



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10/11/2023

## Message from the Principal

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful break and were able to spend some quality time with your families and friends. It has been lovely to welcome children back and to hear all about their holidays.

Thank you to all our families who have attended the parent/carer meetings this week, it was great to see so many of you on site. If you were not able to make your appointment please liaise with the class teacher to rearrange.

A reminder that Friday 17th November is Children in Need. This year's theme encourages you to be **SPOTacular**. To help with this worthwhile cause, we will be having a non-uniform day encouraging the children to wear something spotty. We ask that you donate via our [just giving page](#). We are also planning to have a cake sale after school. If you would like to make a donation please bring them to the school office on Friday morning. We would especially welcome any gluten/dairy free/vegan donations.

Happy Diwali to our families who are celebrating this weekend. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Ciantar

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 96.1%. We aim for our children to have 100% attendance.**

Hedgehogs	98%	Otters	90%
Squirrels	93%	Badgers	98.7%
Hawks	96.7%	Eagles	93%
Kestrels	98.7%	Falcons	100%
Beech	98.6%	Willows	97.3%
Ash	93.1%	Oak	95.4%

To report an absence, you will need to call the school absence line before 9am ([01234 302300 - extension 1](tel:01234302300)).

## Celebrating success

### The winners of our 'Great Work'

**Robins – Brielle**

**Owls – Arthur G**

**Hedgehogs –Hanna**

**Otters – Jaylan**

**Badgers – Wiktorija**

**Squirrels– Elijah**

**Hawks – Alesha C**

**Eagles – Ava L**

**Falcons - Preyah-Rose**

**Kestrels - Nawaz**

**Beech - Ameerul**

**Willow - David**

**Ash - Evie R**

**Oak - Faith**

# Go Team Elstow!

Year 5 and 6 girls have begun their futsal fixtures this week (indoor 5-a-side football). They played six matches last night (lost three, drew one and won two). A great team effort for their first time playing together. Well done girls!



This week, our newly elected School Council members gathered together for their first meeting of the year. We have a strong focus on keeping healthy and active at school during our playtimes and lunchtimes, so we will be discussing ways we can enhance that area further. In this week's meeting, we thought about what activities we enjoy or would like to introduce during wet weather, indoor playtimes. Our council members have some great ideas they cannot wait to discuss with their classes.



## Improvements to our school playground!

There was a flurry of activity onsite during the half term break, with lots of work taking place to further develop our outdoor environment. Our school council members and playleaders are going to be working closely with school staff to improve our environment further.



**Yr5/6 Play Leaders**

# Upcoming Dates

Here is a list of key dates for this half term. Please note that new events may be added and that existing dates may be changed or cancelled. We will update you if this is the case.

Date	Event
17.11.23	Children in Need (mufti/wear something spotty)
20.11.23	Year 4 MTC parent meeting
11.12.23	Year 5 Space Centre trip
11.12.23	EYFS Nativity Performances
13.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch
13.12.23	Year 1 Winter Wonderland Performance
15.12.23	Year 4 Poetry Performance
19.12.23	Years 3,4,5 Carol Performance
19.12.23	Last day of term



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