



On behalf of all the staff and Governors, we'd like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope you all have a lovely break.

Your child will have brought a tube of smarties home today. This is a fundraising initiative organised by the PTA, please see the details below.



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/>

Squash Lessons

Nightingale and Peake classes have taken part in weekly squash lessons this term and, for a sport that most of them were unfamiliar with, they have made excellent progress. The coach praised their enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour throughout. Well done, KS2!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Key Information

- 20th April—Term 5 starts
 - 22nd April—Forest School starts
 - 23rd April—PE lessons—Athletics
 - 23rd April—Visit from Ambleuse
 - 23rd April—School Health Team (Yr R Vision & Hearing screening)
 - 24th April—PTA St George's Day Fair
 - 25th April—TCS Mini Marathon, London
 - 27th April—Cricket coaching for all children with coach from EVCC
- PE Kits please!**

- 28th April, 2.45pm—Yr 1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting
- 29th April, 3.30-6pm—Parent Teacher Meetings—all classes
- 30th April, 3.30-6pm—Parent Teacher Meetings—KS2 only
- 11th-14th May—Yr 6 SATS
- 15th May, 2.50pm—Celebration Assembly (PARENTS INVITED)
- 18th May, 3.30-4.30pm—Parent Forum
- 20th-21st May—Yr 6 Bikeability

Farewells

This week, we said goodbye to two much-valued members of staff, Mrs Pegler and Mrs Strover. We are very grateful for all they have contributed to our school and the difference they have made to the children and wider community.

While we are sad to see them go, we wish them every success and happiness in their next endeavours. We are sure they will keep in touch, and we look forward to hearing all about their future adventures.

Easter Service

It was wonderful to see so many families join us for our Easter Service at St Mary's Church this afternoon. The service was a lovely opportunity to come together as a community and reflect on the meaning of Easter. Thank you to Rev Carol for leading such a thoughtful and engaging service, and to all the staff who helped prepare the children so well.

The PTA ran a competition and the entries are displayed in St Mary's Church. Congratulations to the winners: Reception: Teddy E, Year 1: Théo, Year 2: Luna P, Year 3: CJ, Year 4: Erin, Peake 1: Levi, Peake 2: Ella, KS1 overall winner: Summer and KS2 overall winner: Emily

All the Easter egg prizes were kindly donated by Tesco and Morrisons.



Forest School in Terms 5 and 6

We are looking forward to restarting our Forest School with Liz Cooke, a specialist Forest School Leader. Below are the dates the sessions will take place. Please make sure your child comes to school ready for these sessions—long trousers (shorts are not permitted), long sleeves, trainers or wellies. Long hair must be tied back and it's advisable for the children to wear sun cream.

Forest School Timetable Summer Term 1

	Wednesday April 22nd	Wednesday April 29th	Wednesday May 6th	Wednesday May 13th	Tuesday May 19th
AM 9.30- 11.45	Farah	Potter	Farah	Potter	Farah
PM 12.45- 14.45	Peake	Nightingale	Peake	Nightingale	Peake

Forest School Timetable Summer Term 2

	Wednesday June 3rd	Wednesday June 10th	Wednesday June 17th	Wednesday June 24th	Wednesday July 1st	Tuesday July 7th	Tuesday July 14th
AM 9.30- 11.45	Potter	Farah	Potter	Farah	Potter	Farah	Potter
PM 12.45- 14.45	Nightingale	Peake	Nightingale	Peake	Nightingale	Nightingale	Peake

Liz is keen to start a mud kitchen. If anyone has any of the following, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

- Pallets
- Metal saucepans
- Roasting tins
- Muffin tins
- Cake tins
- Trays
- Metal colanders
- Any other metal cookware, serving dishes, jugs, plastic is also fine but not glass please
- Spoons, wooden or metal
- Mashers
- Ladles
- Rope

Residential

The school was noticeably quieter last week as Peake Class enjoyed their residential trip to the PGL site in Hailsham, East Sussex!

They had a fantastic time, with highlights including the zip wire, the giant swing, and even the occasional tumble into the river during rafting. We've also heard that the food went down very well!

Staff were full of praise for the children's excellent behaviour throughout the trip. The girls, in particular, should be commended for embracing every activity with enthusiasm and determination. Impressively, everyone was settled and asleep by 10pm each evening!

Do take a look at the school website (Gallery section) or our Facebook page to see some wonderful photos from the trip.

St George's Day Fair

Please support the PTA's fundraiser taking place on the first week of next term (Friday, 24th April). Pre-order your child's wristband using the QR code below.

KNIGHTS, CASTLES & CROWNS

ELHAM PTA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

*St George
& the Dragon*

Friday 24th April

3.30pm in the school playground and field

Themed crafts - Games - Challenges - Refreshments

A royally fun celebration
as we honour England's patron saint
in true legendary style!



Pre- order your child a £5 wristband using the QR code
or find PTA on the playground every afternoon in the week leading up to the event -
cash or card - or buy on the day

Elham Historical Society

This morning, Nightingale and Peake class took part in an engaging historical walk around the village, led by Chris Francis from the Elham Historical Society. The experience helped bring Elham's rich history to life, as pupils explored important local landmarks and learned a range of fascinating facts along the way.

A big thank you to Mr Francis for giving up his morning to take the children around the village.

Photos on the Website

Thank you to Sarah Prescott for generously giving her time to come into school and take photographs for our new website. We really appreciate her support and look forward to seeing the finished images showcased on the updated site.

Sarah will be in school on 9th June to take class photos.

Parents' Meetings

If you haven't made an appointment for a Parents' Meeting, please use the link below.
<https://www.elhamprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Parents+Evening&pid=1688>

Parents' Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, 29th April, for all children, and on Thursday, 30th April for children in Key Stage 2.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

If anyone has any spare measuring jugs, bath toys, drainpipes, plastic containers, or similar items, we would be very grateful for donations. Please bring them to the school office.

Thank you!

ELHAM PRIMARY IS TAKING PART IN THE

LONDON MINI MARATHON

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2026

THE CHILDREN ARE EXCITED TO BE TAKING PART IN THE LONDON MINI MARATHON! THEY WILL BE RUNNING, JOGGING, OR WALKING A MILE TO HELP RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL.

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS ENHANCING THE LEARNING AND WELLBEING OF EVERY CHILD AT ELHAM C.E. PRIMARY. ANY CONTRIBUTION, BIG OR SMALL, IS TRULY APPRECIATED—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SCAN THE QR CODE AND DONATE VIA SUPERKIND.ORG

THANK YOU

Mini Marathon

25 of our pupils are taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon this year. They will be walking/running/jogging a mile along The Mall and would be grateful for your support!

If you are able to donate, please use the QR code on the poster.

Partnership with District & Next Gen

We are pleased to announce that Next Gen will be taking on the District teams again for the upcoming season.

Boys Trials dates – 6th & 13th May
17:00 – 18:00
Current Year 6 & 7

Girls Trial dates – 6th & 13th May
Current Year 5 – 18:00 – 19:00
Current Year 6 – 17:00 – 18:00

To register interest please send the following details to 07495983245, all trials will be held at the Folkestone Academy.

Childs Name:

Club:

Current School Year:

Parent Contact Number & Name:



The first in the village for 10 years . . .

ELHAM



Model Railway Exhibition

Open 10am–4pm

14 layouts
+ trade support

**Saturday 11th
April 2026**

**Elham Village Hall,
High Street, Elham,
nr Folkestone CT4 6SX**

See map overleaf for directions

Adults £6, Kids £1 (5-16), Families £12 (2+3), u-5s free

Presented by East Kent Model Railway Society (Whitstable) in conjunction with
Elham Valley Model Railway Club.

Model of Elham Valley Railway image from the Stephen Cupit Collection.

KATE HORTON'S SPORTS CAMP

Easter
7th - 10th April

Summer
20th - 24th July
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

SUMMER DATES
3 - 5th AUGUST

EASTER ESCAPE

AGES 13-17

ESCAPE & CREATE 7TH - 9TH APRIL

VENUE: ST ANSELM'S FOREST SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

THIS CAMP IS AIMED AT OLDER CHILDREN WITH A FOCUS ON EXPLORING NEW ACTIVITIES, RECLAIMING AND UP-CYCLING MATERIALS AS WELL AS LEARNING TRADITIONAL WOODWORKING AND CRAFT SKILLS!

WOODWORKING & SURVIVAL CHALLENGES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN HOW TO USE BASIC HAND TOOLS SUCH AS HAMMERS, DRILLS, SAWS, KNIVES, BRACE & BIT AND AXES. THEY WILL ALSO COOK THEIR OWN LUNCH OVER FIRE.

FOR BOOKINGS & INFO
WWW.PRIMARYSPORTSGIANTS.CO.UK
INFO@PRIMARYSPORTSGIANTS.CO.UK
07795546455

NEXT GEN
SPORTS COACHING

HOLIDAY Camps

£25 PER DAY
£60 FOR 3 DAYS

AGES
5-14

9AM
-
3:30PM

THE HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

FOOTBALL CAMP
7TH, 8TH & 9TH APRIL

WWW.NEXTGENERATIONSPORTSCOACHING.ORG/HOLIDAY-CAMPS

DODGE BALL

HOLIDAY CAMP

OUR NEW CAMP..

HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
7TH, 8TH & 9TH APRIL
09:00 - 15:30
5-14 YEAR OLDS
£25 A DAY OR £60 FOR 3 DAYS

Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge at our upcoming Dodgeball camp!

www.nextgenerationsportscoaching.org

INFORMATION

SUMMER DATES
3 - 5th AUGUST

PRICES
£35 A DAY PER CHILD
10AM-3PM
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Earlybird 5% & Sibling 15% discount

STAFF TO PARTICIPANT RATIO 1:7
ONLY 15 PLACES AVAILABLE
LED BY A FOREST SCHOOL LEVEL 3 LEADER AND PE TEACHERS WITH LOTS OF EXPERIENCE IN OUTDOOR PROVISION.
ALLY WILL BE THE LEAD COACH

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