

NEWSLETTER



Friday 8th May 2026

I start this week's Newsletter with some staffing news. At the end of the school year we will be saying goodbye to two valued members of our team. Meghan Draper will be taking the next step in her career path, as she takes up a Deputy Headship post at Priors Wood Primary School from September. We are of course delighted for her and after eight years as Assistant Headteacher here at Elsenham this is well deserved.

We will also be saying goodbye to Alix Coole, after two years as Pastoral Lead at our school. Alix's family are relocating to Hampshire, so it's a little too far to commute! I know she will be very much missed by our families.

We wish them both all the very best.

Next week is the statutory testing week for Yr. 6 children across England. We wish the children in Maple and Oak class the very best of luck. They have worked hard and are well prepared so we hope that they smash it!

If you are a parent of a Yr. 6, please make sure that your child:

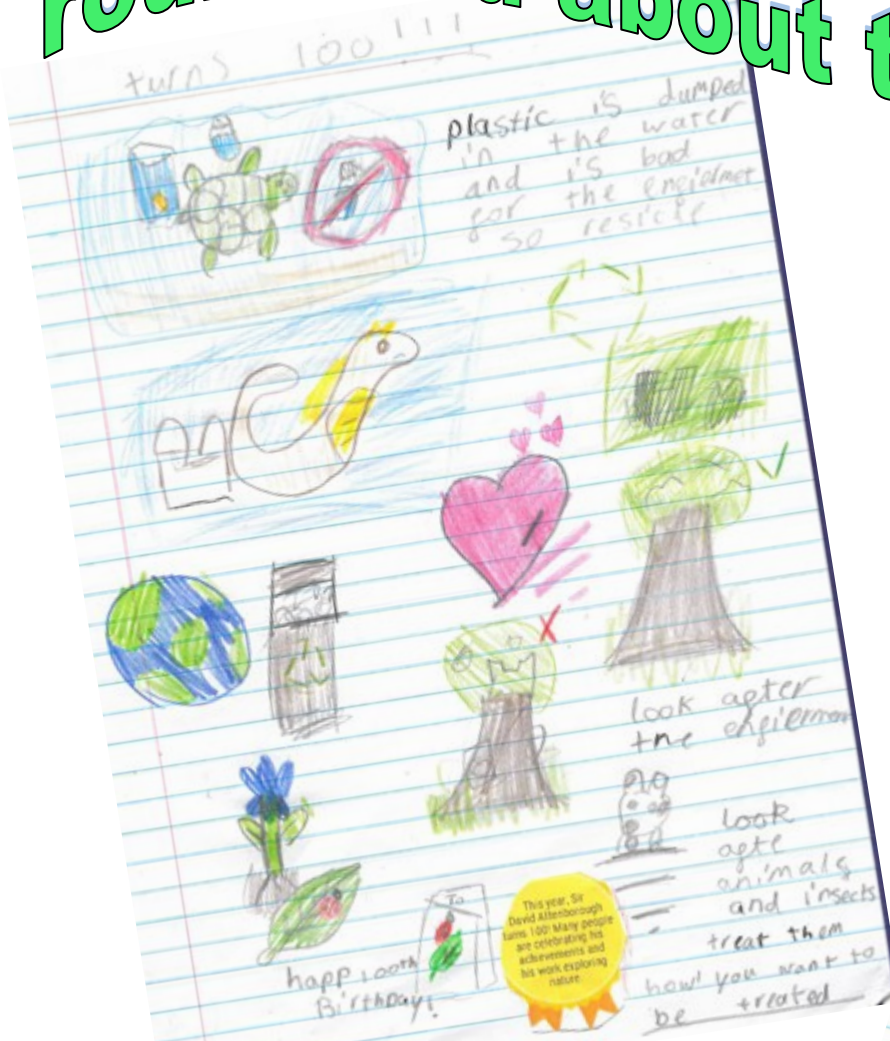
- * Gets a good night's sleep
- * Comes off any gaming well before bedtime
- * Eats some breakfast

**Good Luck
Yr.6!**

KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

W/B 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs week—Good Luck Year 6!
Tues 12th May	Rowan class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
Sat 16th May	FOES summer fayre

round and about the classes



Sycamore class have been really inspired by their research into Sir David Attenborough, who turns 100 years old.

They created some wonderful fact files about his life and works.

Blake, Ellie and Pharell were proud of their work.

Sir David Attenborough



David Attenborough loved investigating nature as a kid and he loves looking at fossils



Did you know some animals were named after

When he was about 11 years old David heard that a university nearby needed newts. He found some in a pond and gave them to the university.



Celebrating success

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

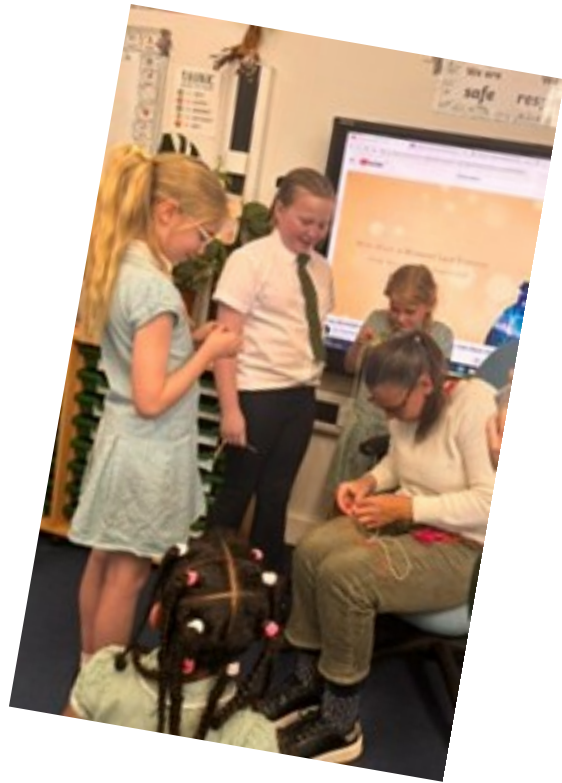
Cherry	Daisy
Acorn	Morgan
Beech	Melody
Chestnut	Nefeli
Silver birch	Hanif
Cedar	Chloe
Rowan	Ayla
Sycamore	Maicie
Ash	Elsie
Elm	Grace
Willow	Jack
Pine	George
Maple	Lexi
Oak	Noah

Well done to Ash class who won the Battle of the Bands cup for a second time in a row! Well done to Blake in Yr.3 for achieving the highest score across the school!



More from the classes

Elm class took their maths outside to explore the place value of decimals. We drew place value grids on the playground and threw beanbags into the columns to create numbers. We had a fantastic time and the children's knowledge was secured through many games such as, 'Who can make the lowest value number?' and 'Who can make a number with 2 hundredths?'



Thank you to both Piper and Margot's mums for coming into Year 4 to assist with sewing. The children were working hard on running, cross and blanket stitches.





Free food from Pret a Manger at the school gate every Friday at 5.30pm.

Don't let food go to waste!

Open to everyone!

DIARY DATES

Mon 30 th March – Fri 11 th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
MAY	
W/B 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Tues 12 th May	Rowan class Assembly—doors open 2.30pm for a 2.40pm start
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
Wed 10 th	Class photo day 5.30pm 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 Yr 6 Dress rehearsal to KS2 6pm Yr 6 performance to parents
Wed 8 th	Yr. 6 performance to parents 1.45pm
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

Please note that whilst we will do our best to keep to these dates, circumstances may require us to make a change

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>

What's on this MAY at



All take place at Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted CM24 8AQ unless otherwise stated, are funded by TouchPoint and are free of charge with donations welcomed:

MONDAYS

10am-12pm: Memory Lane Café (free dementia support group)

CLOSED on 4 May. 25 May is TBC, please check website before heading out

1:40pm-2:30pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise - Wimbish Primary School, Tye Green, CB10 2XE *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*

2:45-3:15pm: Community Foodshare - Wimbish Primary School, CB10 2XE

6:30-7:15pm: Women's Running & Fitness* *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*

7:15pm-8pm: Women's Body Blitz* *CLOSED on 4 and 25 May*

TUESDAYS

9:15-10:15am: Yoga

10-11am: Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL

11am-12pm: Chair-based Pilates - Pam's Place, Thaxted, CM6 2RL

12:15-1pm: Community Foodshare - Elsenham Memorial Hall, CM22 6BY

WEDNESDAYS

12.15-1pm: Chair-based yoga

1-1:40pm: Chair Boogie seated exercise

5-5:30pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted *(time subject to change, please check our website before heading out)*

6-7pm: Men's Nordic Walking Group**

6:30-7:30pm: Women's 'Stronger You'* - Elsenham Village Hall, CM22 6DD

7-8pm: Yoga - Birchanger Primary School, Birchanger, CM23 5QL

THURSDAYS

9:15-10am: Chair-based exercise - Takeley Old School Community Hub, CM22 6OJ

10am-10:45am: Community Foodshare - Takeley Old School Community Hub, CM22 6OJ

10am-2:30pm: Community Café (inc. small Community Foodshare)

3-6pm: TouchPoint Teatime

FRIDAYS

8:30-10:30am: Free Breakfast Club

10-10:45am: Community Foodshare - Saffron Walden Baptist Church, CB11 3HD

10-11am: Parent & Baby Yoga - *booking essential, email active@thetouchpoint.org for info*

10-11am: Friday Walking Group

10-12pm: Friday Social

1-1.45pm: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SATURDAYS

10-11am: Community Foodshare - Stansted

SUNDAYS

10:30-11:30am: Yoga

1pm-4pm: Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: *NOTE: Sunday 3 May and Sunday 17 May only*

***Women only**

**** Men only**

For more information, visit our website, www.thetouchpoint.org:



Also this month at Crafton Green House:

Bereavement Café, with St Clare Hospice:

- **10-11:30am**, Wednesday 6 May
- **10-11:30am**, Wednesday 20 May
- **7-8:30pm**, Wednesday 27 May

Essex Police Advice session:

- **10am-12pm**, Thursday 21 May
- **10am-12pm**, Thursday 28 May

Peabody Trust drop-in housing advice session:

- **11am-3pm**, Thursday 14 May

Are you a parent/carergiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

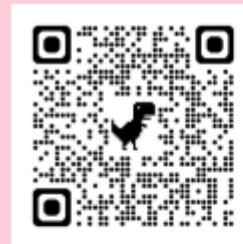
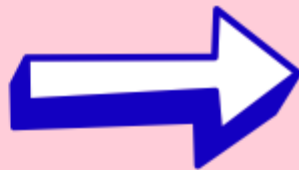
The Mental Health Support Team can offer sessions during the Summer Holidays



Sessions are FREE

Sessions are with you to support your young person
Sessions are online or face to face.

Scan here to complete an enquiry form...



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Symptoms of Anxiety

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

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