



Term 2

Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed a restful and regenerative half-term break. This upcoming half-term is the longest of the academic year, and is full of exciting dates and events. These include Year 6 Cathedral Day, our PTA Christmas Fair, the KS1 and EYFS Nativity Performance and much, much more.

One such example of a key event is our Year 5 and 6 trip to the village war memorial. This is taking place on November 7th at 10:30am. If you would like to join your child for the walk down to the memorial, and the planting of their crosses of remembrance, you are very welcome. Please make the office aware so that we know to expect you.

We were delighted to see so many of you at our Parent and Carer's Consultations this week. If there is a need for any follow-up conversations then please get in touch. Community is at the centre of our school values and we are here to support all of you as best we can.

A final note that we will be drawing our Attendance and Punctuality Parent Raffle this half-term. Any child who has attendance of 96% or above will be entered into the draw, for a chance to win a hamper from the Fifth Trust. Be in it to win it!

Rock's Cool

We are now hosting Phil Melville from **Rock's Cool** every Friday. Phil supports the children with forming bands and prepares them for performances every half-term.

Instruments available include guitar, drums and vocals. There are places remaining so if you are interested, please let us know.

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/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Key Information.

- 1st November—Open Day at 10:00
- 5th November —Venture Sports PE lessons (Term 2 Hockey—shin pads and mouthguards are recommended by Venture Sports)
- 5th November—Armistice Day Collective Worship
- 6th November—Yr 6 Cathedral Day
- 7th November—Peake Class @ War Memorial, Elham
- 13th November—Peake Class Basketball League @ 3 Hills
- 13th November—Yr 1 & Yr 2 Tennis lesson
- 21st November—Peake Class @ Hawthorne Trenches, Elham
- 27th November—Speech & Language Coffee Morning at 9am
- 27th November—Yr 1 & Yr 2—Multiskills Festival @ 3 Hills at 9.30am—11.30am
- 27th November—National Child Measurement Programme—EYFS & Yr 6 pupils
- 10th December—Panto Day

NO VENTURE SPORTS PE LESSONS OR CLUBS

KIC Theatre

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the very popular Ian who runs KIC Theatre. Workshop topics ranged from WWII, Victorian summer holidays, Kenya and The Tin Forest.

These workshops are paid for with PTA funds.

Nativity

Preparations are well underway for this year's Nativity performance, and Mrs Grady is in need of a large piece of cardboard! If you've recently taken delivery of any furniture and have sturdy packaging that could be reused, please get in touch. Performance dates can be found on the calendar on our website.



Harvest Festival Donations

The Rainbow Centre has shared some wonderful news — this year's Harvest donations have exceeded last year's total! An incredible **5,896 kg** of goods were donated. The team at the Rainbow Centre are extremely grateful for everyone's support and generosity. Thank you to all who contributed to making such a positive impact in our community!

If you need help with meals or food, please get in contact with us and we will be able to offer support.

Christmas Fair

The PTA is busy making preparations for our annual Christmas Fair, which will take place on **Friday, 5th December** in the school hall. In connection with this event, there will be a **Tag Day (non-uniform day)** on **Friday, 21st November**. On this day, the PTA would be very grateful for donations towards the Christmas hampers that will be raffled at the Fair.

This year, the hampers will reflect the different class identities, and we are inviting contributions as follows:

Farah Class – items linked to **sport and hobbies**

Potter Class – items linked to **literature, art, reading, or writing**

Nightingale Class – items linked to **caring for others or self-care** (e.g. toiletries)

Peake Class – items linked to **science or maths**

The PTA will create a range of hampers, each containing a mix of contributions from every class.

If you are able to help with setting up the hall or with preparations before the event, please contact the PTA at ElhamprimaryPTA@hotmail.com. Any support you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Card Competition

Last chance to enter the Christmas Card competition—all entries must be handed into the office by Monday, 3rd November

Our local MP, Sojan Joseph, is running a Christmas card competition and is inviting local children to design a festive card that he will use to send his Christmas wishes this year!



What to Do:

Design and create a Christmas card with your most festive and creative ideas!



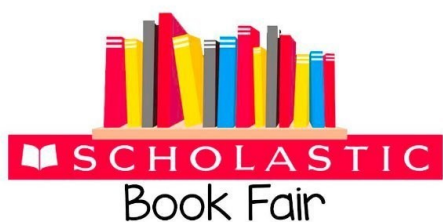
Deadline:

All entries must be handed in to the **school office by Monday, 3rd November**.



Selection Process:

Mr Magliocco will carefully select 10 entries to be submitted to Mr Joseph's office for the final round.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books and stationery from last term's Book Fair. This year, £814.57 was spent giving the school £407.29 to spend on Scholastic books for the library and classes!

Thank you also to the parents who helped run the Fair: Mrs Kemsley, Ms Chanet, Ms Judge, Mrs Lamyman, Mrs Robbins, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Richardson

Elham School Lottery

The PTA currently runs a school lottery. Tickets cost just £1 and all profits go to the school. There is a local cash prize every week and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit: yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Elham. Be Gamble Aware, 18+ to play. If you need support with gambling addiction please contact us for signposting of support and services.



POLICE CRIME COMMISSION

We have been asked to share the Police Crime Commission's Annual Policing Survey 2025. Please use the link below if you would like to take part:

<https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/get-in-touch/consultations/>

Thank You!

On behalf of the children and staff in Farah class, thank you for the donations of toys and paper. They are greatly appreciated!



PTA Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's cake sale at the end of last term. They raised £200 which will go towards Forest School expenditure.

