

Summer 1 Newsletter

May 2026

Here Comes the Sun!

I know I'm alone when I say: "Cor Blimey Guvna, that was a busy term!"

Here at Elm Grove, we rarely stand still and summer 1 has not been an exception. From SATs to summer fairs, hatching chicks to Herstmonceux and parades to Paradise Park, we've managed to cram a lot in!

We kicked off the Brighton Festival in style, banging out samba beats with our utterly fabulous Wind in the Willows-themed float. The Sun was out and the children and families marched in style. We could not have done any of this without Kate Benjamin, the PTA team and all of the parents and families, who created, carried and carnivalled their hearts out to give the children – and the city – a day to remember.

From my completely unbiased and objective perspective, I truly believe that our PTA do fairs better than anyone else and this year's was a storming success, raising over £4000 for the school with zero children devoured by reptiles. An enormous thanks to the PTA and all of the parents, children and staff who helped to make this such a wonderful, welcoming event and showcase of our fabulous school.

A very special mention for our Year 6 children and team, who approached their SATs in impeccable style. We are extremely proud of all of them for their determined, focussed attitude and for smiling all the way through. Thank you so much to Miss Clarke, Miss Kelly, Mrs Wroe, Miss Webbon, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Haisell, Mr Harcourt, Mrs Kelly and all of the other adults who have supported the children through the year and helped them through the SATs. Thanks also to all of the other children and staff across the school, who went out of their way to ensure that the year 6s had a peaceful and calm environment in which they could do their very best.

Thanks also to Mr Dancer, who worked through the Easter Holiday to transform the Reception play area. The children and adults love it and Mr Waring can't get enough of the mud kitchen!

In other news, we put the money earned/saved by employing three children to lead the school following our 'Head for the Day' competition to fund new musical equipment. This included a bass guitar, microphones and a new v-drum kit. The Year 6 band has already been putting these to good use and we've been inundated with requests for lunchtime drum sessions. I sometimes even let the children have a go!

At last, the Sun has come out to say hello and I hope everyone has an utterly lovely half-term. Have a great holiday and see you all on the 3rd of June. **Mr Massey**



Golden Book Merits



Beech	Tori, Luna, Jakub
Birch	Leo FD, Connie, Bobby
Baobab	Erin, Logan, Ellie
Bonsai	Whole class
Holly	Greta, Albie, Zareesh
Horse Chestnut	Yuki, Jack, Ola
Cedar	Rhett, Agnes, Ellie E
Cypress	Isla T, Marnie, Hettie
Redwood	Josh, Arry, Eddie
Rowan	Ava-Rose, Luna, Jimmy
Elder	Kieran, Willow, Mei
Oak	Raya P, Michael, Sam C

Hot Chocolate Club

Jasper in Beech Class	Rhett in Cedar Class
Finn W in Birch Class	Summer in Cypress Class
Flora in Baobab Class	Leo in Redwood Class
Ira in Bonsai Class	Ruby Rose in Rowan Class
- in Holly Class	Oscar in Elder Class
Esmee in Horse Chestnut Class	Phoebe in Oak Class

ROAD SAFETY

Please park carefully when dropping children off at school, and DO NOT move any safety signs.

Be mindful to park where there is allocated on street parking so that pedestrians still have visibility when crossing.

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.

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.

Key Dates:

Event	Date
25th —29th May	May Half term
1st & 2nd June	Inset Days
3rd June	Back to school
22nd June	Y6 PGL trip
23rd June	Y2 school trip
29nd June	KS2 sports day at Withdean Stadium
30th June	Year 2 sports day (9:30-10:30am)
1st July	Reception sports day (9:30-10:30)
2nd July	Year 1 sports day (9:30-10:30)
16 th July	Year 6 leavers party 6-8pm
21st July	Last day



Reception News

We're delighted to share our newly upgraded Reception outdoor area! Mr Dancer worked incredibly hard over the Easter holidays to bring our plans to life, and the transformation has been fantastic. The children have been absolutely loving the new space and are already making the most of it.



Reception children have been lucky enough to get some duckling eggs from a farm. They saw them hatch out of the eggs and are helping look after the five ducklings, making sure the sawdust is clean and dry and that they have lots of food and clean water each day. The children think they are SO CUTE and they love gently holding them and watching them waddle over the Activity Room carpet.



Year 1 News

Year 1 had a fantastic visit to the museums at Paradise Park, where they explored the story of Planet Earth, discovered fascinating fossils and dinosaurs, and learned about local history. The children were curious, engaged and thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on learning experience.



Year 3 News

Year 3 had an exciting and inspiring trip to The Observatory Science Centre, where learning truly came to life! The children explored a wide range of hands-on science exhibits, sparking curiosity and encouraging them to think like real scientists. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, asked thoughtful questions, and represented the school beautifully throughout a memorable and enriching experience. Thank you also to our parent helpers!



Mr Waring's Sport News

Football

Our footballers played Queens Park in the 7-a-side Geerts Shield recently. Whilst we lost heavily, the 11-1 scoreline did not really reflect the balance of play, and our players competed really well, right to the end of the match. Well done to: Freddie, Arthur, Riley, Kieran, Sami (Elder); Amari (Oak); Truman, Isaac (Redwood).



Golf

Congratulations to our golf team who worked so hard to clinch victory in a recent competition in spite of the strong wind which made playing conditions on the day incredibly challenging! Well done to: Rhion, Ed, Felix, Finlay, Ellie, Marnie, Amelie, Agnes (Y4); Lev, Romy (Y3).



Elm Grove Karate Students Celebrate Grading Success



We are incredibly proud of our Elm Grove karate students, who have recently achieved fantastic success in their latest grading. After weeks of dedicated training, focus, and determination, students demonstrated their skills in front of senior instructors to earn their new belts.

Each student showed excellent progress in their technique, discipline, and confidence, with many impressing not only through their physical ability but also their attitude, respect, and perseverance—key values we promote in every class.

Grading is an important milestone in a student's martial arts journey, and it was great to see so many students stepping up, pushing themselves, and achieving their goals. Their hard work truly paid off, and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

We look forward to seeing them continue to grow, develop, and progress in the coming months.

If your child would like to get involved and experience the benefits of karate—improving fitness, confidence, and focus—we warmly welcome new students to join our Elm Grove classes.

To book your child's place, please click the link - <https://sama-group.classforkids.io/info/679>