

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Chestnut Class for having 100% attendance this week - fantastic!

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Thank you for your support.

Oak	89.7%
Chestnut	100%
Beech	97.4%
Sycamore	95.3%
Willow	96.6%

## GPJ Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 GPJ team who competed in the regional competition at Wyedean School on Tuesday. They took part in 4 events; Relay Race, Cricket, Long Jump and Endball, with points being awarded for each. We came second overall and our team were awarded their Silver Medals at the awards ceremony at the end.

Well done!



## Summer Spelling Challenge

All the children did a great job with their spelling challenge, with many of the children getting all of them correct - which is fantastic!

Thank you also to parents/carers for supporting their children by helping them practise. Spellings will remain a whole school focus in the Autumn term. However, due to the support children are receiving at home, spellings are improving rapidly.

Thank you.

## Final Reminder -Dinner Debts

All dinner debts must be paid by Tuesday 24th July. If the arears are not cleared, Gloucestershire County Council will be taking legal action.

Dinner accounts should remain in credit at all times.

Thank you.

### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Abbie Grace Tomkins  
Chestnut - Poppy Ulyatt  
Beech - Ethan Hemming  
Sycamore - Lucas Roberts  
Willow - Zhia Akers

*Well done!*

### Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:

Oak Class - Jasper Jay and Arlen Davies  
Chestnut Class - Sophie Bridges and Elsie Thomas  
Beech Class - Luis Williams and Harry Bishop  
Sycamore Class - Lucas Roberts and Alexa Hampson



*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

Oak Class - Isabella Caruana  
Chestnut Class - Riley Nixon  
Beech Class - Henry Bishop  
Sycamore Class - Natham McAuliffe



*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*



**WHERE CHARACTER IS MADE**

**\*Calling All Year 6 Girls\***

**Taster Session @ Cinderford RFC**  
**Mon 23rd July 17:00-18:00**

**For more info contact Paul Lydiard 07871577270**



### **Mini Brass Concert**

Thank you to all the parents /carers that came along on Monday to see their children perform in the mini brass concert. The children have had great fun learning these new instruments.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Just a reminder that children in KS2 do not receive a free snack for break time. If you have a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 please provide a healthy snack, such as; a piece of fruit, muesli bar, breadsticks etc. Sugary snacks, crisps and chocolate are not permitted at break time.

Thank you.



### **Summer Child Care**

If you are in need of child care throughout the summer holidays, Ellwood Nursery are running a holiday scheme.

For more information please contact Ellwood Nursery directly: 01594 835624 or visit their website

[www.miarosenurseries.co.uk](http://www.miarosenurseries.co.uk)

Thank you.

### **Handwriting**

In September we will be introducing cursive handwriting throughout the school. Next week a sheet will be sent home with examples of the letters and how they are formed. We would be grateful if you could practise some of these letters over the Summer holidays. So when the children come back in September they have already become familiar with them. Some of the older children are already joining using the correct joins and therefore may not need as much practise. By using cursive handwriting it increases speed and stamina of writing and can help improve spelling.

### **Possible Adder Sighting**

Please be extra vigilant as there has been a possible sighting of an adder along the footpath towards Sling.

Thank you.

### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

Parents/carers of Year 6 children are invited to come along to the Leavers Assembly on Wednesday 25th July at 1 p.m. in the school hall.

Thank you.

### **Leavers' BBQ & Summer Celebration**

**Friday 20th July 4.30-7.30**

Let's hope the sun is shining this much for our Leavers' BBQ & Summer Celebration!

Join us, come rain or shine, for the BBQ, FOD Rock Painting, Penalty Shoot Out with Ellwood F.C, Ice-cream and Sweet stall, Fire Engine & Fire Safety Advice Team, Splat the Grown Up and new for this year a FREE photo booth....along with lots more!!

Remember that these events can't happen without the help and support from the families of our children, so please do your best to sell the tickets that come home. We're also ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help us on one of the stalls.

Let us know how you can help, and as always, HUGE thanks for all your help and support during these events.

The Friends

### **School Meals Next Week**

If you have not pre-ordered your child's school meal for Tuesday or Wednesday next week. Please provide your child with a packed lunch.

Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

All lost property items will be placed out on the playground on Tuesday after school. Please come along and take a look.

### **Miscellaneous Items Found**

The following items have been found on the playground: a keyring with keys and K fob, child's necklace with cat pendant and a pair of yellow sunglasses.

Please come to the office if any of these items belong to you.

## End of Year Round up

### Activities

- Cycle Proficiency
- European Day of languages
- Harvest Competition
- Spelling Challenge
- Christmas Fayre
- Harvest Assembly
- Carol Singing for Crossways Care
- Easter singing for Crossways Care
- Carol Service
- Nativity
- Remembrance Service
- Internet Safety Day
- World Book Day
- Drama Workshops
- Easter Egg Raffle
- Christmas Service
- Easter Service
- Swimming (Years 3,4,5,6)
- Bedtime Story (after school)
- 'Books for Bugs' Book Fayre



### School Visits/Trip

- Young Voices (Y 4/5/6)
- Forest Schools—Y5 and Reception
- Den Building Day—Willow
- Cinema Trip - Oak and Chestnut
- Whole School Panto Trip
- Macbeth at Puzzlewood (Y4,5 &6)
- Year 5 Activity Day at Dean Academy
- Innovation Day—Coleford Library (Y3 &4)
- Viney Hill Trip (Y4)
- Manor Adventure (Y6)
- Coleford Festival of Lights



### Competitions

- Hands on Art Competition
- Whole School Spelling Challenge
- Reading Raffle
- K'nex Challenge
- Taurus Crafts Art Competition
- Bedtime Story Competition (Willow)
- Premier League 'Resilience' Poetry competition (Willow)



### Sporting Events & Competitions

- Sports Week
- Archery & Fencing
- Circus Workshop
- Whole School Dance Workshop
- Gymnastics Competition
- Girls Football Competition
- Cross Country Competition
- Swimming Gala
- GPJ Competition
- Cricket Tournament
- Gloucestershire Summer Games



### Clubs

- Golf
- Football
- Drama/Dance
- Multi-sports
- Cricket
- Gymnastics
- Country Dance
- Science
- Coding/Computing
- Gardening
- Chess
- Yoga
- Construction
- Martial Arts
- Cross Country



### Visitors to school

- Reverend Michelle
- PCSO
- Police
- Fire Service
- Love your Forest
- Author Visit—Sam Densham
- NSPCC assembly and workshop
- Road Safety Talk
- Open the Book
- Engineer
- Geological Society



## Diary Dates

### July 2018

- Fri 20th Jul - End of Term BBQ 4.30 - 7.30 p.m.
- Mon 23rd Jul - Cattle Country Trip (Reception Class)
- Wed 25th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1 p.m.
- End of Term 2 p.m. finish

### September 2018

- Mon 3rd Sept - Inset Day
- Tues 4th Sept - Inset Day
- Wed 5th Sept - Start of new school year