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Year 6

Mini- Marathon



School Uniform

Message from Mrs Leith

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended the parent events that have taken place so far this year. One of the events still to take place is aimed at our **Year 5 parents and carers**. This will be the first of two sessions on applying for secondary school places.

In this session, which is taking place on 12.06.26, we will talk you through the process of selecting and applying for a secondary school for your child.

Please follow this link to access more information on the [Parent Events](#) that are taking place after the half term holidays.

Please enjoy the sunshine over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on 01.06.26.

Mrs Leith

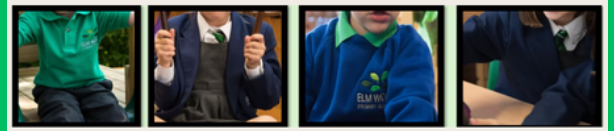
School Uniform Consultation

Your views are really important to us!

We are pleased to announce that we are launching a consultation to review our school uniform. Our aim is to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our pupils, families and wider school community.

Children and staff have already had the opportunity to share their thoughts on our uniform and we are now keen to hear from parents and carers.

We will be holding a consultation drop-in session for families on Thursday 4th June from 2.45pm.



School will be emailing out a form to be completed by any parents and carers who may not be able to join us at this event.

Dates for the Diary



22.05.26

FOE Ice Lolly Sale and Lost Property out for collection

25.05.26 to 29.05.26

School Closed for the Half term Holidays

01.06.26

Children return to school

01.06.26 to 12.06.26

Year 4 MTC (2 weeks)

08.06.26 to 12.06.26

Year 1 Phonics Checks

24.06.26

EYFS Sports Day at 9.30am

01.07.26 to 03.07.26

Year 6 Residential (PGL)

03.07.26

School Closed for INSET Day

25.06.26

Careers Day

27.06.26

FOE Summer Fair

08.07.26

Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day at Dulwich College

17.07.26

School Closes at 2pm for the Summer Holidays

Please remember to visit the calendar on the [Weduc](#) for all key dates.



Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping your children to come to school every day.

I often get questions from parents and carers linked to their child's attendance at school. I have tried to capture some key messages and facts that I share regularly with parents and carers.



School Attendance facts:

- The government says that children should have an attendance of at least 95%
- Having 90% attendance is like having one school day off every two weeks
- Having 85% attendance is the same as missing a whole half term of school
- Having 80% attendance is like having one school day off every week
- If you have a two-week holiday during school time each year, you will have missed 14 weeks of school by the end of year 6

Please use this QR code or follow these links to access term dates **2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027**



Learning Updates

Each class teacher uploads weekly learning updates on **Weduc**. Please follow this link to access these updates for your child's class.



Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.

Important messages!

- Please ensure that all **bikes and scooters** are collected at the end of each Term. Any bikes or scooters that are left on school grounds at the end of this term (17.07.26) will be removed and disposed of.
- Please ensure that you collect any **Lost Property** at the end of each term as uncollected items will be donated to FOE, charity or removed from school and disposed of.
- Parent Fines for Missing School:** Fines will be considered when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Careers Day

This event was such a great success last year that we are delighted to be repeating it again this year on **25.06.26**.

The children have already attended an assembly about Careers Day and have shared their dream jobs with their class teachers.



We will be in touch with parents and carers soon to ask for your support once again in showcasing the exciting careers you have at this event.

Our aim is to have as many of the children's dream jobs represented as possible.



We have lots to celebrate



Firstly I would like to Welcome baby Zayn to our Elm Wood Family and congratulate Ms Patel and her husband on the birth of their baby boy! No pictures to share yet but we are all very excited to meet Zayn soon!



Also, congratulations to Mr Richardson and his beautiful wife on their recent Wedding! I am sure you agree that they both look gorgeous!



Parents and Carers Coffee Morning

Meet the Lambeth Mental Health Support Team

Friday 5th June at 9.30am to 10.00am

Please come along to this event to find out who Lambeth MHST are and what they do to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people at our school.

South London and Maudsley 
NHS Foundation Trust



End of Year Celebration Assemblies

Nursery to Year 5



Date	Class	Time
30.06.26	Wren Class (Reception)	10.00
30.06.26	Merlin Class (Reception)	14.45
01.07.26	Swift Class (Year 1)	10.00
01.07.26	Maggie Class (Year 1)	14.45
02.07.26	Redwing Class (Year 2)	10.00
02.07.26	Goshawk Class (Year 2)	14.45
06.07.26	Skylark Class (Year 3)	10.00
06.07.26	Siskin Class (Year 3)	14.45
07.07.26	Kittiwake Class (Year 4)	10.00
07.07.26	Waxwing Class (Year 4)	14.45
09.07.26	Sanderling Class (Year 5)	10.00
09.07.26	Teal Class (Year 5)	14.45
15.07.26	Jay Class (Nursery)	10.00

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Mini Marathon

An amazing day of running!

A huge well done to all of the classes for taking part in the mini marathon.

The effort and team spirit on show throughout the day was extraordinary.



We even had a visit from Coach Alex, who coaches and captains a local running club. The children loved hearing all about his achievements!

Well done team Elm Wood!

Year 6

At Elm Wood, our Elm Wood Promises are at the heart of everything we do.

Recently the Year 6 children all displayed displayed **resilience** and **perseverance** when aiming for **excellence** and **success** whilst undertaking their SATs papers



It was also wonderful to see how **kind** and **respectful** the rest of the school was during this busy time.

At this point in the school year the children in year 6 have lots to look forward to. This includes swimming lessons, exciting trips and visits, sports day and the end of year production.

This year the children are all excited to be performing the Wizard of Oz!



Year 6 Dates for the Diary

14.07.26

Year 6 Performance

The Wizard of Oz

10.00 and 14.15

16.07.26

Year 6 leavers Assembly at 14.30



Punctuality

School starts at 08.55



Having good attendance also means being on time everyday and not being late to school.

Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

Children who arrive late to school can feel embarrassed, left out and they miss out on important introductions to lessons.

Please speak to the school if you are struggling to get your child/children to school time.

Free School Meals Explained!

All children from Reception to Year 6 currently receive a Free School Meal every day at school.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Confusing hey!

The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into.

Once you are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals your child's school will receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help and support you through your child's education. The school will also receive extra support to deliver a fully inclusive and accessible education for all of our pupils.

You can apply for Free School Meals at any time while your child is at Elm Wood School.



Please use the QR code to find out about the education awards and benefits that you may be entitled to.

