



## Dates for your diary

- 17.12.24 – Wow Day. All welcome 3pm – 3:30pm
- 17.12.24 – Carols by Candlelight 6pm
- 20.12.24 - End of term 2
- PTFA tuck shop at 3:30pm
- 6.1.25 – INSET Day – school closed to children
- 7.1.25 – Start of term 3
- 9.1.25 – Bang Day for children
- 14.1.25 – Beech Class families stay for lunch 12noon – 12:30
- 18.1.25 – Swimming Gala
- 7.2.25 – PTFA Ladies Night
- 11.2.25 – Year 6 at Life Skills Centre all afternoon
- 14.2.25 – Children’s disco and end of term 3.

## Important notice

Please ensure you are ready to collect your child at 3:30.

Only park in the school car park if you have a blue badge. Thank you.

Please check the yearly planner or school website for term dates and upcoming events.

A note from Mrs Bond...

### Inspiring Learners

**Pine Class Christmas Nativity: *The Big Little Nativity*:** Pine Class treated us to a wonderful performance of *The Big Little Nativity* this week! The children did an amazing job learning their lines and songs, and it was such a joy to see them shine on stage.

**Year 1 and 2’s *Prickly Hay*:** What a performance! Our Year 1 and 2 children had us all laughing and smiling with their version of *Prickly Hay*. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special event.

**Year 5 and 6 Trip to The Living Rainforest:** Two weeks ago, Year 5 and 6 visited The Living Rainforest as part of their topic on ecosystems and sustainability. The children were fascinated by the incredible plants and animals they saw and learned so much about how rainforests contribute to our planet. A fantastic hands-on learning experience!

**Celebrating Christmas:** We held our very first Christingle Service at St. Michael’s Church with Key Stage 2. It was a lovely moment for everyone to come together and reflect during this festive season.

Key Stage 2 were welcomed to Salem Church this week to sing Christmas carols and hear the story of Christmas. A highlight of the year for many children. Thank you to all at St Michael’s and Salem for welcoming us.

### Enriching Lives

**PTFA Christmas Fayre:** The Christmas Fayre was a big hit! A massive thank you to the PTFA, our amazing volunteers, and everyone who came along to support. It’s always great to see our community coming together. We are delighted to share that we raised: £1,711.45.

**Reception Families Stay for Lunch:** We loved having our Reception families join us for lunch! It was so nice to share a meal together and give parents a little glimpse of daily school life. Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us! The hall was filled with laughter and excitement and I know that it meant so much to our children.

### Achieving Together

**Parents’ Evening:** Thank you to everyone who came along to Parents’ Evening. It was great to celebrate the children’s progress and share in their achievements together. We really value working as a team with our families to help every child succeed.

**Looking Ahead:** The final week of term sees us non-stop with incredibly opportunities:

Our Wow day is taking place on Tuesday at 3pm. This is a chance for all children to showcase their learning from term 1 and 2. We cannot wait to share this with you all!

Wednesday sees Willow and Oak class venturing to Bristol Museum to hone their skills as Egyptologists. The evening then sees our very first Carols by Candlelight in our new school building. Please come along, enjoy a minced pie and embrace the festive spirit.

Finally, Friday sees us saying farewell to another incredible term at Elm Park. The PTFA are marking the end of term two with an after school tuckshop.

On a last note, on Sunday, it will be a year since we packed up and left our old school building. How time has flown and what a remarkable year we have had.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.



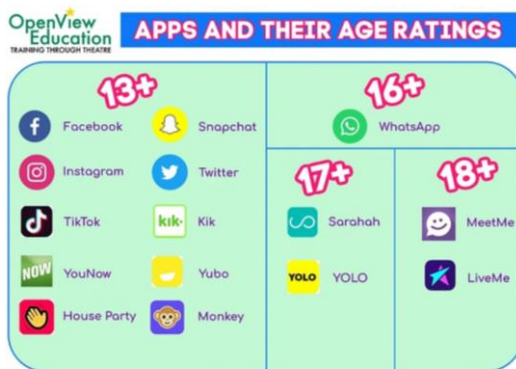
## Elm Park Primary School Values

Honesty                      Collaboration  
 Respect                        Determination  
 Kindness



*Our focus value this term is Respect.*

Help us to keep your children safe... No child in a primary school should be accessing these social media platforms as they are not old enough...



Please check your child's phone regularly to ensure they are staying safe and keeping others safe.

If in doubt, check it out!

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media>



Thank you to:

- ❖ All of the staff in Year 5 and 6 for organising a wonderful trip to The Living Rainforest.
- ❖ Mrs Lugg, Mrs Kidger, Miss Abraham and Mr Pavey for joining me and the children at St Michael's Church for the Christingle Service.
- ❖ The amazing choir and readers, who performed with confidence at The Christingle and who will be performing at Carols by Candlelight.
- ❖ Our amazing PTFA for the incredible Christmas fayre!
  - ❖ Our Infant Team and all of the children for two spectacular Nativity performances.
  - ❖ Our Year 3 and 4 team for organising the Bristol Museum Trip.
- ❖ Thank you to all of the staff and families for making 2024 such a success.



A final farewell from our old school.

Photograph taken on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.