



We have had a great few weeks at Elham Church of England Primary School. It is a busy time of the academic year, with the assessment period upon us. Well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who undertook their SATs this week. All of the children tackled the tests with determination and confidence. Thank you also to our Year 5 pupils, who have needed to be flexible this week with their learning environment and routines. A fantastic team effort. KS1 internal SATs, the Year 1 Phonics screening and the Year 4 Multiplication check are all on the horizon.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our most recent Teacher Consultations. We hope that you found these informative and supportive, leaving with an increased knowledge of what your child has been achieving at school.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to an upcoming information session, where we will be explaining the new Ofsted framework. With our last inspection taking place in July 2022, the school could be considered within the 'Ofsted window'. As you may have seen in the news, Ofsted's framework and how they judge schools has changed in the last 9 months. **Mr Magliocco will be leading a 30-45 minute update for all parents and carers, detailing the new assessment areas, the new judgements and what you can expect when we are inspected. This session will take place on June 22nd between 3.30 and 4.15. You can attend in person or virtually,** a Teams link will be sent out nearer to the date. There will be a 30 minute talk followed by an opportunity for questions.

Finally, if you have any old, unused or unwanted items, as listed below, we would love to have them:

Drain piping, toy boats, waterwheels, funnels, measuring jugs, tarpaulin, wooden planks, milk crates, large bull-clips,

SATs

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. They showed great commitment, resilience and positivity throughout the week, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Mrs Hall's SATs Breakfast Café also proved to be a real hit, serving up a delicious array of treats including waffles, pain au chocolat and pancakes to help everyone start the day with a smile.

Sadly, however, Mrs Hall will not be running the café for the remainder of the year!



Elham & Ambleteuse Twinning Association

We were delighted to welcome Jean-Noël Totain, Headteacher of Ambleteuse School, along with Serge Legroux from the Elham & Ambleteuse Twinning Association.

They enjoyed a tour of the school, and it was fascinating to learn about the similarities and differences between English and French schools. We look forward to developing links with them further in the new academic year, including exchanging letters and an international art competition.

Thank you to Mr Gasson for organising this visit.



Census Day

Next Thursday, 21st May, is Census Day. As usual, we would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to order a school lunch on this day, as this directly supports our school funding.

Whole School Meals will be serving sausages with crushed new potatoes, peas and salad. There will also be the option of a jacket potato with baked beans and cheese.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will take place on Thursday 9th July, starting at 10am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to watch and bring a picnic to enjoy with their children afterwards.

We kindly ask that all families vacate the site by 1pm, when all children will return to class.

Please be aware Whole School Meals will not be serving lunches on this day. If you are unable to come to the event, please provide a packed lunch for your child.



School Money

Please could parents and carers ensure that their children's School Money accounts are topped up and remain in credit where possible.

We currently have outstanding arrears of £119.50 for clubs and £149.50 for school dinners. Your support in settling any balances promptly is greatly appreciated.



SchoolMoney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

18th May, 3.30-4.30pm—Parent Forum

20th-21st May—Yr 6 Bikeability

20th May, 3.15pm—Class Drop Ins

20th May, 3.15-6pm—Potter Class Parents' Meetings

22nd May—Term 5 ends

1st June—Term 6 starts

1st June—Kent Test registration opens

1st June—Swimming lessons for Nightingale class @ Sibton Park

2nd June—Elham Numeracy Day

4th June—PE lessons (cricket/rounders)

5th June—Yr 5 Taster Day @ St Anselm's Catholic School, Canterbury

5th June—Yr 6 Lancaster Model (online health questionnaire)

8th June—Yr 1 & 2 Tennis Festival @ Hythe Tennis Club (Farah & Potter classes)

9th June—Sarah Prescott Photography (class photos)

10th June—Yr 3 & 4 Striking & Fielding Festival @ EVCC (Nightingale class walking to the ground)

11th June—Rapid Fire Cricket @ Saltwood Cricket Club (Farah Class)

11th June—Nightingale @ The Fifth Trust

12th & 15th June—INSET Days—school closed

17th June—KIC Theatre (whole school)

19th June—Yr 5 & 6 Mixed Dynamo Cricket @ Hythe Cricket Club (Peake Class)

22nd June, 3.30-4.15pm—Parent Information Meeting: New Ofsted Framework (in person or virtually)

30th June—Piano/violin concert for parents of children who have lessons

1st July—Kent Test registration closes

1st July, 4-6pm—District Sport @ 3 Hills Sports Club

2nd July—Yr 6 Transition Day (visiting their new secondary schools)

2nd July—Class Swap (children spend the morning in their new classes)

9th July, 10am-1pm—Sports Day (parents invited—no hot lunches served)

10th July—whole school trip to Howletts Wildlife Park

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/>

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Musical Theatre Review

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The Times

Sat 30 & Sun 31 May Gulbenkian Arts Centre

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3-8 year olds and their families will love this adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' hugely popular book, brought to life with beautiful puppetry and performance, and music and songs by Barb Jungr (*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*).

One day the singing mermaid is tempted away from all of her sea-creature friends to join a travelling circus. The audiences love to hear her sing, but the poor mermaid was tricked! Instead of the swimming pool she was promised, she is kept in a small fish tank by the wicked circus master Sam Sly. She longs to return to the sea, but how can she escape? And who could help her along the way?

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May Holiday Club at Smile

**10AM-2PM
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 9AM**

Mon 25th Tie Dye T-shirts & Scrunchies & Pen Pot Decorating

Tues 26th Decorate a Baseball Cap & Make Friendship Bands

Wed 27th Decorate a Beach Bag & Model with Clay

Thurs 28th Finger Skateboard Creation & Decoration & Room Signs

Friday 29th T-shirt & Plant Pot Decorating

3PM-5PM WORKSHOPS

Tues 26th Hoodies

Wed 27th Bags & Hats

Thurs 28th Rag Dolls

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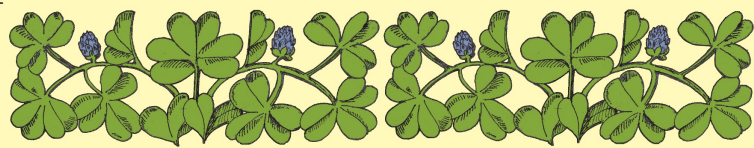
Elham PTA presents

Cool Box Fridays

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



Everything £1
Cash or Card accepted



Elham Open Gardens 2026

in aid of
National Garden Scheme

Saturday 13 June 12 noon - 4.30pm
& Sunday 14 June 12 noon - 4.30pm

Combined admission for 9 gardens
Adults £10 Children free

* Homemade teas 2pm - 4.40pm in the beautiful
Old Vicarage Garden with a selection of plants for sale

* Elham Food & Craft Festival Sunday 14 June
11am - 2pm in The Square & St Mary's Church

