



Summer Term: July 2026

Elizabeth Woodville Primary School/ NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's that time of year when we wish our Year 6 pupils continued success in their next chapter at secondary school. They have already experienced a taste of this exciting new step in their school life and we say a fond farewell to them whilst reminiscing on their time with us.

They should be very proud of all their achievements at Elizabeth Woodville and we look forward

to hearing about their future successes.



It has been a pleasure to welcome our new parents and pupils to our EYFS class, and we look forward to seeing them again after the summer break.



Our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard, this half term, to bring us their end of year performance of 'Ye-Ha!' The amazing acting skills and fantastic singing came together to bring a brilliant show to audiences. Well done to everyone involved!

As we look back on another successful year at Elizabeth Woodville, we are immensely proud of everything our pupils have achieved. We wish all our families a healthy, happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in August.

Andrew Pridmore, Headteacher



Foundation

Our EYFS children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Leicester David Attenborough Arboretum.

Although rain was forecast, we were fortunate to stay dry and enjoy a wonderful day of outdoor learning and exploration.

The children loved pond dipping and mini-beast hunting, discovering a variety of creatures and habitats. They also planted marigold seeds, which they brought back to school to plant in our EYFS outdoor area.



The children explored nature through bark rubbing and collected sticks, leaves, feathers and moss to create a bird's nest. They especially enjoyed getting messy by using mud to make pictures and natural artwork.



It was a memorable day filled with curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning. The children returned to school with lots of smiles and exciting stories to share.

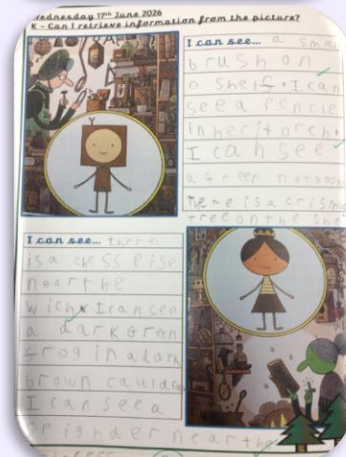
Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting summer term! In R.E we have been learning about the Jewish religion. We have learnt about Shabbat and why it is important to the Jewish people.

In Science, we have been finding out about plants. We know what plants are and where they grow. We have been finding out about the different types of plants and were amazed to find out that some plants even grow in the water, like seaweed and waterlilies! We went on a plant hunt to see how many different types of plant we could find and what parts of the plant we could name.



In English, we have really been enjoying our story The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess. We are learning to develop some brilliant speaking and listening skills when we talk about the story. We have done some amazing writing too.



Year 2

It has been another exciting and memorable term in Year 2. One of the highlights was our trip to Beacon Hill for a wonderful nature day. The children had a fantastic time exploring the woodland and taking part in a variety of creative, hands-on and team-building activities. They worked together brilliantly to build woodland shelters, create peg dolls and clay hedgehogs, make their own magical wands from sticks and craft beautiful elder wood necklaces to take home.



Back in the classroom, our Science learning has focused on plants and germination. The children dissected kidney beans to discover the tiny embryos inside, planted sunflower seeds and carefully observed their growth over time. They also grew cress to investigate the conditions plants need to germinate and thrive. These practical experiences sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, making Science both enjoyable and memorable.

It has been a fantastic way to end an amazing year in Class 2. Mrs Parkes is incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. Their hard work, enthusiasm and progress have been wonderful to see.



Year 3

What a fantastic term it has been in Year 3! The children have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much across the curriculum. They have made me feel very welcome as their new teacher, and it has been a pleasure getting to know such a kind, enthusiastic and hardworking class.

In Maths, we have explored geometry, identifying right angles and recognising parallel and perpendicular lines. In English, our work on *Varmints* inspired creative writing, with the children using expanded noun phrases to develop detailed character descriptions. In Science, we investigated plants, identifying their parts and functions, with our flower dissection being a memorable highlight. In Art, we explored Paul Cézanne's work, developing our observational drawing skills, creating ceramic clay tiles, and painting sunsets and flowers.



Well done, Year 3, for your creativity, enthusiasm and hard work this term. Have a wonderful summer break!

Year 4

What a fantastic term it has been in Year 4!

In English, we have loved studying *The Wolves in the Walls* by Neil Gaiman. The story has inspired our writing and helped us develop our oracy skills, making us superb listeners who confidently and respectfully challenge each other's thinking.

In Science, we have been investigating sound and learning how it travels through a range of practical investigations. In Computing, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning to code and developing our programming skills.



One of the highlights of the term was when Miss Jarman brought in George the tortoise to visit us. We had a wonderful time meeting him, learning about how to care for tortoises and asking lots of thoughtful questions.

Year 5

After learning all about the Tudors in class, we stepped back in time with an exciting visit to Battle of Bosworth Field. Having explored the lives of important historical figures, including Elizabeth Woodville, we were eager to discover where one of the most significant battles in English history took place.

We marched across the battlefield, uncovering the dramatic events that led to the rise of the Tudor dynasty, and explored fascinating artefacts in the interactive exhibition. One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to handle and try on chain mail. It was captivating to watch the children's reactions as they first attempted to lift it, often surprised by just how heavy it was, before bravely trying it on themselves. As well as providing plenty of laughter, this hands-on experience helped the children truly appreciate the immense weight soldiers had to carry into battle and brought the realities of medieval warfare vividly to life.

The visit brought our learning to life, helping us to imagine what life was like during this turbulent period of history. It was a fantastic day filled with discovery, curiosity and unforgettable experiences!



Year 6

It has been another busy and successful start to a summer term, which is such an important one for Year 6, where they are able to showcase their hard work, determination and resilience during SATs week.

Pupils returned from the Easter break refreshed, prepared, invigorated, and, surprisingly, excited! We are so proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils for the dedication and commitment they put into such an intense week, and for their determination and efforts throughout the year.

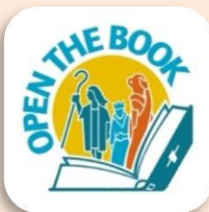
Each morning, pupils arrived early for a delicious, hearty breakfast which calmed their nerves and set them up for the day!

Pupils worked their socks off and were an absolute credit to the school. At the end of the week, pupils were treated to a Friday that was their day...leavers' jumpers were worn, games were played and lots of sweets were eaten!

Following this, threw themselves into the end of year performance with gusto! We have such a talented Year 6 cohort, and to see all their acting and singing talents also has been a pleasure to see!



Memorable Assemblies



It is always a pleasure to welcome the Open The Book group to school.

We are treated to an amazing interpretation of a bible story with fantastic scenery, props and acting.

The children are always keen to be involved in the story and show their own acting skills.

To add to the entertainment, Mr Pridmore is also often given a starring role! We look forward to welcoming the group back to school in September.



We were recently very lucky to welcome a visitor to Elizabeth Woodville who had been a pupil at the school when it first opened in 1971.

Anne Parlby was able to share, with the children, what it was like to be a pupil at Elizabeth Woodville over 50 years ago and how different life at school was at that time. She reminisced about a time when children wore plimsoles and there was a school bell, hymn books and a nit-nurse!



Due to building works being carried out at the school over the summer break, there is a change of venue for the Summer Holiday Course run by Metcalf Multi Sports.

The course will now be held at:
Brookvale Groby Learning Campus
Ratby Road,
Groby,
Leicestershire
LE6 0FP

If you would like your child to attend the course, please follow the link below:

<https://metcalf-multisports-limited.classforkids.io/camp/277>

Mrs Parkes

We welcomed Mrs Parkes to Elizabeth Woodville in 2019 and she has been a very important part of the school throughout her time with us. She has been an absolutely amazing HLTA and teacher, and we know she will continue to have the same positive impact on the lives of the children in her new school. Good luck, Mrs Parkes, we will miss you.

*Good bye
and
Good luck*

Mrs Nash

As our SENDCo since 2022, Mrs Nash has supported and nurtured children, parents and staff in her calm and caring way. She will be missed throughout the school, and we wish her every success in her new venture.



Thank you and farewell.....

PTA

What a year! The PTA volunteers have worked incredibly hard throughout another busy school year of fundraising to help enhance educational experiences, bring learning to life through unique opportunities and to bring the school community together.

The children, we're pleased to say, have thoroughly enjoyed all the events and activities we've hosted this year which have ranged from the BBC's Gladiators - Steel's visit last September; the maths challenge escape rooms in February; our Autumn discos and movie nights; bringing back our half term monster trail; our first ever charity calendar for 2026; revisiting our hugely popular Wonka Bar Golden ticket event; and our hugely popular Christmas and Summer fairs. It truly has been another bumper year and the whole PTA is incredibly proud of being able to facilitate it all on behalf of the children.

Sadly, as the saying goes '*all good things must come to an end*', it's with a very heavy heart that both Lisa Clarke (after seven years) and I (after 4 years) will be stepping down as committee members and from our formal roles as Treasurer and Chair of the PTA with effect from our AGM in September 2026. This wasn't an easy decision for either of us, and we'll both miss the PTA immensely, but it does now bring the opportunity for other parents and guardians to come forward and bring their ideas and enthusiasm to join an amazing group of parents in our established PTA. More details about our AGM will be shared in the new school year and if you'd like more information about what the PTA involves, please reach out to us via email.

We haven't quite finished totalling all the money we've raised from all our events this year but as soon as we have, we'll share a total for the year and send an update on how the money has been used to benefit, enhance and bring smiles and joy to every child in school.

Thank you for supporting us all year we couldn't have done it without your support and especially to the volunteer pool who have gone above and beyond to ensure we're able to host events.

We hope you all have the best summer break!

Jaysha Mistry (Chair) and Lisa Clarke (Treasurer)

On behalf of the PTA

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.



Easy FUNDRAISING now available!

Our school is now registered with #EasyFundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will donate to us for FREE every time you shop online with them (whoop).

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us, it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Simply scan the QR code below and once you're registered you will be prompted by whichever website you're on, click yes and they will automatically donate to us - at no cost to you!



Scan
here to
register.
It takes
2 minutes!



We have been very pleased with the response to our new school lunches. The children really like the new salad bar and have particularly enjoyed the 'all day breakfast'!



If you would like your child to enjoy our school lunches, please use the School Grid app.

Details of how to access the service were provided in the spring term, however if you need any assistance to sign-up, please contact 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.



Tuesday 25th August: School Opens

Monday 31st August: Bank Holiday

19th-23rd October: Autumn Half term



**A very happy
summer break
from all at EWPS**

