

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Respect

January 18th 2024

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 98.2%**.

Well done to Oak class and Chestnut class this week for both achieving 100% attendance!

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

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	100%
Beech	96.3%
Sycamore	99.1 %
Willow	96.1%

After school clubs started this week, thank you to those staff members who are running one this term. As a reminder this half term's clubs run until Friday 9th February.

Clubs – Spring Term 1 2024

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Club dates: Monday 15th January – Friday 9th February 2024

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
<i>Y6 SATs booster</i>	<i>Monday 3:20 – 4:20pm</i> <i>All year 6</i>	<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Mrs Woodhouse/Mrs Genner-Morris</i>
Feelings & Mindfulness workshop	Monday lunchtimes	Year 5 (max 6-8)	Mrs Rowley
Hama beads	Tuesday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (max 15)	Mrs Milford
Multi-sports	Wednesday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 1, 2 & 3 (max 15)	Cam Mills
Lego lunchtime club	Wednesday lunchtimes	Years 3 and 4 (max 10)	Mrs Charles
Hockey club	Thursday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 4, 5 & 6 (max 15)	Cam Mills
Feel Good Friday	Friday 8:00 – 8:35am	Years 1 – 6 (20 max)	Mrs Charles



Accept
This is what's going on.
This is how I feel.

Be
I want it to be better.

Choose
What can I choose to do?

Do
Do it.



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our whole school, well-being approach we are using Trick Box, which is a fun and effective personal development programme, to help children from Reception to Year 6 to;

- Build confidence
- Manage emotions and anxiety
- Develop communication skills
- Make positive choices about actions
- Coach themselves through challenges



From Reception to Year 6 your child will be introduced to 24 'tricks' and a simple self-coaching model called Letter Box, designed to give them positive habits for life.



We are proud to introduce our first pupil Trick Box mentors.

Sorrel, Tabitha, Bella and Edith are motivated, good listeners and have a desire to make a positive difference. They are available at some break and lunch times and armed with their Trick Box cards they are keen to support others, teach tricks and support positive choices.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Chisman (PSHE Lead)

For the February 2024 half-term school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with 1 week of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-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 previously do not need to re-register for February 2024 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. 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 so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the February 2024 half-term are open from midday 16 January until midday 30 January. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 05 February. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 07 February, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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

We are sharing the below link in case any of our parents are interested in any of the online courses offered online.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Please see the link below for dates of community drop ins in Gloucester for anyone wishing to escape the cold temperatures and grab some warm food over the next week.

Gloucester Rugby Charitable Foundation Invites the Community to a Safe Haven from the Cold | Gloucester Rugby <<https://www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk/content/gloucester-rugby-charitable-foundation-invites-the-community-to-a-safe-haven-from-the-cold>>

Chestnut Class Focus

In year 1 we have had a very naughty visitor! The Naughty Bus is back again in Year 1 causing trouble. The Naughty bus has been making such a mess in the classroom and has not been following the classroom rules!

Year 1 have written letters to the Naughty Bus to explain that if he wants to stay he must follow the rules.



In pe we have been learning how to throw, roll and catch a ball.



In computing Year 2 have been using the ipads to use ScratchJr to create their own character and create codes to make the character move.





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Diary Dates

JANUARY

- Thurs 18th January - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Thurs 25th January - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 26th January - Whole school Cricket experience day (PE kit to be worn)
- Tues 30th January - Years 3/4 Swimming

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 1st February - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Monday 5th February - Safer internet day
- Tuesday 6th February - 5 year old dental checks (NHS)
- Thursday 8th February - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 9th February - Cake sale in aid of Little Princess Trust (donations welcome please!)