



May 2025 Newsletter



'Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end'

Hebrews Chapter 12 verses 1-2

Dear Parents/carers

I hope everybody has had a wonderful Easter break and I know the children are enjoying their start back to school.

Year 4 enjoyed their residential, enjoying lots of outdoor activities such as canoeing and high ropes. Year 3 all looked amazing dressed as Ancient Egyptians last week and enjoyed their trip to the Manchester Museum the following day.

I am pleased to be able to let you know that the pool is now up and running and our full swimming timetable has begun. If you have received an email about your child swimming please ensure they have their kit with them on the correct day. I would also like to remind parents that ALL earrings must be removed before entering the swimming pool

We are seeing an increasing number of children wearing smart watches to school. Could I please ask that you remind your children if they do wear one to school they must not be taking any photographs during the school day. We do have lots of children who do not have permission to be photographed.

We are currently recruiting for a Midday assistant to join our current team (details below) if you are interested in this position please contact the school office

Please note that the school calendar is accessible via our website, all key dates are listed up to the end of this summer term.

I would also like to remind everyone about our school lottery. All profits go towards the school library project. Please see below for poster on how to join

Finally I would like to wish our year 6 children well with their SATs which will take place on the week of 12th May. They have all been working very hard and I am sure will achieve fantastic results. We have lots of exciting activities for the end of SATS

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Thursday	1st May	Girls football League - SUFC
Monday	5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday	8th May	Year 3/4 Football @ SUFC
Monday	12th May	SATs week
Friday	16th May	Year 5 Canoe trip - Conway Centre
Friday	16th May	Year 6 Trip - Formby beach
Monday	19th May	Golf and Tennis festival
Wednesday	21st May	Cross Country
Friday	23rd May	School closes for half term
Monday	2nd June	Inset day
Tuesday	3rd June	School open
Wednesday	4th June	Cricket Competition
Wednesday	4th June	Town Sports
Friday	6th June	Year 5 Moel Famau Walk
Tuesday	10th June	Nantwich museum - Foxes
Tuesday	10th June	Year 4 - Deva Museum
Tuesday	11th June	Nantwich museum - Badgers
Friday	13th June	Sports day - Year 5 & 6



Monday	16th June	Cricket Competition
Monday	16th June	Year 4 Bikeability
Tuesday	17th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday	17th June	Year 4 - Halle Trip
Wednesday	18th June	year 6 bikeability
Friday	20th June	Year 1 & 2 sports day
Tuesday	24th June	Transition days
Tuesday	25th June	Transition days
Friday	27th June	Sports day - EYFS
Monday	30th June	Summer Music concert - TBC
Wednesday	2nd July	Dance competition
Thursday	10th July	Year 6 leavers - Chester Cathedral
Friday	11th July	Year 3 & 4 sports day
Friday	11th July	Year 6 Prom
Thursday	17th July	Summer Fair
Friday	18th July	Year 6 Leavers service
Friday	18th July	Finish for summer



Office News & Reminders

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 28th April will be the **Menu Week1**. 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 £3.00.

Anybody wishing to discuss their child's meal balance please contact the school office

Please can we ask that all parents log in to Arbor to clear any balances on their account

Vacancy

JOB TITLE	MIDDAY ASSISTANT PRIMARY SCHOOL	JOB REF NO	AAAD5003
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BASIC JOB PURPOSE

The Job Holder is responsible for ensuring supervision of all pupils during the lunchtime period both in the dining area, during playground activities, as well as in classrooms during wet lunchtimes.

Salary; Grade 2 Scale Point 2 - £23,656 pa pro rata; 7.5 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
(11.45am-1.15pm Monday to Friday)

	MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
1.	Ensures the safety of pupils during the lunchtime period; taking into account pupil ages, disability and behaviour.
2.	Arranges age-appropriate activities for pupils during inclement weather.
3.	Ensures application of the school behaviour policy during this period, referring serious issues to the Midday Supervisor where applicable.
4.	Refers to senior members of staff on duty in cases of emergency; or, if unable to contact staff, call for the public emergency services by dialling 999.
Notwithstanding the detail in this job description, in accordance with the Council's Flexibility Policy the job holder will undertake such work as may be determined by the Headteacher from time to time, up to or at a level consistent with the Principal Responsibilities of the job and in any location within the Council of Cheshire.	

Required from May 2025, the Governors and Headteacher wish to appoint an enthusiastic, imaginative and inspiring Midday Assistant.

The successful candidate will join a happy, caring school team who are committed to high quality outcomes for all our children. Candidates will also be encouraged to engage in the full life of the school community and support the Christian ethos within the school.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of its children. The successful candidate will follow a stringent vetting process and be required to complete an enhanced DBS disclosure. Candidates are welcome to visit the school by appointment.

Contact: Mrs Sarah Bennett, School Business Manager, for application form
businessmanager@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk or alternatively admincontact@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk





HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING For children	DATE OF OPENING For children	Inset Days Children do not attend
		Wed 4 th Sept	Mon 2 nd Sept Tues 3 rd Sept
Autumn Half Term 2024	Fri 25 th Oct	Tues 5 th Nov	Mon 4 th Nov
Christmas 2024	Fri 20 th Dec	Tues 7 th Jan	Mon 6 th Jan
Spring Half Term 2025	Fri 14 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	
Easter 2025	Fri 4 th April	Tues 22 nd April	
Summer Half Term 2025	Fri 23 rd May	Tues 3 rd June	Mon 2 nd June
Summer 2025	Fri 18 th July	Wed 3 rd Sept	Mon 1 st Sept Tues 2 nd Sept

Bank Holidays:

Fri 18th April (Good Friday)

Mon 21st April (Easter Monday)

Mon 5th May (May Bank Holiday)

Mon 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday)

Mon 25th Aug (Summer Bank Holiday)





Elworth CE Primary School – Term Dates 2025-26

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Easter 2026	Friday 27 th March	Monday 13 th April	
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22 nd May	Tuesday 2 nd June	Monday 1 st June
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July		Monday 20 th July

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

- Thursday 25th December 2025
- Friday 26th December 2025
- Thursday 1st January 2026
- Friday 3rd April 2024
- Monday 6th April 2024
- Monday 4th May 2024
- Monday 25th May 2024
- Monday 31st August 2024



Attendance

As we are now over half way through the academic year we wanted to put in some key reminders regarding attendance.

Holiday requests

If you are going to request leave during term time, this must be done at least two weeks in advance of the period of leave. Forms are ready for collection from the school office. Most leave during term time will not be authorised. It is only in exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted. This is a decision made by the headteacher.

Punctuality

We understand that there are some occasions where children may not arrive at school on time. Children who do not arrive on time can be marked as late before the register closes, or late after the register closes depending on the time of arrival. Marks after the register closes are unauthorised and can result in the school requesting support from the local authority. If your child has 3 or more late marks on the register we will be in contact with you.

Reason to believe

When children are ill after a period of leave from school e.g an unauthorised holiday we may complete extra checks to ensure that the code on the register which has been given for that child is accurate. The registers are a legal document which we need to correct.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

Events & Information



A promotional poster for a school lottery. The top left features the 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' logo with a stylized figure. The top right shows the 'PTA Elworth CE Primary School' logo. The central graphic depicts a blue and red rocket launching upwards, leaving a trail of blue smoke. Surrounding the rocket are five circular lottery balls with numbers: a yellow ball with '2', a red ball with '4', a purple ball with '7', a blue ball with '4', and a white ball with '7'. The text 'WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY' is prominently displayed in red and purple. Below this, a red line of text encourages buying tickets. A bulleted list provides details about ticket costs, profit allocation, weekly prizes, and the jackpot. The bottom section, on a dark purple background, provides the website 'yourschoollottery.co.uk' and the school name 'Elworth C of E'. A 'GambleAware 18+' logo is in the bottom right corner.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

PTA
Elworth CE Primary School

**WE'VE
LAUNCHED
A LOTTERY**

Buy your tickets now to
help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school library project
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit:
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and search for: Elworth C of E

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Online Safety Newsletter

RESPECTING OTHERS ONLINE: DIGITAL KINDNESS AND ANTI-CYBERBULLYING



Welcome

Welcome to our first Online Safety Newsletter.

This fortnightly newsletter will include helpful information, advice and tips for parents and educators, focusing on different themes of online safety to ensure that everyone knows how to keep children safe online.

Teaching Digital Kindness Resources

Scan these QR codes to find resources to help you understand cyberbullying and help to teach your child about its dangers and encourage them to be kind online:

MGL Online Safety Hub: Advice and guides for online safety.



Parentkind: Online safety toolkit for parents to protect children.

Activity

Design a poster about how to be kind online for your school's corridors, classrooms or your home.

Understanding Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is a growing concern, affecting children of all ages and young children are becoming increasingly exposed to the risks.

It is important to recognise the signs that your child may be experiencing cyberbullying:

- Changes in behaviour – Becoming withdrawn, or upset after using their phone or computer.
- Avoiding social interactions – Reluctant to go to school.
- Secretive online behaviour – Are they hiding their screens or not talking about their online activities?

Approaching Digital Kindness

Here are some tips to teach your child digital kindness when they're online:

- Before posting or responding online, encourage your child to pause and think:
 - Would I say this in person?
 - Is what I am saying...?
 - True?
 - Helpful?
 - Kind?
- Show your child how to be respectful online by modelling positive behaviour in your own posts, comments, and messages.

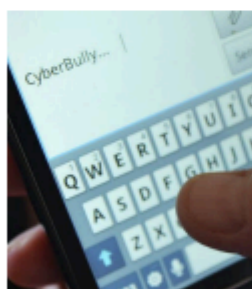
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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

PROTECTING PRIVATE AND PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

ISSUE 2

PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

In today's digital age, it is more important than ever that children are learning how to protect their personal information online. Remind children that before sharing their information, they should ask themselves the following:

- Do I know this person?
- Is the site secure? (Look for a  in the web browser)
- Am I sharing any private details? (Birthday, school, address)

By following this process, children build a routine that protects their personal information.



TOP ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN:

Help your child build smart online habits with these key tips:

- **Check privacy settings** – Only friends should see their posts.
- **Never share personal details** – No addresses, phone numbers, or school names.
- **Use strong passwords** – Mix letters, numbers, and symbols.
- **Only accept real friends** – Don't add strangers online.
- **Think before posting** – Photos and comments stay online forever.

APP SPOTLIGHT - INSTAGRAM



This week's app spotlight is **Instagram**. Instagram is popular for sharing pictures and videos, but as a parent, it's important to know what to monitor if your child is using it. Without guidance, children could be exposed to harmful content, strangers, or pressure to post things they don't fully understand.

- Instagram requires users to be at least 13.
- Make sure your child's account is set to private.
- Regularly check who is following them; they should only connect with people they know.
- Keep up with what they are posting.

Scan the QR code to learn more:



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

THINK BEFORE YOU POST: THE IMPACT OF SHARING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

ISSUE 3

SHARING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Today, being a 'content creator' through platforms such as YouTube, Twitch, TikTok and Instagram is what children aspire to do. Children of an increasingly young age are asking to make their first videos and upload them to sites.

It is important to remember that these sites have age restrictions in place for good reason. Without taking precautions, there's no way to control who can see your content. Most social media apps, like TikTok and Instagram, have privacy settings that allow for greater control on who can see the uploaded content.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB – YOUTUBE AND QUSTODIO

Qustodio is a tool that allows for parental controls over a child's internet use.

Qustodio works well with YouTube, allowing for control over:

- The type of content your child sees
- When they can browse
- Blocking your child from signing in with an adult account
- Much more!

Scan the QR code to learn more:



APP SPOTLIGHT - YOUTUBE

This week's app spotlight is YouTube. YouTube is the world's most popular video-sharing platform. With more children accessing it, it's important to understand how to keep them safe.

- Make sure your child has a child profile.
- Choose *YouTube Kids* over regular YouTube for children aged 13 to as young as 2.

Scan the QR code to learn more:

