



Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin

Week Ending: 16th June 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 sports day we have had today. The KS1 children were absolutely brilliant and the support from parents was equally wonderful. Last week we had just as good an experience with the Y3/4 children and their parents. A massive thank you to our PE team- Mr Read, Miss Keeble and Mr Guildford who have continued to lead the PE provision at school with undimmed passion and enthusiasm which all the children love.

This week was filled with testing: from the phonics screening in Y1, the Multiplication tests in Y4 and a writing moderation we are looking forward to a more normal week next week. We are preparing for our end of year assessments, the transition of children from pre-school into our EYFS and the Y6 children leaving us and going on to pastures new. The children will be looking forward to discovering who their new teacher is and who might be part of their new class. School photo

The Summer Fair is the final PTA event of the year and always great fun. Please make sure you have Fri 7th 3-6 p.m. blocked out in your diaries. There will be bouncy castles, BBQ, table top games run by the children, competitions, Elworth's Got Talent and much more. Please come and enjoy this family time. Following on from my email mid-week re: Whole School Photo- this has been reorganised for Tues 4th July at 9 a.m. Please can you ensure your child has the right uniform- they can change back into summer or PE uniform straight after the photo. This photo is only taken once every 5 years so please ensure they have the right uniform as explained in the Whole School photo letter.

Kind regards

Neil Garratt



Diary Dates

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
Tuesday	4th July	Whole School photograph
Thursday	6th July	Year 2 to Year 3 transition meeting 3:30pm
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 19th June will be the new summer **Menu Week 2**. 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 th Sept	Monday 4 th Sept Tuesday 5 th Sept
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October	
Christmas 2023	Friday 22 nd Dec	Tuesday 9 th Jan	Monday 8 th January
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16 th Feb	Monday 26 th Feb	
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 th March	Monday 15 th April	
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24 th May	Tuesday 4 th June	
Summer 2024	Friday 19 th July		Monday 22 nd July & Tuesday 23 rd July

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

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



Phase News



What a lovely sunny couple of weeks we've had in EYFS! The children have enjoyed starting our new book 'Jack and the flum flum tree'. They are enjoying role playing being doctors and helping granny to feel better. In Maths we have been learning about capacity, ordering containers from least full to most full. The children have written some super 'get well soon' letters to Granny showing off their phonics skills and sentence writing. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. The children are really enjoying their phonics sessions and it is important that they are continuing to read daily at home. We are looking forward to seeing you at Sport's Day next week.

Ks1

Thank you to all those who were able to support our Key stage 1 Sport's Day. The children and staff had a really lovely time and we are incredibly proud of our children. We especially enjoyed the Male Staff potato race!

The children in Year 2 have been finding out and creating leaflets about Delamare Forest. They have used the Chrome books to do some research and find out lots of information which they then used to write their leaflets. We are now really excited about our trip in a couple of weeks time.

Year 1 has been learning about numbers up to 100. They have been using tens and ones apparatus, number lines and tens frames to make different amounts. They have also been spotting patterns on a 100 square so that they can locate numbers speedily. All children in Y1, who have been in school, have completed their phonic screening check. We are so proud of them all, thank you so much for all your hard work at home in helping prepare them to use special friends, Fred talk, read the word. We will now be focusing on applying these sounds accurately in our writing. In the afternoon, children have been using a variety of sketching pencils to draw Harlech Castle in the style of John Sell Cotman. Finally, we have been making special cards for special people in our lives.



LOWER Ks2

Thank you to all who were able to support our Sports Day last week. The children made us all incredibly proud and a great time was had by all. Although this week has been a hot one, we have had the most enjoyable week in school. In English, the children are in the process of planning a 'lost' narrative. They have lots of fantastic ideas and have really built upon their writers knowledge. In D.T. the children are designing and making a moving monster using pneumatics. The children are showing great team working skills and demonstrating their perseverance and problem solving skills. Well done to our year 4 children who have now completed their multiplication check. We know how hard you have all worked on learning your times tables and we are very proud of you all. Just a reminder that the children should be learning the final column of the year 3/4 spelling list this half term.

UPPER Ks2

We've had a lovely couple of weeks in the sunshine in Year 5 and 6 and have been enjoying our topic work immensely. In English, we have been reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and have written a letter home to 'Mom' about Stanley's first few days in Camp Green Lake. It's a fantastic story and it's been great to see the children's enjoyment. In Science, we have been investigating electrical circuits and finding out what happens when we add more components to a series circuit. In our History work, we have also been finding out about Britain's involvement in the Slace trade with the USA and how that has impacted Britain today. The children have been really thoughtful and mature in their responses to this work.

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents that we need baby photos please asap. The first event in the leavers' programme coming up is this Thursday 22nd June when we will be enjoying a 'Big Play Out' in the school grounds in the evening 6:30-9pm. This will be a chance to enjoy a huge play out with their friends before they leave us for high school. Please make sure children have eaten tea before they come, but they will be provided with some snacks and drinks during the evening. Further information will follow shortly.



We have thoroughly enjoyed the two sports days we have so far hosted at school, we hope that all the children in year 1, 2, 3 and 4 have created memories that will last a life time. Thank you for all the support from everyone who came to cheer on a support the children in all of their events. There are still two sports day left (EYFS on Friday 23rd and Y5/6 on Friday 30th) we hope that they run just as smoothly and welcome your support again on those Friday mornings.

The long awaited return of the famous Town Sports Event is just around the corner, selection this year has been incredibly hard with many talented KS2 children sadly missing out (if we could take you all we would!). Town Sports is on Wednesday 21st of June at the boys school who will be welcoming in visitors from 3:45pm, your support is greatly appreciated.

KS1 and Y5/6 have been welcomed back into the pool and Miss Keeble couldn't be happier to have you all in the improving on your swimming techniques.

As the hot weather continues we continue to encourage children to bring in sun cream, hats and water bottles ready for their PE lessons (not to mention light waterproof jackets ready for summer showers).

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						

Elworth CE Primary School Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is less than a month away which means it's time to let you know about all the exciting things we have planned!

PTA Summer Raffle

As we do every year, the summer fayre raffle will be drawn on Friday 7 July at 5pm. Today your child will have been sent home with a book of raffle tickets with some fabulous prizes this year!

- 1st prize – JustSo Festival Day tickets for a family of four
- 2nd prize – Glamping weekend in Audlem
- 3rd prize – signed British Lions rugby shirt

Other prizes include: 4 tickets to Jodrell Bank, 2 children's tickets to Peak Wildlife Farm, a voucher for ice cream at Snugbury's, a £10 Funsters voucher, and many more!

Tickets are £1 and counterfoils (and unused tickets) need to be **returned by Wednesday 5 July**. If you need any extra tickets, you will be able to collect these from the school reception or purchase at the Fayre.

Dress down day

Friday 30 June will be a dress down day. Children are invited to come into school in their own clothes in return for a Jazzy Jar or Tombola donation.

Summer Fayre Activities

We will have a variety of different games and tabletop games stalls – hosted by teachers and children at the school from splat the rat to welly-wanging; hook a duck to penalty shootout – there is something for everyone. We will also have a bouncy castle and inflatable obstacle course. To take part in the games and inflatables you will need to buy tokens (these can be purchased on the day).

Our much-loved tombola will return and this year we also have a lucky bucket (cash prize)!

Mini Makers Market

We are also delighted to announce that we will have our own mini-makers market on the netball courts, and welcome a host of local crafters, bakers, and gin distillers.

Keep an eye out on the PTA Facebook page for details of who will be attending.

Volunteers

As you can see, we have lots planned, and would like to still look at providing more games/ stalls. We can only do this if we have volunteer support. If you feel you can give an hour on the day (in return for some tokens and drink of your choice) please email: ptaelworth@outlook.com or send us a message via the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162198163985926> . Or you can come along to our sign-up session on **Friday 16 June (straight after school on the netball courts)** where volunteers will be able to sign up for their activities.

Food and Drink



There will be a tuck shop, burger van and a bar.

Elworth's Got Talent

This year see's the return of Elworth's Got Talent at our Summer Fayre. Forms were emailed last week, and auditions will take place on the afternoon of Friday 30 July.

Good luck to all those involved – we can't wait to see the children perform at the fayre.

We look forward to seeing you and will share more information closer to the Fayre.

Your PTA







FREE
ENTRY

FRIDAY 7 JULY
3:30PM TO 6:30PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023

SUMMER



FAIR



ELWORTH CE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

GAMES • MARKET • FOOD • BAR
BOUNCY CASTLE • ICE CREAM
RAFFLE • TOMBOLA
ELWORTH'S GOT TALENT



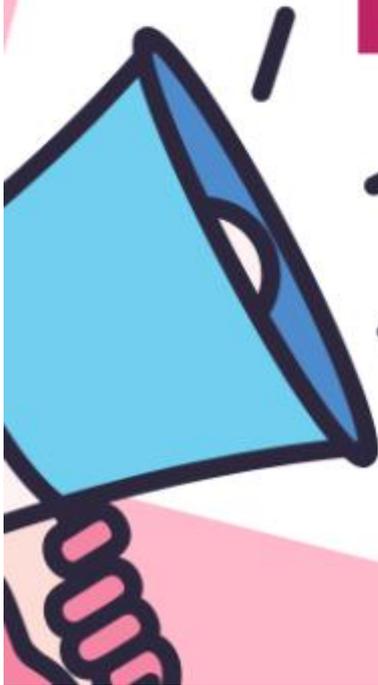
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



**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 use with the Summer Fair!

Events & Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

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 online 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 with teens (or vice versa). Also, 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 Snapchat' (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.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected 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, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes 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) or visit our website (<https://www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org>).

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 behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks... such as oversteering consumerism, affecting self-esteem and forming friendships. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set suitable boundaries, promote healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising. This can lead to unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge social empires around their blogs, Instagram and YouTube.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers don't always disclose when they're promoting a product, blurring the line between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions. Not all young people recognise this & difficult to challenge. Some influencers have built huge social empires around their blogs, Instagram and YouTube. Many influencers have built huge social empires around their blogs, Instagram and YouTube.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their real lives online - which could reveal personal information in articles about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to share anything about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about what influencers they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (if a live chat operating system is available). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them - including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Maintain your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media - and that online content (particularly that of influencers) is often edited, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, realistic content which undermines their insecurities and struggles as well.

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 online and to consider the possible reasons behind certain content. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A panel of expert online safety and security specialists will be available to provide advice and support on a range of online safety issues. This includes digital literacy, cyberbullying, and the risks of sharing personal information online. The panel will be available from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday 14th October.



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