

June 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

First of all I would like to welcome everybody back to school after what I hope was a wonderful half term. This half term is always the busiest as we have lots of activities happening in school and we prepare to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils

This week we will be taking part in a Cricket competition at Elworth Cricket club on Wednesday as well as Town Sports in the afternoon. It is fantastic to see the children enjoying their sports and representing our school so well.

We start our sports days with our year 5 and 6 children on Friday 13th June. The gates on the visitors car park will be open just after drop off and we aim to start the first event around 9am and finish around 12pm. Please come along to support the children. We will be serving teas/coffee and juice during the event for a small donation. Lets hope the weather is kind to us but if it is looking like we need to rearrange any of the sports days we will update you as soon as possible.

Our Year 5 children will be completing their walk up Moel Famau this Friday as part of the learning outside the classroom program and we have Year 4 at the Deva museum and Year 2 at Nantwich museum next week. Its lovely to see how much fun the children have on the trips.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that our Summer music concert will take place on Tuesday 1st July. We will have performances from each of our music groups at the event. Further details will be sent in a separate email

On Friday 11th July we will be hosting our year 6 prom. This is always a very special event where we say goodbye to the children and they can all have fun with their friends. Whilst most of the preparations are underway we are still looking for table balloons and a balloon arch/decorations for the entrance. If anybody is aware of any local business who may be able to assist at a reduced cost please contact the school office

I have had some very successful meetings with the Parent Council. If you would like to join please email the school office. I will be circulating a report at the end of the school year to summarise what has been discussed.





Finally I will be sending out a separate letter regarding the staffing for the next school year along with your child's class. We are hopeful that this information will be sent week commencing 16th June.

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt Headteacher

<u>Diary Dates</u>					
Wednesday	4th June	Cricket Competition			
Wednesday	4th June	Town Sports			
Thursday	5th June	EYFS and Year 6 Height and weight checks			
Friday	6th June	Year 5 Moel Famau Walk			
Monday	9th June	EYFS and Year 6 class photos			
Tuesday	10th June	Nantwich museum - Foxes			
Tuesday	10th June	Year 4 - Deva Museum			
Wednesday	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	
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Friday	27th June	Sports day - EYFS	
Tuesday	1st July	Summer Music concert 6-7:30pm	
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 4-7pm	
Tuesday	15th July	Year 1 - Crewe Green sunflowers trip	
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 2nd June will be the <u>Menu Week 1</u>. 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





Elworth CE Primary school 2024-25



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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		Wednesday 3 rd Sept	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September
Autumn Half Term 2025	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd Nov	
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th Dec	Tuesday 6 th Jan	Monday 5 th January
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13 th Feb	Monday 23 rd Feb	
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 Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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Events & Information















ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SAFE APP DOWNLOADS – CHECKING APP RATINGS **AND PERMISSIONS**

ISSUE 5

SAFF APP DOWNLOADS

There are countless apps readily available for download on all types of devices. Children often hear of apps through word of mouth, ads or watching a content creator promote

To make sure an app is safe to use, keep these things in mind:

- · Check ratings When your child wants to download an app, review the ratings carefully. Keep an eye out for inappropriate content, in-app purchases and targeted ads.
- Permissions Check what permissions an app is asking for. Look out for permissions involving camera access and personal data, disable any that you don't want accepted.





ONLINE SAFETY HUB – IN-APP PURCHASES

Through the Online Safety Hub, you can learn more about in- Scanthe QR app purchases. In-app purchases are a big concern for code to find out parents, as some apps encourage the spending of real more: money for in-game items or currency.

It is important to monitor and manage the apps your child is using to avoid being met with a nasty surprise on your next bank statement. Ensure you have turned off in-app purchases for the apps they use through their device settings.





APP SPOTLIGHT - ROBLOX

This week's app spotlight is Roblox. Roblox continues to be one of the most popular games played by children. It is an incredibly diverse platform with lots of activities for children. However, due to in-app purchases and the potential risks posed by strangers, its use should be carefully monitored.

- Make your own Roblox account. This gives you parental controls
- Ensure your child's birth date is correct, this allows for agerestrictions.
- Disable in-app purchases or set a spending limit through parental controls.









ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

AGE APPROPRIATE CONTENT - USING PARENTAL CONTROLS TO MANAGE CONTENT

ISSUE 6

AGE APPROPRIATE CONTENT

There are thousands of websites, apps, images and videos online. Through search engines, these are at our finger tips. However, managing what is appropriate for children can be difficult.

Without taking appropriate steps, search engines will display all kinds of content, including material that isn't appropriate for children.

It is important to make use of features such as safe-search and ensuring that children sign up for accounts with the correct age to manage the content they are seeing.





PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls help keep children safe online by managing their device use and filtering inappropriate content. They can restrict screen time, block harmful sites, disable features like in-app purchases, and monitor online activity. Controls exist at network, device, and app levels.

When using parental controls to manage the content they view, it is important to have a conversation with your child and explain why. As your child becomes more tech-savvy and get older, you can then reduce the level of control you have through the parental controls.

ACTIVITY AT HOME

Work with your child to create a Family Online Agreement.

This could be a poster, checklist, or contract where you both agree on:

- What types of websites or apps are okay
- Time limits for using devices
- Rules for downloading games or making purchases
- . Steps they can take if they see something upsetting online



