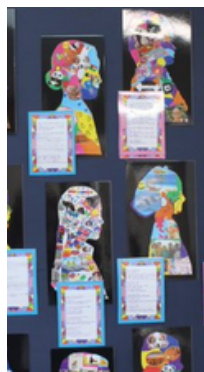


## TOP NEWS

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### Message from Mrs Leith

I am always amazed by the fantastic support that the Friends of Elm wood are to us as a school. This term they have organised many events which include helping us celebrate Black History Month, raising lots of money for the school through the Autumn Readathon and giving each class a resources bundle which the teachers were all delighted to receive.

The children have all really enjoyed the Winter Fair and the Winter Disco. But an experience that the children will never forget was the magical Reindeer visit which was enjoyed by all! I feel really lucky to be supported by such a fantastic group of parents and to have so many parents who support each of the events that the FOE organise!



In a letter from the Chair of Governors, which was shared with you all on Tuesday, you were all informed that the decision has been made to de-federate the Gipsy Hill Federation of schools. I would like to take some time to thank each and every parent who responded to the consultation and I would like to reassure you that the process of defederation will not have a negative impact on the provision in place at Elm Wood Primary School. I will endeavour to keep you all updated on this matter and I will be working closely with our Local Advisory Board at Elm Wood to ensure that our school continues to be a place where children are happy, feel safe and are nurtured and supported to reach their full potential in all areas of the curriculum.

As always I thank you all for your continued support and I hope that you all enjoy family time over the festive period.

Mrs Leith

### Dates for the diary...

**06.01.25**  
All children return to school

**14.02.25**  
FOE Valentines Cake Sale

**06.03.25**  
Parents Evening

**24.02.25**  
INSET Day: School closed to all pupils

**06.03.24**  
World Book Day

**28.03.24**  
FOE Spring Fair  
15.30 – 17.00



Dates for Workshare Assemblies, Parent Events and Spring concert to follow

### Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken time to join us in school for our festive celebrations.

EYFS Christmas Craft was enjoyed by all who attended and the children were all very proud to invite family members into their class.

Year 1 and 2 put on a fabulous performance of Christmas with the Aliens. This performance was enjoyed by all who took part. It was amazing to see so many members of our Elm Wood family at this event last week.



This week the children in Key stage 2 have shared lots of Christmas songs with their family members.

A huge thank you to each and every staff member who has contributed to the success of each of these events.



### Bikes and Scooters

Please collect bikes & scooters tomorrow as any bikes or scooters which are left on school grounds at the end of this term (20.12.24) will be removed and disposed of.



## Learning Updates

Each class teacher uploads weekly learning updates on **Weduc**. Please follow this link to access these updates for your child's class.



Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.

## Important messages!



- **Please can parents and carers be mindful where they park their cars at the beginning and end of the school day.** School regularly receives complaints from members of the public regarding inappropriate parking on Hamilton Road and Carnac Street.
- **Parent Fines for Missing School** Fines will be considered when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences will be **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.** In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- If you have not yet completed the **Parent Survey** please follow this link before the end of the day on 10.01.25. [Parent Survey](#).
- **School Dinners:** Please follow this link to access our [Spring Menu](#).

## Year 4 Theatre Trip

The children in Year 4 recently visited the Unicorn Theatre at London Bridge to see a performance of Odd and the Frost Giants.

With a little persuasion from the lovely Ms. Gee, the Unicorn theatre very kindly allowed our Year 4 children to see this performance free of charge.



As a school we are very proud of the experiences that we are able to offer the children and I am sure you will all agree that visiting live a theater performance is an experience that the children will never forget.

As always we thank all parents and carers who have joined us on all of the school trips that have taken place this term!

## Independent Learning Projects

This term we have seen many children completing Independent Learning Projects!



Projects are set by class teachers and are always linked to the learning that is taking place in the classroom.

Thank you to all parents and carers for taking time to support your children at home to complete these amazing projects.

I am already looking forward to seeing all of the projects that we be completed next term.



## Foodbank Collection

Thank you to everyone who brought food and essential items into school this week for us to give to our local Foodbank.

The Lambeth South & Croydon Foodbank, formally known as the Brixton and Norwood Foodbank, are always very impressed with the generous donations from our school. The food and essential items that we as a school donate to them enables them to help many families in need.



## Punctuality

Having good **attendance** also means being on time and not being late to school.

Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons.

Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.



**School starts at 08.55**

## Primary School Admissions

**Information for parents/carers of children born between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021, who will be starting Reception in the 2025/2026 academic Year.**

[Starting Primary School in Lambeth 2025/2026](#)



**All applications need to be completed by 15.01.2025**

Over the course of this term we have been inviting new families to visit our amazing school. We are already looking forward to welcoming new members into our Elm Wood family in September 2025.

Please [click here](#) to access more information from Lambeth regarding this process.

Please contact the school office if you would like further support with this application process.