



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 01/12/2023

Message from the Principal

This week we held our Early Years Open Event. This was well attended and it was lovely to talk about our amazing school with prospectus parents. We invited four of our year 6 prefects to walk the parents around the school and discuss what they loved about Elstow. They did an incredible job, and were fantastic representatives of our school.

Last night, Elstow also hosted a year 1 phonics workshop. I would like to thank all the families who attended, Elstow staff who took the time to prepare and deliver the session and for all our pupils who engaged in the session. It was another very successful event!

There are currently lots of illnesses going around our school community. This is often the case when the colder weather starts to set in. Thank you to all our families for your continued support with encouraging good attendance.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Ciantar



Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96%. We aim for our children to have 100% attendance.

Hedgehogs	99.3%	Otters	95.5%
Squirrels	93.7%	Badgers	95%
Hawks	93%	Eagles	97.7%
Kestrels	90%	Falcons	96.6%
Beech	94.6%	Willows	94.3%
Ash	96.6%	Oak	90.7%

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

Celebrating success

The winners of our 'Great Work'

Robins – Stefan

Owls – Aurora

Hedgehogs – Anika

Otters – Louis

Badgers – Kuba

Squirrels – Poppy

Hawks – Olivia C

Eagles – Xavi

Falcons – Leo

Kestrels – Mayara

Beech – Luca

Willow – Aiyana

Ash – Zach N

Oak – Adi



Year 3

Year 3 have been having a great time learning the Djembe drums. They are getting ready for the performance to families in December!



Year 5



A number of children from year 5 joined Miss Brandon and Mrs Woodham at the Bedford School observatory. They used telescopes to see the surface of the moon, Jupiter and Saturn! The Children enjoyed a planetarium show, learning all about the stars in the night sky, constellations and held a piece of rock from space! The children showed off some amazing space knowledge, and learnt so much more!



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
04.12.23	Donations for "Christmas in a box" by the end of the school day
07.12.23	Year 3 Drumming Performance
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
18.12.23	Years 3,4,5 Carol Performance (Change of date)
19.12.23	Last day of term



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