



WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

"Learning, growing and succeeding together"

Autumn 1 | 2026-27



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Elmstead Wood families,

We hope that all our families had an enjoyable summer break.

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been good to see the children return looking smart, settled and ready to learn.

Staff have worked hard to prepare classrooms and plan the learning for the term ahead.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with families so that every child is supported to learn, grow and succeed.

Mrs C Lewis
Headteacher

KEY UPCOMING DATES & NOTICES

MEET THE TEACHER

Tuesday 8 September
3.30pm

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Friday 18th September
2.30pm-4.30pm

PTA STAY & PLAY

Every Monday until Oct half term

£1 CLUBS

These will begin later in the Autumn Term once the current remedial building work has been completed.

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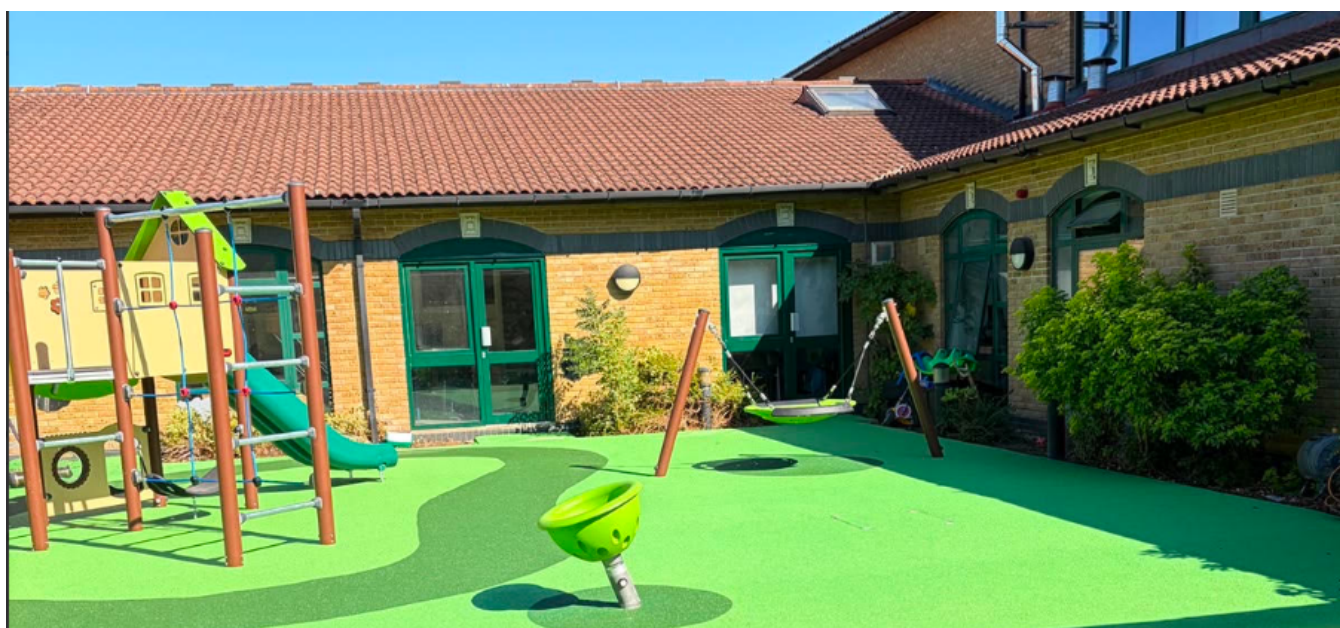
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OUR COURTYARD



Our new courtyard area is finished and the children are enjoying it each day. Thank you once again to all the parents that helped us with this project!

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

UNIFORM AND PRESENTATION

WHY THIS MATTERS

School uniform creates a shared identity and ensures that children are dressed practically and appropriately for the school day. We expect all pupils to attend wearing the correct uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan, or an unbranded equivalent
- Grey trousers or skirt - no jogging bottoms or leggings
- Grey or white socks or tights
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie for Key Stages 1 and 2
- Plain black shoes, trainers or leather boots without heels

PE KIT

- Plain white T-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Black plimsolls or black trainers
- Navy or black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE in colder weather
- Navy or black sweatshirt or school sweatshirt for outdoor PE in colder weather

APPEARANCE AND JEWELLERY

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Long hair must be tied back with a plain hair tie.
- No nail polish, false nails, make-up, fake tan or temporary tattoo stickers.

JEWELLERY

- Only plain gold or silver stud earrings and a watch may be worn.
- Children must be able to remove these independently for PE.

LABEL EVERYTHING

Please clearly label coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and all other belongings with your child's name.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

The PTA regularly runs a pre-loved uniform stall, helping families reduce costs and reuse good-quality items.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

DOORS OPEN

8.40am

REGISTER

8.50am

SCHOOL ENDS

3.20pm KS1 | 3.25pm KS2

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

Please contact the school office on the first day of absence and continue to update us if the absence continues. Email admin@elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk or use the school absence line. If a different adult will collect your child, please tell the office by 2.30pm.

LEARNING AT HOME

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

THE ESSENTIALS

Homework gives children regular opportunities to practise and consolidate learning. Children should read daily, complete daily maths fluency practice and choose activities from the termly homework menu on Google Classroom.

READING

Read every day and talk together about the book.

MATHS FLUENCY

Complete a short maths fluency activity every day.

HOMEWORK MENU

Complete at least five tasks each term, including one English and one maths task.

HOMEWORK MENU AWARDS

BRONZE

5 tasks

SILVER

8 tasks

GOLD

10 tasks

PLATINUM

10 tasks + 2 challenges

KEY STAGE 1 SPELLING

Spelling is taught through Read Write Inc. phonics. Please watch the phonics videos shared on Google Classroom with your child each day.

KEY STAGE 2 SPELLING

Children bring their Read Write Inc. spelling logbook home each Friday. It must be returned on Monday for use in school.

PRESENTATION CHECKLIST

- Write and underline the date and title.
- Write in pencil or blue handwriting pen.
- Begin at the margin and use sensible spacing.

- Use careful, correctly formed handwriting.
- Use full sentences and paragraphs.
- Take pride in the finished work.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

If your child cannot access Google Classroom, contact the class teacher. They will be happy to help you.

STAYING IN TOUCH

Updates and reminders are shared through ClassDojo. Please ensure that you download the app.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Uniform: elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform

Homework: elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk/pupils/homework

Attendance: elmsteadwoodprimary.co.uk/parents/attendance