's older if she can actually build it!).
- **Willow Class (Year 4):** They have been busy planning a story along the lines of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Narnia). In Maths, they have been learning how to find missing sides to work out the perimeter of a shape.
- **Oak Class:** They have been doing some Science, where they planted beans with Miss Saunders. In Maths, they have been mathematicians working with decimals, practicing how to multiply them by a one-digit number
- **Yew Class (Year 5):** Students have been drawing multiple diagrams to show the stages of a plant's life cycle in Science. In Design and Technology, they were sticking in the recipes they used to make their soup last week. Noah rated his soup 3.5 stars out of 5, while Sophie rated hers an amazing 5 stars!
- **Hazel Class (Year 6):** They did some Geography, where they learned about different types of polar landscapes. In Religious Education, they learned what resurrection means for Christians.
- **Rowan Class (Our Class!):** In English, we have started writing a diary about Theodora, and this afternoon we are going to see *High School Musical!*

That's it for now. Have a lovely half-term.





Elmhurst Events



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Spring Term 2

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| Monday 23rd February | Start of Spring Term 2 - all pupils in |
| Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February | Bikeability - Year 6 Rowan Class https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ear-par-small (when full - email office to be added to waitlist) |
| Thursday 5th March | WORLD BOOK DAY (dress up as a book character if you wish!) |
| Monday 16th March | Year 5 - Glastonbury Abbey Payments to be made on MyChildAtSchool by 27th Feb |
| Tues 17th & Thursday 19th March | Parent teacher consultations (times and booking slots to follow) |
| Friday 20th March | Non-uniform in exchange for Easter bingo prizes |
| Friday 27th March | Lower School Egyptian Day Payments to be made on MyChildAtSchool by 5th March |
| Friday 27th March | Easter Bingo in the hall - eyes down 7pm |

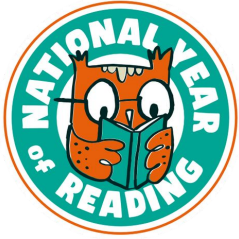


Elmhurst Sports Events

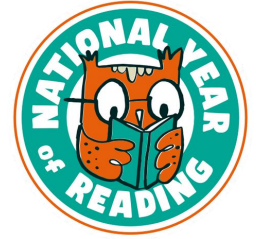


Monday 9th March

Netball at Strode 1pm-3pm (weather dependent) we will let you know as soon as possible if it is cancelled.



Reading Champions



Year 3

Jasmin
Aubrey

Year 4

Harry

Year 5

Leo

Year 6

Ruby

These pupils were chosen for their commitment and attitude towards reading this week.



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



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes Played

Studio Speed



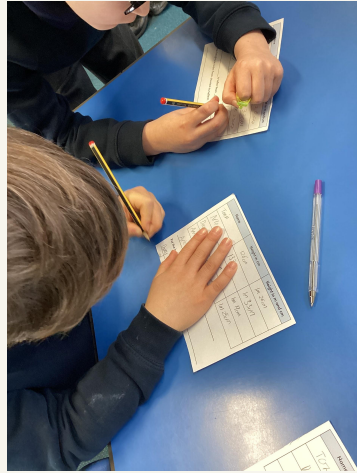
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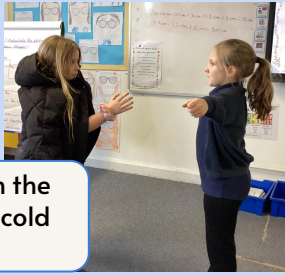
In **PE**, we have been learning how to vault safely. In **Maths**, we have been applying our understanding of metres and centimetres to compare heights in our class.



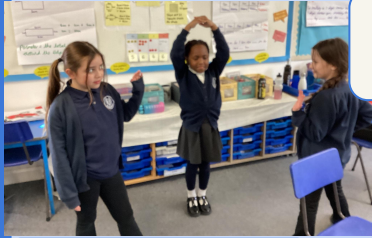
Year 3: Ash & Fir Class

In English, to help us write our own journey into Narnia stories we have been freeze framing the key events from Chapter 1 and 2 of The Chronicles of Narnia The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Lucy walks through the wardrobe into the cold of Narnia.



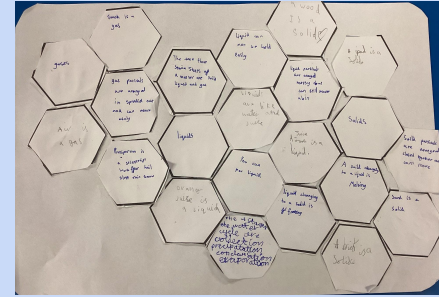
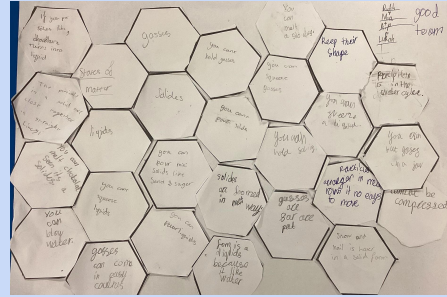
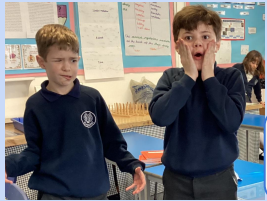
Lucy and Mr Tumnus meet for the first time.



Mr Tumnus offers Lucy tea and cakes.



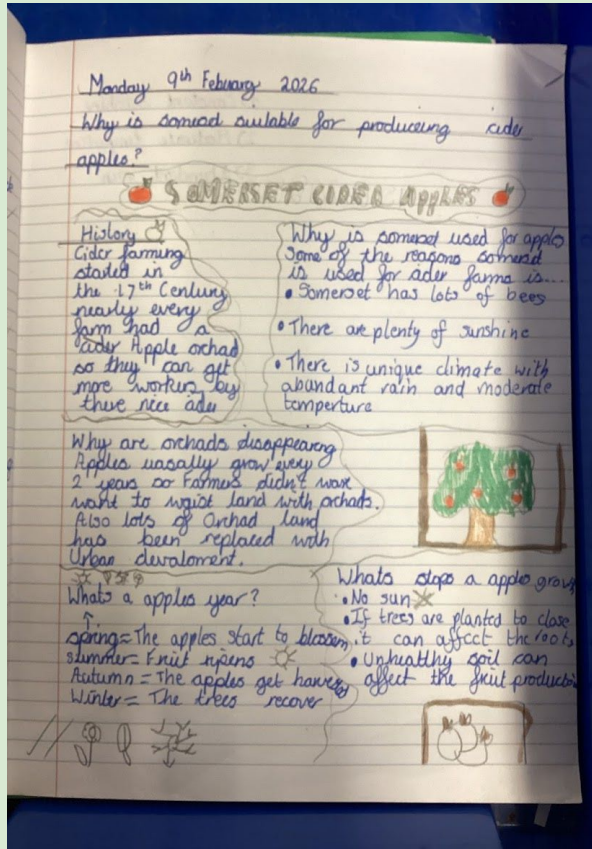
Lucy is shocked to hear Mr Tumnus was going to kidnap her.



In Science, we worked together to show everything we have learned about states of matter and made connections between our knowledge. In DT Willow Class, with the help of Millfield, embellished our William Morris inspired fabrics.

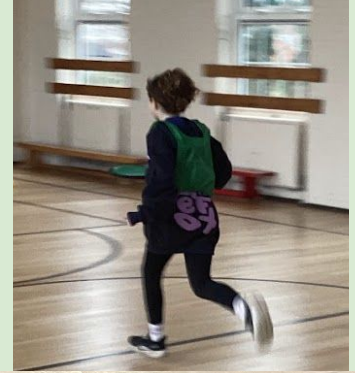


Year 4: Ash & Willow Class



In Geography we found out about why Somerset is an ideal place for growing cider apples and then produced work to reflect this.

We also enjoyed the house pancake races.



In science we have been learning what plants need to grow and we planted our own broad beans

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class

| Country | Climate | Vegetation | Animals | People | Landmarks |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Antarctica | Very cold | No vegetation | Penguins, seals | None | None |
| Greenland | Cold | Tundra | Arctic fox, reindeer | None | None |
| Arctic Circle | Cold | Tundra | Arctic fox, reindeer | None | None |
| Subarctic | Cool | Coniferous forest | None | None | None |
| Temperate | Mild | Deciduous forest | None | None | None |
| Subtropical | Warm | Coniferous forest | None | None | None |
| Tropical | Hot | Tropical rainforest | None | None | None |

Lesson 10 - The Bible

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**What a fun week in year 6.
 Number Day inquiry and maths
 games, pancake races,
 researching polar landscapes in
 Geograpy and considering how
 important the resurrection of
 Jesus is to Christians.**

Year 6: Hazel & Rowan Class

Forest School



This term we have ended with looking at the Chinese zodiac and 2026 being the year of the horse. Children from Fir class made their own hobby horses, collecting materials from the forest floor.



Elmhurst Sports News



On Saturday at Marine Parade Parkrun, Heath took another 39 seconds off his 5km personal best. He was paced by British 3000m steeplechase record holder Kirstie Booth and achieved 18 mins 06 seconds.

He is now only 26 seconds off the u11 parkrun world record .

Well done Heath.



Well done Jack for completing level 6 in swimming!

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character! *

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**[®]

5 MARCH 2026



*optional

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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ELMHURST SCHOOL VALENTINE'S SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 25th Feb

Raising money for the PTFA

🎵 Lower School: 4:30 – 5:30

🎵 Upper School: 5:45 – 6:45

Cost: £3.50

Form will be sent out for
parents to complete.

All money raised supports
Elmhurst School PTFA
events & activities!

Will include snack &
unlimited drink

The below link
should be used for
booking

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