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we pray; we learn; we serve

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Dear parents/Carers

Elmer Day is celebrated on Saturday 23rd May 2026. As it is not a school day, we are celebrating Elmer Day on Friday 22nd May 2026 for all the children in Barlow and Beesley Class. For this day we are asking children to come to school dressed in their brightest colours. Throughout the day the children will take part in a range of activities including storytelling, crafts and games as part of the Elmer Day celebrations during the National Year of Reading.

About Elmer Day:

Started in 2016, Elmer Day is a national celebration of the popular children's character, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. On Saturday 23rd May, and in the weeks surrounding, hundreds of events will be taking place in bookshops, schools, libraries, shops and homes across the country.

About Elmer:

Elmer remains one of the most iconic and widely read children's book series of all time, selling over 10 million copies worldwide since it was first published by Andersen Press in 1989. Written and illustrated by celebrated children's author and artist David McKee, the Elmer books have been translated into more than 60 languages and now new books, toys and clothing add to the world of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. A beloved classic and firm family favourite, David McKee's iconic and brightly coloured patchwork elephant is the ambassador for friendship and celebrating everyone's own true colours.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burgess



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BE SAFE:
 Share my worries and concerns with an adult.
 Stay safe online by following the school guidelines.
 Stay safe inside school, in the school grounds and in our school community.
 Walk quietly inside the building and when moving around school.
 Use equipment in the way it is meant to be used.
 Use all areas of school safely and appropriately.

BE A LEARNER:
 Show active listening when the teacher is teaching.
 Try my best to be resilient and never give up.
 Be an independent learner by using the 3 Learning St: back-track, lift & bubble, buddy.
 Follow instructions first time.
 Challenge myself in all I do.

BE RESPECTFUL:
 Use kind words, feet and hands.
 Listen carefully to others.
 Show respect to everyone.
 Think before I speak out.
 Be considerate of others and how they may feel.
 Respect my environment and school property.

