

Elworth CE Primary Newsletter
October 26

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

'Love God, Love Learning, Love one another' Matt 22 V 36-39

A WELCOME MESSAGE BY MR. GARRATT

First of all I would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new Elworth families and I hope the children have had a fantastic start to the new Autumn term. As you will know this is a very busy term as we look forward to the start of the Christmas calendar

We have a lot that the staff team are working on behind the scenes at Elworth including our new website and many more school improvements. Our Year 3 children are currently enjoying their brand new renovated classrooms which were completed over the Summer holidays.

Our sporting calendar has already begun with fantastic results for our Football and Netball teams. It's wonderful to see the children representing the school in such a fantastic manner.

All upcoming events have been added to the important dates below and these will also appear on our calendar on the website.

Can I please remind all parents that we are a nut aware school and we ask that you do not send your children with any nuts or foods that contain nuts. Also can we ask parents to ensure the children are not playing around staff cars during pick up and drop off.

I hope we all have a wonderful Autumn term

OFFICE REMINDERS

UPCOMING TRIPS

- Year 1 & 2 New Vic Theatre - 25th November
- Year 3 & 4 New Vic Theatre - 26th November
- EYFS Lowry Theatre - 4th December

- Please bring a water bottle to school each day.
- All school clothing to be clearly named
- Meal and Early Birds & Night Owls accounts to be kept up to date at all times

Regards ,
The office

KEY DIARY DATES

<i>Diary Dates</i>		
Monday	19th October	Whole School Individual Photographs (Not siblings)
Monday	19th October	Netball league
Thursday	22nd October	Football League
Thursday	22nd October	Chocolate Bingo Dress down day
Friday	23rd October	New Reception intake Open day
Friday	23rd October	School closes for half term
Monday	2nd November	School opens for Children
Tuesday	3rd November	Sibling Photographs & missed individual photos
Wednesday	4th November	PTA Chocolate bingo
Friday	13th November	Prayer Space day
Monday	16th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday	20th November	New Reception intake Open day
Monday	23rd November	Whole school Flu vaccine
Wednesday	25th November	Year 1 & 2 New vic trip

Thursday	26th November	Year 3 & 4 New Vic trip
Friday	27th November	KS1 & KS2 Science Fair
Monday	30th November	EYFS Nativity 2-3pm
Tuesday	1st December	EYFS Nativity 2-3pm
Wednesday	2nd December	PTA Disco - EYFS 5-6pm , Year 3 & 4 6:15-7:15pm
Thursday	3rd December	PTA Disco - Year 1 & 2 5-6pm , Year 5 & 6 6:15-7:15pm
Thursday	3rd December	Big Sing Rehearsal - Year 4 and Choir
Friday	4th December	EYFS Trip - Lowry
Sunday	6th December	Big Sing - Audacious Church
Wednesday	9th December	KS1 Nativity 2-3pm
Wednesday	9th December	KS2 Christmas lunch
Thursday	10th December	KS1 Nativity 2-3pm
Friday	11th December	Christmas Fair 4:30-6pm
Tuesday	15th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas concert 5-6:30pm
Tuesday	15th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas concert 7-8:30pm
Wednesday	16th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas lunch
Thursday	17th December	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Friday	18th December	St Lukes Elf Run
Friday	18th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday	4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday	5th January	School opens for children



WORSHIP UPDATES

We have made a great start to what is proving to be a very busy term. Our Christian value for the Autumn is 'Generosity' and our Worship this term is based around the awesome generosity of God seen through His amazing Creation and the gift of His Son.

The outworking of this term's Christian Value is that we are currently working hard to bring into school an item of food for our Harvest offering to the Sandbach food bank and Pantry. Can I extend our thanks to you for supporting the children with this. Mr. Parsons who helps organise and lead the Pantry is coming into school to share with us what happens across Sandbach to help families in need of support with their food shopping each week. In a couple of weeks' time the Praise and Worship team will be visiting the Pantry to learn more about what goes on there.

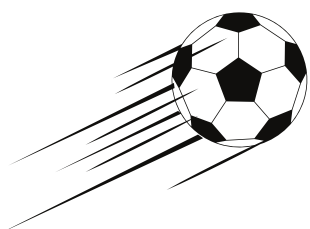
We also plan to once again support the work of Operation Christmas Child through the shoebox appeal. As in previous years, we plan to raise money through our dress down day on Friday, 16th October to buy items to pack as many shoeboxes as possible for this appeal. The shoeboxes will then be presented at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, 15th November by our prefect team on what has become known as 'Shoebox Sunday.' All Elworth CE families are cordially invited to attend the 10:30am service in the church hall. The boxes will then begin their journey to a part of the world where children rarely or never receive gifts. Hopefully by generous giving, we will enrich the lives of children and families we will never meet by this small act. Finally, the children are working hard in school to complete their Generosity Awards. Certificates and badges will once again be awarded before the end of the Autumn term. The children always wear their badges with real pride and many are now working towards their gold award for this Christian value.

Cathryn – School Chaplain

SPORTS NEWS

We have had a strong start to the year with our Football and Netball teams both taking part in competitions over the last few weeks. One of our netball teams won the tournament with an unbeaten run and the other team performed brilliantly improving each week. Our football teams are both performing well and are looking forward to this weeks games

We have 12 Sports captains who will be supporting Mr Darby and the PE team across the school with physical and wellbeing activities. Our sports captains are Oliver P, Lola A, Oscar P, George R, Lily M, Lola M, Simona G, Grace W, Nola D, Theo J, Seth C, Sonny W, Seb F and Seth P



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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

MANAGING DIGITAL FRIENDSHIPS – ONLINE VS REAL-WORLD FRIENDSHIPS

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ONLINE VS REAL-WORLD FRIENDSHIPS

Online games and apps make it easy for children to form friendships, especially when they share interests or enjoy playing together. For children, this can feel exciting and fun - but it's important to remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are. Unlike real-world friends, we can't truly know the person behind the screen.

Encourage your child to play and chat only with people they know in real life, and let them know that they should always come to you if someone online makes them feel unsure, upset, or uncomfortable. Keeping communication open helps children enjoy the benefits of online play while staying safe.



IMPERSONATION

One of the biggest dangers children face online is the threat of **impersonation**. When online friendships are formed that exclusively remain online, it becomes difficult to determine whether the person they're speaking to is genuine.

Children should be taught to watch out for signs that someone online may not be who they say they are – such as asking for personal information or giving incorrect details. As a parent, it's also a good idea to check in if your child starts talking about a 'new friend' they've met online.

Scan the QR code to find out more:



APP SPOTLIGHT - STEAM

This week's app spotlight is **Steam**.

Steam is a popular online platform where users can

buy, download, and play games. While many games on Steam are aimed at older players, there are also child-friendly options available. Parents should be aware that Steam also includes social features, allowing users to add friends and chat.

- Steam requires users to be at least 13 years old to create an account.
- Not all games on Steam are suitable for children. Check the age rating and read reviews before allowing your child to download or play any game.

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PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION

UPDATED JANUARY 2026

Penalty Notices may be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.

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 absence in a 10-week period.

However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.

Per Parent/Per Child

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

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer 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)

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/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 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 Local Authority may place the matter before the court. The Magistrates may impose a fine up to £2500.

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.

Escalation of Offences Committed under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996

Penalty Notice Amounts (First, Second & Third Offence)

First Offence

For the first Penalty Notice issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance:

- **£160 per parent/carers**, per child if paid within 28 days
- Reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days
(Unpaid notices may result in prosecution)

Second Offence (Within 3 Years of the First)

Where a second Penalty Notice is issued for the same pupil within 3 years:

- **£160 if paid within 28 days**
(Unpaid notices may result in prosecution)

Third Offence (Within 3 Years of the First)

A third offence will **not** result in another Penalty Notice. Instead:

- The Local Authority **may escalate the case directly to court through the Single Justice Procedure (SJP)**
- Magistrates may impose fines of **up to £1000**.
- More than three offences may escalate to Section 444 (1A) prosecution (aggravated offence), where a guilty outcome can lead to fines of up to **£2,500**.

YULETIDE

A GLITTERING WINTER ADVENTURE

A WONDROUS WINTER
FESTIVAL OF FOLKLORE,
MUSIC AND FESTIVE
MISCHIEF AT TATTON PARK
GARDENS

14TH NOV - 23RD DEC

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Chocolate Bingo AGM

Join us for a night of fun and games at
our Chocolate Bingo AGM!

4th November

6:30–8 pm



Tickets Available via PTA Events

PTA Christmas Disco

Wednesday 2nd of December -
EYFS

5 PM-6 PM

Y3 & Y4

6:15 PM-7:15 PM

Thursday 3rd of December
Y1 & Y2

5 PM- 6 PM

Y5 & Y6

6:15 PM-7:15 PM





CHRISTMAS FAIR

Jingle, mingle, and celebrate!

🎅 Santa's Grotto

🎯 Festive Games & Prizes

🎵 Festive Music & Christmas Cheer

🌟 🍷 Tasty Food, Drinks & Festive Treats 🌟

4:30 - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER