

# Elham Church of England Primary

From Acorns to Oaks Learning and Growing Together

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## Newsletter

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### **Christmas has arrived at Elham!**

It has been lovely to walk around the school and see Christmas decorations going up and hear KS1 practising their songs for the nativity performance. They are working so hard to perfect their parts and their singing is amazing!

Everyone is getting very excited for the pantomime trip next week and we have lots of lovely activities planned for the children as we head towards the end of term including Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, our carol service and lots of Christmas art and craft in class. Christmas is always a very special and magical time at school and we hope the children will enjoy all we have planned for them!

Claire Short

### **REWARDS ON BOOKS!**

Scholastic Books offer a reward scheme for anyone buying books (e.g. if you spend £40 on books, you'll automatically receive £8 in book rewards).

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk>

### **CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

Acorns	98%
<b>Hazel</b> 🏆	<b>98.19%</b>
Willow	97.16%
Silver Birch	96.22%
Beech	98.09%
Oak	92.36%

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair today. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the event.

Thank you to the PTA for organising such a successful festive fundraiser; in particular Mrs Gendek and Mrs Basford.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY**

Christmas lunch orders must be placed by Friday, 6th December.

This lunch will be served on Wednesday, 18th December and the children may wear a Christmas jumper with their PE kits.

### **ARREARS**

We have £124.59 owed for school lunches. Please may we ask that parents ensure their child's School Money account is in credit, as the school cannot sustain this debt.

Parents and carers are able to apply for free school meals using the following link:  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Flynn in Beech,  
William in Hazel,  
Aleksandra in Hazel,  
Eloise R in Beech,  
Freddie in Beech,  
Zach in Acorns and  
Ruby in Oak.

### **STARLIGHT EXPRESS**

We have tickets available for the theatre production of Starlight Express on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, at 7.30 pm, at **The Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre**. Tickets are £25 each.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

- Wed, 4th Dec: Marlowe Panto Trip (whole school)
- Fri, 6th Dec, 2.45pm: Celebration Assembly—parents invited
- Tues, 10th Dec, 1pm: NCMP (Acorns & Oaks)
- Wed, 11th Dec, 12.30pm: Flu immunisation
- Sun, 15th Dec, 11am—2pm: Elham Christmas Food & Craft Market
- Mon, 16th Dec, 2pm: KS1 Nativity
- Tues, 17th Dec, 2pm: KS1 Nativity
- Tues, 17th Dec, 3.30pm: Church Explorers in St Mary's Church
- Wed, 18th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day (Yr 1-6 wear a festive top with PE kit, Acorns with their school uniform)
- Wed, 18th Dec: Christmas lunch (must be pre-ordered)
- Thurs, 19th Dec, 2pm: Carol Service in St Mary's Church—parents invited
- Fri, 20th Dec: Term 1 ends
- Mon, 6th Jan: Term 2 starts
- Wed, 8th Jan: Yrs 1-6 PE lessons (Gymnastics)
- Thurs, 9th Jan, 7.30pm: Starlight Express (pls contact the office if you'd like tickets)
- Wed, 15th Jan, 3.15pm: Class Drop-Ins
- Tues, 4th Feb: KIC Theatre (paid for with PTA funds)
- Thurs, 6th Feb, 9.30-11.30am: Reception Fun Day @ 3 Hills

### **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/>