

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2026



ELSENHAM IMPRESS THE MAYOR WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE POETRY

Our House Poetry Final was a truly special event, filled with creativity, confidence and a real love of language. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Richard Townsend, the Mayor of Bishop's Stortford, as our guest judge. He was fantastic, sharing two of his own poems with the children and speaking passionately about the importance of poetry and self-expression. His enthusiasm really inspired everyone in the room. A big thank you to Mrs Carruthers for organising for him to join us - it made the occasion even more memorable.

We were also treated to a dazzling opening performance from our talented KS2 dancers, who brought energy and flair to the stage with their routine to 'Come Alive'. It was the perfect way to start the afternoon and set the tone for what was to come.

The standard of performances was incredible. We saw such a wide range of poetry, from beautifully crafted original pieces to powerful performances of well-known poets such as Michael Rosen and Benjamin Zephaniah. Every pupil brought something unique and it was clear how much effort and courage had gone into preparing for the final.

A huge congratulations to Swan House, who took 1st place with a brilliant collective effort - well deserved!

Most importantly, every single performer should feel extremely proud. Standing up and performing poetry in front of an audience takes real bravery and they absolutely rose to the occasion.

Mr Markham



Easter Journey



Our whole school took part in a special Easter Journey day, exploring the story of Easter through a series of interactive Stations of the Cross. Each class moved through different activities that helped bring the events of Holy Week to life.

Pupils began by acting out Palm Sunday, welcoming Jesus with joyful celebrations. They then shared a simple Last Supper, tasting flatbread and fruit squash as they reflected on the meal Jesus shared with his disciples. In the Garden of Gethsemane, children spent time writing their own prayers. They also created thoughtful crucifix crafts while learning about the significance of the cross. Finally, pupils visited the empty tomb of Jesus, discovering the hope and joy of the resurrection and new life.

It was a wonderful day filled with reflection, creativity and meaningful learning for all year groups.

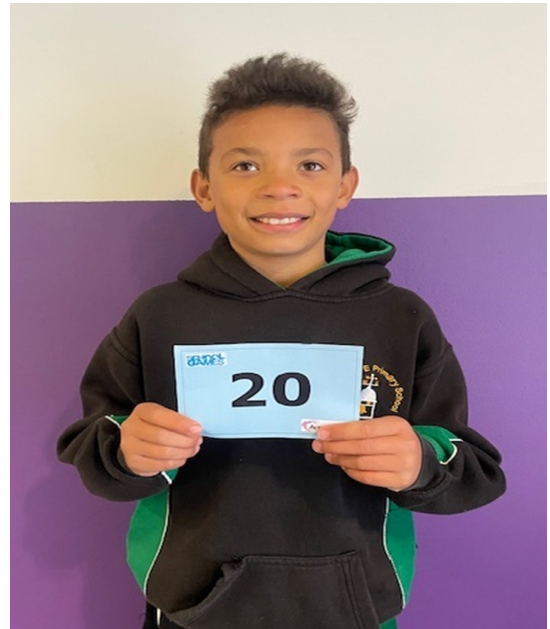
A huge thank you to the church volunteers who led the activities so smoothly. Their support made the day a truly special experience for everyone and to Mrs Sipple who coordinated the whole event.

Celebrating success

We are incredibly proud of Miles Hayward in Ash class, who competed on Wednesday morning in the Essex cross country competition. Competing against all Essex primary schools that had progressed to this stage, and despite there being over 150 Year 4 boys, Miles finished an incredible 20th place—an amazing achievement!

This follows his impressive performances in the Newport Family Cross Country Competition and the Uttlesford Ford Competition, showing great consistency and dedication across all his races. Although he was nervous beforehand, this didn't get the better of him. During the Essex competition, Miles was pushed over and fell, yet he got straight back up and continued—showing remarkable determination. To finish in 20th position despite this, in horrendous conditions with gale-force winds and hailstones, is truly extraordinary.

Representing Elsenham Primary School at the South End Course, Miles has made all of us extremely proud. Well done, Miles! Being able to say you are 20th in Essex is something very special. What a fantastic series of races!



Congratulations to all the amazing Headteacher Spring Term Award winners:

Acorn	Bonnie-Rae
Cherry	Sienna
Beech	Lexi
Chestnut	Beau
Silver birch	Poppy
Cedar	Alicia
Rowan	Cooper
Sycamore	Zac
Ash	Zahra
Elm	Peony
Willow	Ivy
Pine	Arthur
Maple	Elle
Oak	Isla

SPORTS NEWS



On Tuesday 24th March a group of key stage 2 pupils had a great morning at an Inclusion Sports Event in Saffron Walden.

Lots of active fun including trampolining, bowling, target practice and jumping.

A medal for all at the end so well done.

Thank you to all our parent helpers.

Jules Cowell

Elsenham travelled away to Henham for their final football game of the season in what proved to be a fiercely contested and high-quality match.

In what was arguably their best performance of the year, the boys showed incredible determination, battling hard from start to finish. The intensity was high and the team rose to the challenge brilliantly.

A special mention goes to Jak, in goal, who made a number of outstanding saves to keep Elsenham in the game. Across the pitch, there was excellent link-up play and plenty of attacking threat, with the team showing just how far they have come this season.

Although the result didn't quite go their way, it was a performance full of effort, resilience and quality.

Elsenham finish the season 2nd in the league, just four points off first place - a fantastic achievement that everyone involved should be extremely proud of.

Adam Markham



We wore a flash of red, we told dreadful jokes and we raised £267.48 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to everyone who donated!

Dance stars!



A huge well done to all our talented students who took part in the recent Uttlesford Dance and Gymnastics Show, performing at Saffron Hall to a sold-out audience of 740 people. They truly blew us away with their confidence, elegance, and fantastic smiles throughout.

It was a privilege to be part of such a fantastic event and to work with the students in the weeks leading up to the performance. They embraced the choreography with determination and resilience, and it was wonderful to see their hard work pay off on stage, with their exciting finale.

Beyond their performance, the students were a credit to the school. Their behaviour was exemplary—they were focused, professional, and highly regarded by the event organisers, proving themselves to be fantastic ambassadors for our community.

A special thank you to Mrs. Judd for her outstanding choreography and hard work, coming in every Tuesday afternoon for the dancers was a real treat- they are very lucky! Thank you to all parents for buying tickets and coming to watch. We are incredibly proud of every student and already look forward to next year!

Mrs Judd, Mrs Fox and Miss Verlander

I am very proud of the children who have been coming along to knitting club. We have had a lovely time knitting, dropping stitches, picking them up again and chatting....a lot!

We have tried making pom poms, finger knitting, crocheting, giant knitting as well as traditional knitting. Our creations have been quite unique.





Thank you to Mrs Sipple and and Worship crew for organising our Easter service today. We were delighted to welcome Rev Louis, Jenny and the church band.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Please see email below from affinity water:

I am writing to provide you with the latest update on the works taking place in your area.

We have now successfully completed Phase 1 on Old Mead Road and are currently progressing well with Phase 2.

I'm pleased to report that the works are going smoothly and remain on track.

We will shortly be commencing Phase 3 of the reinforcement programme, details of which are outlined below:

06/04/26 – 17/05/26 – Elsenham Road

- A road closure will be in place at the entrance to Green Street.
- Two-way traffic lights will operate from outside the Desalis Hotel to Loppingdales Farmhouse.
- This phase includes approximately 564 metres of mains reinforcement, supporting the development.

Additional Information:

- Advanced warning signs will be installed 14 days prior to the start of the phase.
- Letters will be issued to affected residents and stakeholders 14 days in advance.
- Road plates and trench links will be used where required to maintain access.
- A welfare unit will be installed on site for the duration of the works (location to be confirmed). I will be based there a couple of days each week once works commence and will be available to assist with any questions or concerns.

We appreciate that these works may cause some disruption and would like to assure you that we will make every effort to minimise inconvenience and keep you informed throughout the project. Further updates will be shared as the works progress.

If you use this route, please give yourself sufficient time to make your drop offs and pick ups

DIARY DATES

Mon 30 th March – Fri 11 th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
APRIL	
Tues 21 st	Chestnut class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Tues 28 th	Yr4 HFL Maths challenge Beech class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
MAY	
Mon 4th	BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
W/B 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Sat 16 th May	FOES summer fayre
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May – HALF TERM BREAK	
JUNE	
Wed 3 rd	Sports Day
W/C Mon 8 th	Phonics screening
Tues 9 th	Reserve sports day
Tues 9 th	Yr3 HFL Maths challenge 6pm Welcome talk to new Year R parents 2026/2027
Tues 16 th	Cedar class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Weds 24 th	Silver birch class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 25 th	Transition day for Yr. 6 into Yr. 7 at JFAN and SWCH
Tues 30 th	Acorn class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
JULY	
Wed 1 st	Open evening 4.30pm – 5.45pm
Fri 3 rd July	Relaxed dress rehearsal to KS1 of Yr. 6 play FOES frozen Friday
Tues 7 th	1.45pm Dress rehearsal to KS2
Wed 8 th	Yr. 6 performance 1.45pm & 6pm
Fri 10 th	FOES colour run
Tues 14 th July	Cherry class Assembly 2.30pm for 2.40pm
Thurs 16 th	HT awards assembly
Fri 17 th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 17 th	Last day of term—finish at 1.30pm

2026/2027 Term Dates	
Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 (NPD) – Friday 18 December 2026 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i> <i>Friday 4th December 2026 (NPD)</i>
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 (NPD) – Thursday 25 March 2027(NPD) <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>May Bank Holiday - 3 May 2027 Half Term 31 May – 4 June</i> <i>Monday 7th June 2027 (NPD)</i>

Health and safety.....No
scooting by anyone, (including
preschoolers) on
the playground
or through the
car park please!



Please note that scooters can
be stored on the school site
inside the EYFS gate, during the
school day, however we can
not take responsibility for any
loss or damage. We would also
advise that scooters are not left
if your child is attending an
after school club as the gate is
unlocked from 3.10pm

Butterfly Easter holiday club
Elsenham c.o.e school CM22
6DD

Easter HOLIDAY CLUB

Tues 31st March,
Weds 1st April, Thurs
2nd April, Tues 7th,
Weds 8th & Thurs 9th
April 2026.

8.30am - 4pm
£30 per day

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
FUN COOKING
ARTS & CRAFTS
SPORT CHALLENGES
AND MANY MORE...

Must bring own
lunch, Light
snacks provided.

FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGE 2 - 11

j_fleming1977@sky.com

**SIGN
UP
NOW!**

FOR INFORMATION
07850113477



GETTING READY FOR EASTER



Come as a family for an Easter activity morning!

10:00-12:00
ELSENHAM VILLAGE
HALL, CM22 6DD



heuchurch.org

We have a lot of books missing from the library. Please check under beds and sofas at home and return after Easter.

Thank you



EXPLORERS

A NEW GROUP FOR YEARS 4-6

STARTING 15 APRIL

Join us on a Wednesday after school as we play great games, activities and crafts and hear true Bible stories. Make new friends and have a wonderful time!

Parents and carers are invited to stay to enjoy free homemade refreshments while the kids are in their group. Plus, there will be space for younger siblings to play.

 **WHEN?** Wednesdays in term time, 3.30-4.45

 **WHERE?** Henham Church (CM22 6AL)

 **HOW DO I BOOK?** Scan the QR code



Henham, Elsenham & Ugley Churches

heuchurch.org

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Visit the website or contact us at
office@heuchurch.co.uk

School Nurse Details

Feel free to contact the school nurse for advice on physical and mental health-
including sleeping difficulties.

Michelle Coates

School Nurse

Uttlesford Team

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS)

Service provided by: HCRG Care Group in partnership with Barnardo's.

Main Office Number: 0300 247 0122

Email: michelle.coates@hcrccaregroup.com

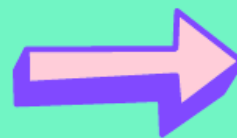


MHST Support Sessions

MHST are offering free 1:1 support sessions.

If your child is displaying either challenging behaviour or anxious symptoms mostly at home and you would like to receive support please scan the code below.

**Scan here to
complete an
enquiry form...**



Possible anxious symptoms:

- Worrying or having negative thoughts
- Experiencing lots of fears
- Tearfulness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Becoming angry or irritable
- Clingy
- Feeling unwell; constant stomach ache, feeling sick

Possible symptoms of challenging behaviour:

- Having lots of angry outbursts or 'tantrums'
- Ignoring or refusing to follow requests
- Verbal aggression e.g. shouting, swearing
- Physical aggression e.g. hitting, biting
- Damaging things
- Excessive anger when not getting their own way