

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

Telephone: 01594 833232  
email: [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.ellwoodschool.co.uk](http://www.ellwoodschool.co.uk)



**Our value this term is: Kindness**

**May 4th 2023**

## Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 94.4%**.

Well done to **Oak class** for getting 100% attendance this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m,

ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

[admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	96.6%
Beech	94.8%
Sycamore	96.7%
Willow	88.5%

## Reminder.....

**TOMORROW** - Wear red, white and blue into school.

Tea and cake on the playground (parents/carers welcome to join - 2:00pm-3:15pm)

Cake donations needed, please bring any donations in to school on Friday morning. Many thanks!

**Fundraising Friday** - Sweet cones (£1) and bags of sweets (50p) available after school this week outside Willow classroom



## Curriculum

Year 1 have been busy starting their plant topic with planting sun flowers and vegetables.

The children enjoyed looking around the school grounds naming flowers and planted carrots, radishes, onions and herbs.

We can't wait to watch them grow and hopefully eat some yummy vegetables.



For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.**

[Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.](#)

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register** - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 23 May, please encourage them to email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by [visiting our free school meals page](#). If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the same link.

**Using vouchers** – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via email to [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) by the end of the holiday period.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).





# Picture News

Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...



## Let's look at this week's story



The coronation of King Charles III is taking place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort. Buckingham Palace has announced various events for the weekend, including a concert and laser light show at Windsor Castle on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. There will be an extra bank holiday across the UK on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May and people are also being invited to hold street parties, and to take part in volunteering projects in their local community.

## This week's story looks at events related to ...



British Values



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different; our lives, and our beliefs. How or if we choose to celebrate the coronation will be different too and we respect this.



## UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to use our own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where we live.



## Reflection



The coronation of a new monarch is a significant event and a key moment in history. The UK will see many celebrations and events to mark the date.



## Protected Characteristics



The coronation service, where King Charles III will be crowned king, is a Christian service. However, it will reflect the different religions and diversity of modern Britain. Our religion or belief should never stop us being invited to take part in coronation celebrations.

## Useful vocabulary



### Coronation

The ceremony at which a king or queen is crowned. The coronation of King Charles III is taking place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May.

### Diversity

The fact of there being people of many different groups in society. It is likely to be shorter and smaller in scale than the last coronation, Queen Elizabeth II's in 1953, and reflect the different religions and diversity of modern Britain.

### Milestones

Important events in the development or history of something or in someone's life. Considering other events and significant milestones, which are most important to you and why?

### Monarch

A king or queen. The coronation of a new monarch is a significant event and a key moment in history.

### Rooted

Strongly influenced by or developed from something. Buckingham Palace has said that the coronation will be rooted in long-standing traditions.

### Significant

Important or noticeable. The coronation of a new monarch is a significant event and a key moment in history.

**'Seed Swap' after school each Friday in May.** Bring along any unwanted seeds or just take seeds that you will grow. We have a number of climbing French beans that we harvested in the Autumn that you are welcome to and now is the time to get sowing.



Also, the **plant stall will be at the front of the school** soon which raises money to fund the garden.

If you have any spare seedlings or plants please leave them at the front of the school or see Mrs Rees.



Thank you

## Diary Dates

### MAY

- Friday 5th May - Coronation day celebrations - wear red, white and blue. Tea and cake on field 2:00pm - 3:15pm  
Parents/Carers invited.
- Monday 8th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday 9th May - Y3 Gymnastics
- Tuesday 9th - 12th May - KS2 SATS
- Monday 15th - 18th May - KS1 SATS
- Tuesday 16th May - Y3 Gymnastics  
- KS1 SATs  
- Class photos  
- Leavers photos
- Wednesday 17th May - KS1 SATS
- Thursday 18th May - KS1 SATS
- Fri 19th May -  
Mon 22nd May - Manor Adventure Y6
- Thursday 25th May - School disco (5pm-6pm Oak, Chestnut & Beech.  
6:15pm - 7:15pm Sycamore & Willow)
- Friday 26th May - Non school uniform for raffle tombola prizes  
for summer fair