



Goodbye and Welcome!

Firstly, I would like to take this time to thank Mrs Wildey for the many years of high quality teaching support she has given to our school. It is always sad when people move on from our school, but even more so when they are as kind, dedicated and skilled as Mrs Wildey. We wish her all the best in her next journey.

In relation to this, the school is excited to announce the recruitment of two new members of staff. Catherine Foster will be joining the school in September, stepping in to the TA position left by Mrs Wildey's departure. Miss Foster brings experience to the role, having worked in other local schools across all year groups. Welcome Miss Foster.

Miss Emily Jay will be joining the team in November, as cover for Miss Laslett's maternity leave. Miss Jay was impressive throughout the recruitment process and was popular with staff and children alike. Miss Jay has recently graduated from CCCU and will begin her ECT journey with us.

Finally, a warm invite to all parents and carers. The new School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be being shared with parents and carers at Monday's forum. This is a good opportunity to hear about the priorities for the school over the next academic year and understand how and why we are targeting those areas. It would be great to welcome many of you.

Mrs Wildey

Today, we say a sad farewell to a member of staff who has been at Elham Primary School since 2019. She has been an integral part of our school community and has made a significant contribution to the lives of our children during her time with us.

Mrs Wildey has shown unwavering dedication, kindness and commitment in her role, building strong relationships with pupils, families and colleagues alike. Her positive influence and caring nature will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community.

We would like to thank Mrs Wildey for all she has done for Elham Primary School and wish her every success and happiness in the future. We know that she will be a tremendous asset in her new role.

The Shackleton Cup

Some of you with older children who attended Elham Primary School may remember a very popular visitor, Henry Shackleton. Each year, around Remembrance time, he would visit the school to share his experiences of the Second World War. A former pupil of Harvey Grammar School who went on to become a Lancaster pilot during the war, Henry was a much-loved figure whose visits left a lasting impression on many of our children.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome his daughter, Jane, who has generously donated a trophy to the school: The Shackleton Cup. The trophy has been given in memory of her father and will be awarded annually to a child who demonstrates comradeship, kindness, consideration for others, and a willingness to give their time to help those around them. The recipient will be selected by staff from across the school.

The inaugural Shackleton Cup will be presented at our Leavers' Service, which will take place at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 21st July, at St Mary's Church.

District Sports

This week, some of our pupils enjoyed the exciting District Sports at 3 Hills. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to experience competing on a running track against pupils from around twenty schools in the area. This year, we came 3rd in the smalls school category, with Flynn winning the boys' javelin, Jacob winning the boys' long jump and our Yr 5/6 girls winning the relay. Ella came second in the girls' javelin, Eloise T came second in the girls' sprint and our Yr 3/4 team came third in the relay. An outstanding performance from everyone involved.

Congratulations to: Flynn S, Hugo, Eloise T, Harley, Kaladin, Selby, Eloise R, Zoe, Polina, Billy, Leo, Paighton, Audrey, Ella, Rose and Jacob for representing the school so brilliantly.

Special mention to Teddie T and Lois who were both selected to compete but very sadly were struck down with injuries and were unable to take part.



After School Club

Come along to our Parent Forum on Monday, 6th July at 3.15pm in Potter Class to meet Jane and Alan from New House Nursery who are taking over the running of our after school club in September. Learn more about the provision they will offer and ask any questions you may have regarding activities, cost, staffing and booking arrangements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events can be found on the school website in the Calendar tab under Key Information

6th July, 3.15-4.15pm – Parent Forum (including the SIP and meeting New House Nursery)
8th July, 3.15-4pm — Optional Parent/Teacher Meetings — End of Year Reports
9th July, 9am-12pm —Sports Day (parents invited—no hot lunches served)
10th July — whole school trip to Howletts Wildlife Park
15th July—Farah & Potter Classes — Canterbury Mosque
16th July, 2.50pm—**Celebration Assembly—PARENTS INVITED**
20th July, 9.30am—Rock's Cool Concert (parents of those children taking part are invited to attend)
20th July, 1.30pm and 5.30pm—2 performances of the KS2 Production
21st July, 2pm—Yr 6 Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church
21st July—End of Term 6
1st September—Term 1 begins
7th September—Guitar lessons begin (Make Time for Music)
8th September—Piano lessons begin (Make Time for Music)
10th September—Kent Test
10th September—PE Lessons start (KS2 Handball, KS1 Ball skills)
17th September, 2.45pm—EYFS Parent Reading Workshop with Mrs Grady
12th—15th October—Scholastic Book Fair
16th October—Sarah Prescott Photography—individual and sibling photos
16th October—End of Term 1
2nd November—Term 2 starts

Piano & Violin Concert

Congratulations to all the children who performed in this week's Piano and Violin Concert. We were delighted to hear such wonderful performances, and are incredibly proud of everyone who had the confidence and courage to perform in front of the whole school and their families. Well done to all our talented musicians!

Celebration Assembly

Parents are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly on **Thursday, 16th July at 2.50pm.** We will also have the draw for the Attendance Hamper!

Summer Fiesta

As you know, due to the extreme heat, it was decided that we should postpone our Summer Fiesta. However, it's all happening on Friday, 17th July, 3.15-5.30pm!
Please come along and support this fundraiser, bring friends and family too!

Summer Reading Challenge

We were joined by members of Lyminge Library this week to talk to children about their initiative, The Summer Reading Challenge, "Read to the Beat" which runs from 4th July until 5th September. It's completely free and is aimed at children from 4 to 11. The challenge encourages children to read six library books over the summer to earn rewards.

It's a great opportunity to keep children reading over the summer and if you'd like to learn more about it, please use the link below:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

KATE HORTON'S SPORTS CAMP

Week 1 - 20th - 24th July
Week 2 - 27th - 31st July

Stowting Primary School

9am-3pm (8.30 early drop off available)

£30 per day

Reserve a place : Email Kate Horton
simplydevine9@hotmail.co.uk

FAMILY GROOVE

FAMILY DANCE DISCO FUNDRAISER
On Behalf of
LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH ROOF FUND

Lets go!

FAMILY DANCE DISCO FUNDRAISER
MONDAY 6th JULY | 15:30-16:30

Tayne Centre

Join us for a one-off dance disco class for the whole family to enjoy while helping raise funds for the Tayne Centre Roof Fund. All welcome!

A fun and inclusive follow-along class with:
Disco lights
Props
Music, fun and laughter

Just £8.00 per family
Every penny collected goes directly to the fund.
Come along, dance together, and support the Tayne Centre!

send a quick email to
acac.class@outlook.com
to confirm your attendance

Be safe this summer

Travelling abroad? Stay safe around animals to protect your family from rabies.

What is rabies?

Rabies is a virus that affects mammals, including dogs and people. It is deadly but preventable.

How rabies spreads

Rabies is spread in the saliva of infected animals through:

bites scratches licks

How to stay safe

Don't touch or approach unknown dogs or cats
Check the rabies risk at your destination and consider pre-travel vaccination
Never disturb dogs when they are eating, sleeping or with their puppies to reduce the risk of bites
Avoid dog bites, scratches and licks

If a dog bites you:

- Wash**
Wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes
- Apply**
Apply antiseptic, if available
- Go**
Go to the hospital

Did you know?

Around 59,000 people die from rabies every year worldwide. Children are most at risk.

99% of human rabies cases are linked to contact with infected dogs

While rabies is rare in the UK, it remains a serious risk in many popular holiday destinations. Mission Rabies works around the world to end rabies through dog vaccination and education.

For more details scan QR code or go to wvs.org.uk/rabies-travel-advice/

ELHAM VALLEY OPEN DOOR PRAYER HUB

For information about our local churches and the services they are offering, please visit their website:

<https://elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk/>

Elham PTA presents

Cool Box Fridays

A selection of frozen treats for sale every Friday in the school playground from 3.15pm



Denton & Wootton CHURCH FETE

Come and join us for a great day out!

MEGA RAFFLE

FUN DOG SHOW
BRIC-A-BRAC

BEER TENT

BBQ

TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

LIVE MUSIC

TOMBOLA

GAMES - COCONUT SHY

& SO MUCH MORE

PLANT SALE

SAT 4TH JULY 2026

Earlier start time - 11am-4pm

DENTON VILLAGE HALL

Skirmish At The Museum

11th - 12th
July 2026

...breathing new life into history

10am to 4pm



SKIRMISHES
THROUGHOUT THE DAY!



INTERACTION
ENCOURAGED!



ALL ERAS
WELCOME!



OPTIONAL PRE-
BOOKING AVAILABLE



VEHICLE RIDES
AND AIRCRAFT

Bar available
All proceeds to the museum
and local Veteran's
Association

Some re-enactors may fire
blank guns
and cannons, which can be
loud!

Normal museum entry prices apply.

If you have any questions,
please contact us at:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk



What3Words: remarried.mornings.pave

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

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Elham Gardening Society Children's Classes

Summer Show, Saturday 25th July 2026 in the Village Hall.

The Hall is open from 8 am and entries must be in place by 9.45 am on show day.
The entries are free for children and must be their own work with the minimum of supervision. Please sign to verify this by a parent or guardian on the entry form and mark your name on your entry.

To be judged in school year age groups.

A. BAKE: three decorated buns. Use a sponge mixture and decorate each bun as you like.

B. MAKE: a container for your toy or gadget. It could be a bed for your doll or teddybear, or a case for your gaming machine or laptop? Using materials such as fabric, cardboard, felt or wool. Decorate or label this special item as yours.

C. GROW: a potato in a builder's bucket. Ages up to 12 years. A potato will be provided by the Garden Society. Please cut off tops when you bring your bucket to the hall before 9.30 am on 25th July. Judging at 2.30 pm.

D. CREATE: for the Anna Clayton Trophy. Ages up to 12 years. Make a picture of an animal that you like with four or more legs. It could be your own pet, copied from a photograph, or taken from a picture in a book or magazine. It should be no bigger than A4 in size (210 x 297 mm).

The Palmer Challenge Cup: Awarded to the best exhibit in classes A-B.

The Thomas Trophy: Awarded to the child with most points in classes A-B

Please complete the entry form below and place in the box provided by the Garden Society at Elham Village Shop before 5 pm on Wednesday 22nd July. Keep a note of the classes entered. For each class entered please circle the relevant box below.

Any queries contact Pam Tebbs 01303 840 693 or Doug Martin 01303 840 276.

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A	B	C	D
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Child's Name.....

Please state whether Pre-school or School year group.....

Address.....

Tel:

I have read and accept the Show rules and I confirm that the entry/entries are the work of the above child with the minimum of supervision.

..... (signed parent/guardian)