



## Newsletter – Summer Term 1

### Week 3

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another busy couple of weeks across the Eltham family! Many thanks for your involvement in our VE day celebrations yesterday. I'm sure you all agree that we must never forget these important anniversaries reminding us all of the sacrifices previous generations made securing our futures. In the next couple of weeks, look out for some amazing art work at the Eltham Centre, created during yesterday's celebrations.

As a Church of England Primary School, we are inspected in addition to the regular Ofsted inspections. [SIAMS \(Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools\)](#) is the Church of England outworking of the requirements of Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. We are preparing for this inspection in the next academic year ([2025/26](#)). We have been reflecting on our Christian vision for some time and thinking about ways we can be even better at living it out! As the Headteacher of the school, I obviously recognise the importance of our Christian roots and beliefs and that many families within the 'Eltham Family' attend local churches of differing denominations and chose us for the faith element we deliver. Obviously, we are here to primarily educate the children but do so within the context of biblical teaching and principles. We are proud of this identity and what it means for us, not just for our imminent SIAMS inspection but each and every day we are here. Our mission is always to 'Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with our God'.

Next week, our wonderful Year 6s take the Key Stage 2 SATs. Although, I have heard they have been enjoying the preparations, I say again, as I do every year, that they do not measure how kind or funny your child is, how fast they can run or recognise their many other talents or attributes. We wish them all the very best and know they are looking forward to their residential, party and other celebrations on the other side.

As always, if a problem arises or you have an issue you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher, please email the class email account. Teachers should get back to you within 48 hours. If the matter is considered urgent, please contact the school office. Occasionally, staff have been spoken to in a hostile or intimidating manner. This is concerning and such behaviour will not be tolerated. I will be writing to parents/carers who do not adhere to our [Parent Carer Code of Conduct](#).

As previously mentioned, as the warmer weather arrives, please ensure children are applying sunscreen before they come to school and have a suitable sun hat (with their name on it).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more learning.

Very best wishes  
Matt Wills  
Headteacher

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3v15-16

### Dates for your diary

**Ice lolly sale** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 3:25 pm on KS1 playground

**Key Stage 2 SATs week** – 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May

**Key Stage 2 Sports day** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1:30pm – Sutcliffe Park

Choir at **Singing Spectacular** Blackheath Halls – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Last day of Half Term** 23<sup>rd</sup> May (normal finish) (Half Term 26-30<sup>th</sup> May)

**Class photos** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**INSET day** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Key Stage 1 Sports day** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (morning) – on KS2 playground and MUGA

**Year 6 Leavers Service** 18<sup>th</sup> July 10am