

Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 Week 3 Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy couple of weeks at Eltham CE Primary School! I would personally like to thank everyone for a very warm welcome to the Eltham CE Primary School Community. I am slowly getting to know the pupils and families as each week goes by. Thank you to those who have come up to me on the gate to introduce yourselves. I had the pleasure of speaking to a number of parents who attended the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Wednesday. Thank you to the PTA for organising this. The cakes and sweet treats were delicious!

A little bit about me...

I am originally from New Zealand and am a very proud Kiwi (especially when it comes to Rugby!) I have lived in London for 25 years and have worked in a number of inner-city London schools. I took up my first Deputy Headship in 2009 and have also acted up as Headteacher on a number of occasions. I'm very pleased to have joined the Eltham team to help support the Leadership Team. Whilst Mr Wills is away, I like to assure you all that myself and the staff team are committed to ensuring that the day-to-day running of the school remains as consistent and as smooth as possible.

Choir Shines at Eltham Weekender. What a fantastic start to the year! On Saturday, our talented school choir lit up Passey Place with a joyful performance as part of the Eltham Weekender, celebrating the rich history and heritage of our local community. Despite having only two rehearsals since term began, the children sang excellently and gave it their best shot. Their energy and enthusiasm were truly infectious, and we couldn't be prouder! They sang some Collective Worship favourites as well as some choir classics. A huge well done to every performer—you were brilliant! This is just the beginning, so keep your eyes (and ears!) open for more exciting choir appearances coming soon. A big thank you to the families and staff who gave up their Saturday to perform.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE IS 31st **October 2025** If your child is currently In Year 6, you will need to complete an application before this date. Please click <u>here</u> for the timeline and details of local schools.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your loved ones.

Very best wishes

Ms Maryanne Boon Interim Deputy Headteacher

"Be kind and tender hearted to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32

Dates for your diary (events at school unless otherwise stated)

PTA Film nights Years 4, 5 and 6 24th Sept 3:45 - 5:15pm / Years 1, 2 and 3 Film night 1st Oct 3:45 - 5.15 pm Harvest Festival Friday October 3rd at Eltham Parish Church St Johns Year 1, 2 and 3 classes 9:30am / Year 4, 5 and 6 classes 2pm (children will return to school afterwards and be collected at normal times)

Parents' Evenings - 22nd Oct / 23rd October (bookings open soon)

INSET DAY Friday 24th October - No children in school

HALF TERM Mon 27th October - Fri 31st October - Children return on Monday 3rd November.

Last Day of Autumn Term - Friday 19th December 1:30pm finish.