

Newsletter

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November News

November 2025

Aaaaaaaargh!

I, for one, am delighted that the new OFSTED Framework has a 'Pumpkin Carving' category because, if there's one thing our families are good at (and there are many things!), it's taking a garden-variety gourd and turning it into something GROTESQUELY GHASTLY! Thank you, one and all, for your disgusting imagination and unmatched crafting skills! Exceptional! **Mr Massey**





























Pumpkin Competition





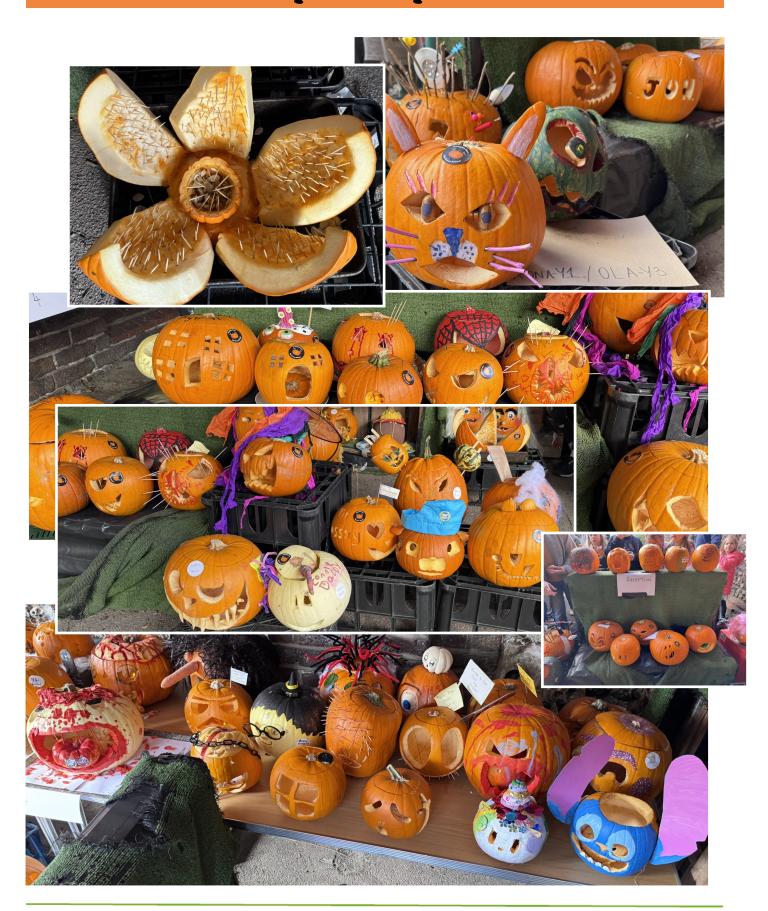








Pumpkin Competition

















Golden Book Merits

Beech	Lyra, Jakub, Rona
Birch	Rose, Robin, Harry
Baobab	Charlie, Logan, Alex
Bonsai	Luca, Koko, Freddie
Holly	Caspian, Jesse, Zofia
Horse Chestnut	Max, Sia, Megan
Cedar	Islam, Estella, Elijah
Cypress	Leo, Henry, Aniyah
Redwood	Jojo, Anderson, Jenny
Rowan	Jackson, Amelia, Mia
Elder	Max, Arthur, Evelyn
Oak	Raya P, Betty, Ethan

ALLERGEN UPDATE

Please contact the school office (admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if your child develops a new allergy/intolerance, or if any details the school needs to be aware of change.

Let the Hall!

Are you or anyone you know interested in letting our school hall on a regular basis?

We have hall space free from 6pm on Mondays, and Fridays. Any interested party can contact Sean Copping (School Business Manager): seancopping@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Hot Chocolate Club

- Ophelia from Beech
- Pearl from Cedar
- Samir from Birch
- Annie from Cypress
- Ellie from Baobab
- Truman from Redwood
- Benji from Bonsai
- Estelle from Rowan
- Lola from Holly
- Seb from Elder
- Alyssia from Horse Chestnut
- Victoire from Oak



Key Dates:

Event	Date
Winter Fair	29th Nov
KS2 Carol Concert	8th Dec, 7pm Horse chestnut, Cedar, Redwood, Elder
KS2 Carol Concert	9th Dec, 7pm Holly, Cypress, Rowan, Oak
KS1 Christmas Play	10th Dec, 2pm Apple, Birch, Bonsai
KS1 Christmas Play	11th Dec, 2pm Cherry, Beech, Baobab
Non uniform day & Y2 cake sale	19th Dec
School Inset day	5th Jan 2026
First day back	6th Jan 2026











Year 5 Survival Day

Year 5 toughed out the cold recently to have a survival adventure on The Patch as part of our Antarctic Explorers learning. We pitched tents, navigated obstacle courses, did fitness circuits, found our way by compass, learnt to filter dirty water



and even learnt to light fires! As if that wasn't enough, we rounded off the day with a couple of thrilling rounds of tug-of-war. Well done year 5 for your resilience and enthusiasm - you would make great explorers!



REMINDER: We have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods / packed lunches which contain nuts into school.



Prospective Parent Visits:

Please let your friends and neighbours know that if their child is due to start school in September 2026 they can visit Elm Grove for a school tour.

For more information on applying for a Primary school place please go to: <u>Important dates for infant, junior and primary school applications</u> (brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Date

Monday 24th November @ 10am

Monday 1st December @ 10am

Wednesday 7th January @ 10am

Parking and Road Safety Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers to:

- Not park on or near the yellow zig-zag lines at any time.
- Park considerately in nearby streets, avoiding driveways and access ways.
- Allow extra time for drop-off and collection to ensure safety is not compromised.

We've had reports of parents driving cars onto the pavement at pickup/dropoff, when they are full of families walking to and from school. Whilst we appreciate that it can be hard to find parking, reckless driving like this could cause serious injury. Please allow extra time for parking if necessary at these busy times.

We all share the responsibility of keeping our school community safe. Thank you .













Brighton Half Marathon Youth Races

The Brighton Half Marathon Youth Races are back for 2026!

After the success of last year's race; the Youth Races will be staged on **Saturday 28th February 2026**, giving young runners their own event day, whilst experiencing the buzz and atmosphere of the Brighton Half Marathon Weekend.

The one-mile route will be located on Hove Promenade, where runners will start and finish in the same place as the Half Marathon finishers a day later. The race is open to youngsters between 7-17, and all finishers will receive a goody bag, medal and Race T-shirt. Races are chip-timed, and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers for each age category.

Enter Here: https://brighton- half.eventize.co.uk/e/youth-race-10235

For more information, check out the website here- https://brightonhalfmarathon.com/ take-part/youth-race/



Large-print versions of the newsletter are available by request at the school office.



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Open to the public, invite your friends, family & neighbours
£1 adult entry fee, children go free

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER on Classlist here
BUY RAFFLE TICKETS on Classlist here
Can't attend? Please DONATE on LocalGiving here

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR STALLS - PLEASE HELP US WITH...

- RAINBOW RAFFLE HAMPER GIFTS Any lovely grown up treats, nice wine/beer, fancy food items & pamper gifts. We're asking all parents (if able to) to donate a prize for our raffle hampers from Friday 21st Nov. Please drop them into the school office or to class teachers.
- 2. BRIC-A-BRAC & BOOKS Good condition pre loved kids toys & children's books only. Drop in PTA shed opposite pantry from Mon 24th Nov
- 3. CAKES for the cafe (all nut free please) Drop into school office on Friday 28th Nov or direct to the canteen by 11am, Sat 29th November

Thank you. We can't run the fair without your help!













Mr Waring's Sports News

Brighton and Hove Schools' Cross-Country Championships

We took a group of 37 children from Y4-6 to the Brighton and Hove Schools' Cross-Country Championships recently. They showed real determination to complete the 2km course, and it was particularly lovely to hear from a member of staff from a different school who praised some of our children for the support that they had given to competitors from other schools. A special mention should go to Jago in Y5 who finished in 9th place (there are typically 250-300 children in each race) and who has now qualified to represent our city in the Sussex championships.





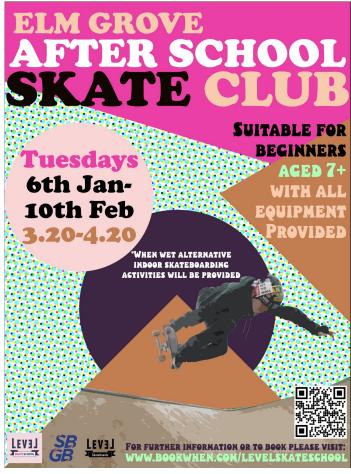


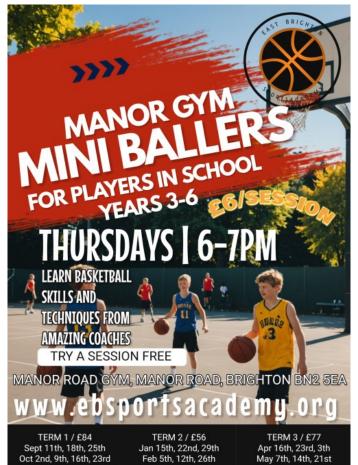












Mar 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

May 7th, 14th, 21st

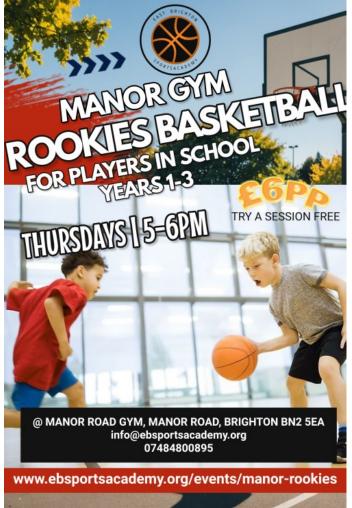
Jun 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

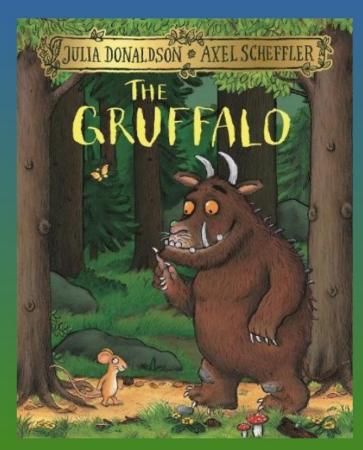
July 2nd, 9th, 16th

Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Nov 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Dec 4th, 11th, 18th





Story-time Sunday November 23rd

11:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor at Waterstones Brighton

Julia
Donaldson &
Axel Scheffler's
enduring classic

The Gruffalo