



### Attendance and Punctuality Thank You

Thank you to all of our children, carers and families. This school year has started incredibly positively with both punctuality and attendance figures looking healthy. Schools across the country have seen numbers drop since Covid, but we seem to be bucking the trend.

This is down to your commitment to your child's education and we are incredibly grateful. The more your child is in school, the more we are able to support their learning.

To further motivate, and to celebrate, those families who are always at school and on time, any child who has attendance of 96% or higher, on the week beginning December 15, will qualify their parents and/or carers for entry into a prize draw. The winner will receive a hamper of goodies paid for by leadership at the school, with products supplied by The Fifth Trust. Good luck and thank you again.

### PTA Cake Sale

Please be aware, the PTA are running a cake sale after-school on Friday October 17th, the final day of the Autumn 1 term. This will be held in our school hall and all are welcome. The money which is spent on purchasing cakes goes directly back into the PTA budget, which is then used to support the school and your child.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events can be found on the school

website in the Calendar tab under

Key Information.

13th October –16th October—15:15 Scholastic Book Fair

14th October—KIC Theatre in school (PTA funded)

17th October—15:15 PTA Cake Sale to raise funds for Forest School

**17th October—Last day of Term 1**

**20th October-24th October—Half Term (school closed)**

**27th October—First day of Term 2**

29th October and 30th October —Parent and Carer Teacher Meetings

1st November—Open Day at 10:00

5th November —Venture Sports PE lessons (Term 2 Hockey)

5th November—Armistice Day Collective Worship

6th November—Yr 6 Cathedral Day

7th November—Yr 6 @ War Memorial, Elham

### 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/>

### Facebook Page

We are sorry to share that, due to a mix-up with our in-house firewall and cyber-safety, we cannot currently update our school Facebook page. The team are working on it and we apologise for the inconvenience.

### Communication

Our website is full of useful information about day-to-day life at Elham Primary School.

If you want to know what's for lunch, head to the **Parent** tab and look under **Whole School Meals and Packed Lunches** — there you'll find this term's menu.

Need the school calendar on your phone or tablet? You can easily download it by going to the **Key Information** tab, viewing the calendar, and clicking the '**Subscribe to this calendar**' link.

You can also access **School Money** through their app (a link has been sent to parents who don't currently use it). This allows you to pay for lunches and trips, and keep your child's account topped up.

We're also considering using the School Money app to replace general email communications, so please keep an eye out for updates.

## PE in Term 2

Venture Sports will teach hockey during Term 2 starting on **Wednesday, 5th November**. The risk assessment for hockey, along with other sports taught by Venture Sports, is available on the school website under Key Information. Due to the use of hard balls (all year groups) and wooden hockey sticks (Key Stage 2 only), Venture Sports recommends that students wear mouthguards and/or shin pads for safety during hockey lessons.

They are taking bookings for their Half Term Club, and have their usual Gymnastics and Multisports Clubs after school on Wednesdays (both clubs are open to all year groups). Please visit their website for further information and to make a booking.  
(<https://venturecamps.co.uk/>)

## Thank you



Last week, we came together to celebrate Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, let by Rev Carol. It was lovely to see so many families join us for this special occasion, and thank you to the children and staff for their contributions.

Also, thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Rainbow Centre's 40th Anniversary Harvest challenge. Our donations were collected last week and the volunteers will arrange for them to be distributed to those individuals and families they support in our community. The tally as of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October was **1,459kg**. To

match 2024 Harvest, they need a **further 3,870kg**. If you're able to support them in this challenge, please contact the centre <http://www.rainbow-centre.org/>

## Christmas Card Competition

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.

## New Menu

Please be aware that next half-term the school lunch menu will be changing. Mrs Lewis will be sending an email which details the changes, you will also be able to find this information on the school website, as explained on the previous page. There is also a link to the menu here:

<https://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Menu-October-25-March-26.pdf>

For any further questions, please contact the school office.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Vegetable Pasta Bake 1 Garden Salad 1,4 Mixed Vegetables	Beef Tacos 1,2 Veggie Burrito 1 Vegetable Rice Carrots & Green Beans	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy 1 Vegetable & Chickpea Tart 1 Pasta 1 Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Fish Meebles 1 Mashed Potatoes 1 Pasta 1 Skin on Fries or Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers 1,2 "Cheese Fries 1,2 Skin on Fries or Potatoes & Sweetcorn
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	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Carrot Cake 1,3 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Shortbread 1 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Lemon Cakes 1,3 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Cookies Choice 1,3
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mixed Bean Wrap 1 Pasta 1 Pasta & Sweetcorn	Chicken Tacos 1,2 Sweet Potato & Spinach Fridge Savoury Rice Broccoli & Mashed Pot.	Roast Pork Veggie Meebles 1,4 Pasta 1 Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Pasta 1 Carrots & Sweetcorn	Fish Bits 1,2 Veggie Fries 1,2 Skin on Fries or Potatoes & Sweetcorn
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	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote 2 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Chocolate Cake 1,3 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Stewberry Biscuits 1,3 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Chewy Buns 1,3,12 Fruit jelly or fresh fruit	Cookies Choice 1,3
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Tomato Pasta 1 Garden Salad 1,4 Mixed Vegetables	Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake 1,2 "Veggie Tacos 1 Pasta 1 Carrots & Peas	Sausages & Gravy 1,3 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 Mashed Potatoes Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Curried Chicken Chunks 1,2 Vegetable Frittata 1,3 "Banana Rice Cauliflower & Peas	Fish Fingers 1,2 "Cheese Fries 1,2 Skin on Fries or Potatoes & Sweetcorn
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### Folkestone Junior Chess Club

Folkestone Junior Chess Club is the only dedicated junior chess club in the area. The benefits of chess are well known and the club is open to beginners through to more experienced players. Please take a look at their website

<https://folkestonejnrchess.wixsite.com/juniors>

or email Matthew Cussens for further information  
[folkestonejuniorchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:folkestonejuniorchessclub@gmail.com)

### Rock's Cool

We are excited to be joined by Phil from Rock's Cool next week. Rock's Cool offers lessons in electric guitar, drums and keyboards, or singing. At the end of term, there will be a chance for the children to come together to perform in a concert. If you'd like to find out a bit more about the company, please visit their website

<https://www.rocks-cool.co.uk/>

### Book Fair

Come and support our annual Scholastic Book Fair after school next week, Monday—Thursday in the hall and in Russo Room on Wednesday.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to the  
**BOOK FAIR**  
and earn FREE BOOKS  
for our school!

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### E-Scooters

We have been asked to disseminate the following communication from the Kent Police and Fire and Rescue teams:

*E-Scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It is not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as pavements.*

*We understand many parents/carers may wish to purchase an e-scooter or perhaps already have. The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act.*

*You risk a £300 fine, six penalty points endorsed on your driving licence and the E-Scooter being seized. If you do not currently hold a driving licence at the time of the offence, you may be prosecuted and may have to go to court, whereby the fine can increase and your ability to obtain a driving licence in the future may be affected. If you purchase an E-Scooter, it can only be used on private land with the landowner's consent.*

*Kent Fire and Rescue Service always advises people to use, charge and store lithium-ion batteries safely and responsibly to help reduce the risk of a fire.*

*Lithium-ion batteries, or li-ion batteries (sometimes called LIBs) are found in many household items, including mobile phones, laptops, e-bikes, e-scooters, vaping devices, and vacuums.*

*If used or stored incorrectly, there is a risk these batteries could ignite or start a fire.*