



Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,
At the end of another fantastic term, we are happy to showcase some of the brilliant learning and opportunities the children have experienced so far.

Our younger pupils have enjoyed exploring our local area.

Foundation Stage children found some interesting sights during their walk around Groby, while Year 2 were intrigued by the architecture and history of Leicester Cathedral.

Meanwhile, our older pupils, in Year 6 were excited to learn important life skills during their visit to Warning Zone.

As always at this time of year, we have been thoroughly entertained by the performances of our key stage 1 children.

We would like to say a very big thank you to everybody in school for their hard work during



rehearsals and performances as well as to parents for supporting children to learn their own parts. Of course, our biggest "thank you" goes to the fantastic performers for brilliant singing, dancing and acting in every performance.

On behalf of all staff at Elizabeth Woodville, I would like to thank you for all your support this year. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Andrew Pridmore,
Headteacher



Foundation

This half term, our EYFS children have been busy preparing something very special for the village Christmas Tree Festival. We have been absolutely delighted to create the decorations for this year's tree, and the children have taken great pride in every step of the process.



Using running stitch, they have carefully sewn their own festive decorations, including: snowmen, stockings, presents and gingerbread men. For many of the children, this was their first experience of sewing, and they showed wonderful concentration skills, perseverance and enthusiasm.

Once the stitching was complete, the fun continued as the children decorated their creations with sequins, buttons and glitter. We are very proud of their hard work and creativity. We hope everyone who visited the festival enjoyed spotting our EYFS decorations. Merry Christmas!



Year 1

During the autumn term, Year 1 have been extremely busy. Our geography topic has been all about our local area. We had an interesting walk around Groby and identified different types of houses and businesses including local people who helped us. We even managed to follow a route using a map.



In maths, we have enjoyed some indoor and outdoor work for our repeated patterns unit.

In Science, we have been sorting materials using some scientific vocabulary like: transparent, absorbent and waterproof.



Year 2

They were able to find a variety of examples of Gothic design influences throughout the Cathedral, both inside and outside.

During an art activity, they were also able to create and produce a 'mock' stained glass window, taking inspiration from the wonderful windows in the building around them.

The children in Year 2 also made some beautiful poppies as part of their Remembrance Day learning.

The poppies were then taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary to be put on display.

Congratulations to Year 2 for a brilliant contribution to the Christmas performance of *The Fleece Force*. What an amazing show!



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Leicester Cathedral as part of their learning about Gothic architecture and Kings and Queens.

Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting and busy few weeks packed with creativity, discovery and hands-on learning!

In Science, we have been exploring the fascinating world of rocks and fossils. The children have loved investigating the different types of rocks, comparing their properties, and learning how fossils give us clues about life millions of years ago. As part of our topic, the class created their own fossils, carefully pressing objects into clay to imitate the process of fossilisation. It was messy, fun, and full of brilliant scientific discussion!



Year 3 busy making their sculptures

In Art, we have been channelling our inner illustrators by creating 3D sculptures inspired by Quentin Blake. The children studied Blake's unique style and used clay to bring their own imaginative figures to life.



The results have been wonderfully quirky and full of personality.

Well done to all of Year 3 for their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work across all subjects. It has been a fantastic start to the season, and we look forward to sharing more of our learning adventures soon!

Year 4

The autumn term has been a super busy one for Year 4. However, our stand-out event was definitely our residential trip to Caythorpe. We were absolutely fantastic! We took part in lots of brilliant activities such as high ropes, raft building, team challenges, climbing and much more. We worked brilliantly as a team and created some fantastic memories. Miss Jarman was so impressed with us all.



We also absolutely loved the micro-scooters. The food was delicious, and we even got to choose what we wanted! We can't wait for our Year 6 residential in two years' time!

Year 5

used. They then discussed how these could be realistically recreated in model form.

Working from a clear design brief, each child had to decide on the purpose of their house—whether it was intended for warmth, protection, solitude, or simply everyday living. This helped guide their choices in structure, layout and materials. The children had a fantastic time constructing their models, showing great creativity, teamwork and perseverance. A special mention goes to **Nicola Wood**, who kindly came in to support us during the building sessions—her help was truly appreciated.

We are absolutely blown away by the final results. The children should feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Their models are detailed, imaginative and wonderfully reflective of everything they have learned this term.

We are, however, *still* finding hay in the classroom—five weeks later!



This half term has seen an exciting conclusion to our Art and Design topic, as the children completed their very own model Anglo-Saxon houses. After investigating how Anglo-Saxon homes were constructed, the class explored their key features, appearance and the materials



In November, pupils in year 6 were thoroughly excited for their trip to 'Warning Zone' in Leicester. 'Warning Zone' is a charity dedicated to teaching life skills and safeguarding children.

We started the morning in the E-safety zone. This is where pupils are educated on cyber bullying, grooming and scammers and much more through a range of practical, fun and engaging games and activities.



During the afternoon, year 6 pupils were led on a 'safety tour' of eight set-piece scenarios, with each one having five learning points and concluding with a group knowledge check.

The tours included 'Fire Risk in the Home', 'Electricity and Building Sites', 'Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour', 'Personal Safety,' 'Risk around Water' 'Arson and Criminal Damage', 'Road Safety' and Risk around Railways.'

Pupils reported they were all interesting and knowledge-rich and that they gained much knowledge and thought carefully about how these dangers could affect themselves and their friends and family.

It was a valuable, thought-provoking and educational visit enjoyed by all!

Special Visitor



On November 25th, we were extremely lucky to receive a visit from a very special person.

Courtesy of our friends from the local company Druck, Santa and his helpers were transported to school bringing with them an abundance of festive cheer to the children.

One and all were thrilled to see Santa and some of the pupils were even able to tell him their Christmas wishes in person.

Thank you to everyone from Druck who worked to make this magic happen for the children.



SANTA and FRIENDS RIDE AROUND

5pm Start

Sun 21st Dec
LOROS
Groby
Ratby

Sat 20th Dec
Enderby
Narborough
Littlethorpe
Cosby
Whetstone
Blaby

Scan me for all details

Find us on Facebook

Santa And Friends Charity Ride Around 2025

Routes
Live Tracker
Charity Donation Page

PPL PRS
LOROS
Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

PTA

Hello from everyone in the PTA,

We hope the children, parents and beyond have enjoyed all the events we have run so far this academic year. We've worked really hard behind the scenes to bring you all super fun events where the children can get involved in lots of unique and creative ways - to not only raise vital funds but to build our friendly and thriving school community too.

Our favourite baddy half term event: Our trail around Groby and design competition ran for two weeks over the October half term and resulted in 8 first prize winners, 8 second prize winners and 8 third prize winners who all walked away with prizes ranging from Amazon vouchers through to chocolate bags and bars. See pictured all our super happy and deserving winners!



We have continually listened to parent feedback where we replaced external stall holders with more value and fun, at this fair we had over 25 fresh and fun games stalls, 3 tombolas, our Christmas raffle, glitter tattoos, our magical Santa's Grotto, the grumpy Grinch's Grotto as well as our infamous hook-a-bag game and the ever-popular snowball room where the children got to have a snowball fight with their teachers! We thank every volunteer that we had on the day and it was thanks to the volunteers that we were able to have so many fun things on offer – by the end of the evening almost every stall had been cleaned out so thank you!



Our final thanks for the fair goes to the Grinch who left his cave especially for us, the Brookvale post 16 students that volunteered and Evie who shared her talent in entertaining the masses as well as the super talented children that came and performed some classic Christmas songs from the EPA Talent agency, the young children volunteered their time to come and we appreciate their wonderful performance.

The children's 2026 Charity Calendars: We have worked with the school throughout the Autumn term to create some truly special calendars featuring all the children's artwork in full class composition. The calendar also features 10 competition winning submissions which were hard to pick as there were SO many fantastic entries! The calendars are still available to purchase and make a wonderful gift for a grandparent, aunt, uncle or to keep and use throughout the year in any home. The children created the calendars with so much care and pride please support their creativity! If you're yet to get your hands on one please email pta@elizabethwoodvilleprimaryschool.co.uk



Thank you

We would like to say a very big "THANK YOU" to our friends at BD Living (a division of Barratt Redrow plc) for an amazing donation of £500. The funds will be extremely useful in helping us to provide additional resources and learning opportunities for pupils both throughout the school and in our after-school club, Whizz Kids.

The team at BD living will be kindly continuing to help and support the school next year.



Milestone



Congratulations to Mrs Greaves for reaching the amazing milestone of **25 years** working at Elizabeth Woodville. Mrs Greaves has made a **huge** contribution to the school over the years and is loved and valued by pupils and teachers alike. She still has the same enthusiasm and dedication to the school after 25 years.



Harvest Donations



Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Harvest Assembly. We were able to give generously to Age UK who will use the donations to help and support elderly people in the local area.



Whizz Kids

Our Whizz Kids wrap around care is available from 7:15am – 8:45am & 3:15pm – 5:15pm.

Due to limits on pupil numbers, please could we remind parents to book Whizz Kids and Breakfast sessions on MCAS.

Sessions can be booked up to 1 day before the session on MCAS. After this time, please call the school office. Could we also remind parents that non-attendance at booked sessions will still be charged unless 24hrs notice is given.

Sessions can be cancelled on MCAS the day before the booked session or by calling the school office.



Could all parents/carers please regularly review the **Contact Details** and **Permissions** allocated to your child on our platform MCAS. Please inform the school office if there are any changes to be made to your record.

Parking at school

Important safety information

Please note: The school car park is for staff members, disabled badge holders and permitted visitors only.

Please park safely, **being conscious of the neighbours**. If using the car park, the painted pathway should be clear **at all times**.

Children are not permitted in the car park without adult supervision.

Thank you for your understanding.



from Open the Book.

We are always very excited to watch the amazing Bible stories with fantastic scenery, props and costumes.

The children are often asked to participate in the fun and add their own acting skills to the performance. As always, the Christmas story was a special treat. Did you spot the guest actor once again?!

We would like to say a big "thank you" to Open the Book for entertaining us throughout the year and we look forward to welcoming the group back in 2026.



Well done to everyone who has been working very hard collecting points for their House.

Our winner this half term is **Cropston**. Well done to everyone in **Cropston** who will enjoy a non-uniform day on **Friday 9th January**.

Bradgate 1164
Cropston 1401
Ferrers 1370
Swithland 1351



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Thank you very much to everyone who supported our **CHILDREN IN NEED** day. Pupils made a great effort to take part in this worthwhile cause and we raised a fantastic sum of **£210.00**

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Save the Children' by wearing a Christmas jumper.

We raised £70.00



Monday 5th January
Teacher day



Tuesday 6th January School Opens

February 16th – 20th
Spring HALF TERM



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at EWPS