



## Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin

**Week Ending: 26th May 2023**

*'Love God, Love Learning, Love One Another' Matt 22:37-39*



***Verse of the Week: Revelation 21.6***

***'I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life'***

Dear Parent/Carers

What a wonderful, busy term we have had!

We are very proud of all our children, especially our Year 2s and Year 6s for their hard work and resilience during SATs weeks. They have all been amazing.

Last week the Year 5s had lots of fun on their camping trip and today they are working hard on their walk up Moel Famau. Please make sure you check out our twitter feed which has lots of photos of the children on their adventures.

Congratulations to Mr Read who took part in the MountainHunter's Scottish Islands Peak Run. He managed 65 miles, 13500ft of elevation and 100 nautical miles. What an achievement!

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new families into school. The EYFS team are looking forward to getting to know our new starters over the next few weeks.

The PTA would like to invite any parents wanting to help at the Summer Fair to a meeting after school on 16th June on the picnic benches by the netball courts. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Finally please note there has been a slight amendment to the term dates for 23/24 with Tuesday 5th September now being an inset day

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term break!

Kind regards

Neil Garratt



## **Diary Dates**

Friday	26th May	School closes for half term
Monday	29th May	Bank Holiday
Monday	5th June	Inset Day
Tuesday	6th June	School opens for children
Friday	9th June	Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9:15 to 12
Monday	12th June	Phonics Screening Check Commences
Tuesday	13th June	Whole school photograph
Friday	16th June	Sports Day - Year 1/2 - 9:15 to 12
Wednesday	21st June	Town Sports @ Sandbach Boys School
Thursday	22nd June	Year 6 Big play out 6:30pm-9pm
Friday	23rd June	Sports Day - EYFS - 9:30 to 11:30
Tuesday-Wednesday	27th-28th June	Y6 boys' and girls' school transition days
Thursday	29th June	School Games - TriGolf and Tennis Inclusion Event - 2:30 - 4:30 hosted on the MUGA.
Friday	30th June	Sports Day - Year 5/6 - 9:15 to 12
Friday	30th June	Dress Down Day - PTA
Friday	14th July	Year 6 Prom 4pm-7pm



Monday-Tuesday	17th-18th July	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday	21st July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 9:30am -Parents welcome

## *Office News & Reminders*

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 5th June will be the new summer **Menu Week 1**. You can find menu choices from Mellors on our website. **Please pay online via Arbor and can we kindly ask that accounts are cleared on a regular basis so balances don't build up.** The price for a school dinner is £2.30.  
Anybody wishing to discuss their child's meal balance please contact the school office





## Elworth CE Primary School – Term Dates 2023-24

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING For Children	DATE OF OPENING For Children	INSET DAYS Children do <u>not</u> attend
		Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Autumn Half Term 2023</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Christmas 2023</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Spring Half Term 2024</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
<b>Easter 2024</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Summer Half Term 2024</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
<b>Summer 2024</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

Bank Holidays: (School is closed to Staff and Children)

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Phase News

### Early Years Foundation Stage

The children in EYFS have worked extremely hard over the last couple of weeks. As we came to the end of our 'Jack and the Beanstalk' topic the children have shown their super writing skills by re-telling and



writing the story. We are really impressed with how independent they are becoming with their writing. We have also been doing lots of work around emotions, last week we focussed on 'What makes us happy?' and we really enjoyed listening to the children telling us their ideas. We hope that you all have a lovely half term. After half term we are hoping to brighten up our EYFS outdoor area with some new summer plants, if anyone has any contacts at local Garden Centres, that may be able to help, please let Mrs Astley know.

## Ks1

Year 1 has been busy testing out a variety of cardboard to see which would be best to build a castle. Children have designed and built their own castle using different joining techniques such as L braces and tabs. Everyone has a lot of fun! In Maths, children have been learning about halves and quarters practically by sharing items into two groups or four groups. After our wonderful trip to Stafford Castle, children have been able to immerse themselves into castle life. This has helped them write their own version of 'The Paperbag Princess' which has seen children plan and write with confidence. Finally, we have been continuing to participate in phonic sessions to support children in rehearsing their reading skills. Please continue to practise using 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word' as often as possible to build children's confidence and fluency. This will really help with the phonic screening check which begins the week beginning the Monday 12th June.

The children in Year 2 have worked incredibly hard during their SAT's week. We are so proud of them in how they showed perseverance and resilience. After 3 long days they had a chance to have time to relax with their friends whilst eating an ice lolly !

In literacy the children have been looking at the story of the Three Little Pigs and have been writing a diary from the wolf's perspective with some interesting ideas as to whether the wolf meant to blow down the houses !

## LOWER Ks2

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term. In English, the children have produced the most amazing persuasive leaflets on Elworth. They have worked hard to include all the features of persuasive writing and they have produced a fantastic piece of writing which they should be really proud of.

After half term, our year 4 children will be completing their multiplication check. This is a government statutory test. Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables over the half term break and work on a rapid recall.

Just a reminder, homework for the week is shared with both the children on a Monday and put on Google Classroom. Each week, the children should be completing Spelling Shed, TTRS, CGP homework, Maths homework and reading at least 3 times a week at home. Please can we kindly ask you to sign your child/rens reading record book when they have read.

We hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved break over half term.



## UPPER Ks2

Year 5 had an amazing time canoeing, kayaking and camping last week. They all developed great technical skills as well as showing excellent resilience, cooking their own tea and having a great time with their friends. They have had an early start today walking up Moel Famau and we're looking forward to seeing them back to hear all of their stories and adventures..

In English this week, we have been looking at the tornado scene in Michael Morpurgo's version of 'The Wizard of OZ', called 'Toto'. We've enjoyed developing our descriptive language and have written some beautiful narratives. In Geography, we have been comparing the human and physical geography of New York State with the North West of England and in Art, we have enjoyed using watercolours to paint our Statue of Liberty artwork.

The Year 6 leavers' programme has now been finalised and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of 7 years with some fantastic events. Please see the dates above as well as the separate email which went out yesterday.



CHAMPIONS! For the 4th successive year our Cross country team has come out victorious in the team shield. Congratulations to all other competitors and our own, it was a fantastic advert for Sandbach schools. Our 2 cricket teams faced tough competition in the cricket festival on May 25th. We travelled to Elworth Cricket club and took on Haslington and The Dingle in the Dynamos tournament with some high quality cricket on show, our team didn't win any matches but ran all the teams close in a hard fought competition. We are looking forward to Sports days! The children have now selected their events and are practising hard to showcase the skills. Into our final half term we are excited for Town Sports and hosting our very own Golf festival!

Mr Read, Mr Guildford, Miss Keeble

### PE TIMETABLE - Summer Term 2023



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday	Fitness Friday - all pupils come in PE Kits						

## PTA News

Thank you for all the donations to the water and colour runs. With costs taken out school will be able to donate £471 to St Luke's!

Unfortunately we have made the decision to rearrange the Movie Night for a few reasons, but mainly to do with the bright evenings making it hard to see the screen. We will arrange it in the Autumn Term when the days are a little shorter!

We need things from you!

After half term we will be running a 'tat amnesty' - small toys which end up at the bottom of your toy boxes (please can they not be broken). These will be used at the summer fair for a lucky dip/prizes. Donations to go into the blue bin outside reception.



Jazzy Jars and Tombola prizes are needed too! The PTA will be collecting these from outside reception before and after school the week beginning 6th June (Tuesday-Friday).



# JAZZY JARS, TOMBOLA & TAT COLLECTION

TUES 6TH - FRI 9TH JUNE

SCHOOL

PLEASE

THANK YOU!

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ELWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

# SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY

7th July 2023  
3.30 - 6.30pm



**BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Mini Makers Market - Ice Cream -  
Bouncy Castle - Raffle - Food & Drink  
Stall - Tuck Shop - Fun Games - Live  
Music - Elworth's Got Talent





**URGENTLY  
NEEDED**

# WE NEED YOU!

**YOUR PTA**



We need as many members of the school community to join in and help with the PTA.

Without volunteers and support events cannot happen.

Start now and help us with the Summer Fair!



# SUMMER RAFFLE

Do you work for a company or run a local business that could donate a raffle prize for the fair?

If so please email

[ptaelworth@outlook.com](mailto:ptaelworth@outlook.com) or  
message PTA on Facebook



# *Events & Information*



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Oswestry School, Shropshire

Oswestry Taster Is a brand-new 5 day CPAS Venture, which is suitable for anyone aged 8-12. Taking place at Oswestry School in Shropshire, it is a mix of games, challenges, sports, crafts, drama, swimming, mystery activities and a bonfire. There will also be Bible teaching throughout the week, based on the story of Jonah.

Being a taster, which is shorter than a normal Venture, it is perfect for those that haven't been away on a residential before, or are still a bit nervous about being away from home.

The dates for Oswestry Taster are the 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August, and the cost is £200 (although bursaries are available for those that qualify).

Cathryn Houghton, Gareth Davies and Jennie ~~Coppenhall~~ from St.Peter's Church will all be there, and a few local children have already signed up.

To find out more, there is a parent's evening at ~~Elworth~~ C of E school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May straight after school. Please do come along to find out more, and ask any questions you may have.

Many thanks

Gareth and Cathryn



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

12+ App Store  
Teen Google Playstore

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

### CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped as 12+ (or vice versa). After profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

### EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

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### MEET STRANGERS

When our researcher asked if they could meet a stranger on Wizz, they were told 'no'. However, they were offered the option to 'chat now' with a user who had sent them a friend request. This user was described as 'online now' and was holding a sign that said 'CHAT NOW'.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who they chatted with. How safe should any personal details with this person be? Connect with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

### BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seeing things happen quickly can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to images being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

### KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Congleton Youth Orchestra are opening their doors to aspiring orchestral musicians on Saturday 13th May 2023.



We cater for all, from complete beginners; those who have started playing an instrument in school; to established musicians.

The event will run between 9:30am and 12pm, with two time slots:

- 9:30-11am - For musicians playing for 1 year or more.
- 11am-12pm - For complete beginners.

First established in November 1994, the Congleton Youth Orchestra gives young people from Congleton, and the surrounding areas the opportunity to learn, play and perform music in an orchestral setting.

The Orchestra has both a Senior Orchestra (Grade 4+) and an Intermediate Orchestra (Grade 0-3), and provision for beginner players restarting in September 2023. The Orchestra performs a concert at the end of each term, which are generally held in Congleton Town Hall.

The Orchestra meets each Saturday morning during term time at Trinity Methodist Church, Wagg Street, Congleton, CW12 4BA. All our groups are taught by our experienced instrumental staff and volunteers, our staff are all Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked.

For more information or to register your interest, contact us via Facebook, email ([secretary@congleton-youth-orchestra.org](mailto:secretary@congleton-youth-orchestra.org)) or visit our website (<https://www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org>).



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviour of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive influence, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and causing FOMO (fear of missing out). To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, prioritise healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of this.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HEIGHTEENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. All around, children are exposed to a constant stream of advertising, this combined with marketing-led attitudes, can lead children to have an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge followings around their shopping and promotional posts.

### THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about their motives, blurring the line between endorsement and genuine recommendation. And, given the pressure to post regularly, influencers may feel compelled to continue to share sponsored content even if it's not what they truly believe. Many influencers receive payment to promote products or services, which may not be in their best interest, but it generates revenue streams.

### PRIVACY CONCERN

Inspired by their influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or worse. Privacy settings are particularly important for influencers, which gives young people more time to consider the potential consequences of sharing too much.

### UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers shape teenagers' ideas of beauty and success, which can often feel unrealistic, causing low self-esteem and anxiety. In addition, influencers may encourage teenagers to compare themselves to influencers who appear confident, comfortable and successful despite their insecurities and struggles as well.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP TALKING

Talk to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think about what they're seeing and how it makes them feel. If you notice any concerning behaviour, such as anxiety, mood swings or lack of sleep, speak to a professional. Make talking this type of open, honest conversation with your child to help informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

### SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's use of media, including screen times and privacy settings (like two major operating systems enable privacy, turn it on and off), teach them the importance of privacy and respect for others. If you're worried about your child's mental health, including removing them from the platform more than with access from following influencers.

### SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Encourage your child to understand that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how to identify when they're comparing themselves to influencers. Help them to understand the concept of body image and the concept of beauty, while also helping them to manage self-esteem, deal with mental health issues, and even physical health issues.

### PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with and how to consider the credibility of the source and the message. Help young people develop the skills to make healthy decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

**Meet Our Expert**

James is a digital rights expert currently working in a lead role at the BBC. He has a passion for education and spends his time creating resources to help teachers and students understand the complex world of digital rights.

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