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# Elmsett C. of E. Primary School

*In the light of Jesus, we learn to shine*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer term, the last term of the current academic year, I would like to update parents and carers about what has been happening over the Spring Term.

## **SIAMS**

In the new school year 2026 – 2027, it is likely that we will receive a SIAMS inspection, as our last one was in 2019. SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) is a mandatory inspection framework for Church of England and Methodist schools in England. In preparation for this we have been working with Vicar Geoffrey and the Diocese to ensure we are ready. In February 26, we had a planning visit from Rachael Cutts who works with church schools for the diocese and she was extremely impressed by how much we have achieved over the past 4 years. Our pupils spoke to her, as did teachers and governors and we were given a few refining pointers, but assessed as being ready for the upcoming inspection. Obviously, parents and carers will be notified as soon as we know when the inspection will take place.

## **Staffing**

Currently, I have been supporting Mrs Hills in Robins Class on Thursdays and Fridays and this will continue while we make further recruitment decisions. I have also received the sad news that Mr Rutland will be moving on at the end of July. We all wish him the very best with his new endeavours and thank him for covering Mrs Betts' maternity leave as well as working with Owls and Kingfishers classes this year. As you will understand, I am therefore in the process of organising staffing for the new school year 2026 – 2027 and will be able to update parents and carers before the end of the summer term.

## **Tackling Tables**

We have implemented our new 'Tackling Tables' online and playing card times tables system and the pupils have enjoyed the new, up to date scheme. It has had a positive impact on pupil engagement with learning their times tables and division facts and obviously this is a fundamental part of mathematical development. Once pupils have achieved their certificates, there is now also a 'Superstar' level they can access for additional learning and rewards. Please encourage your child/ren to practice at home.

## **FOES and Fundraising**

Thank you to parents and carers for their contributions to the FOES Chocolate Raffle which raised £250 and was drawn in church on Thursday. Comic Relief donations reached £63, which is amazing. Thank you also to FOES for donating Easter eggs for the pupils and to parents and carers for donations for the Mother's Day flowers. In the summer term we will be holding another meeting

for those interested in helping to run FOES and will send out this date in due course. We will need to form a new committee for FOES to continue and sincerely hope that we can find a new committee as the contribution FOES make to school enrichment is such a positive part of the pupils' experience at Elmsett.

### **New Website**

We have a brand new website which can be accessed at:

<https://www.elmsettschool.co.uk>

This is the full version and should be easier to navigate.

There is also a mobile app available to download from your app store. Search for 'School Jotter 3' and choose to log in as a guest. Search for Elmsett School, tap the school and log in. This is a light version of the full website, but you will be able to access the calendar and newsletters easily.

Please have a look and bear with us while we update and add new content.

We are collecting the vouchers below – please bring to the school office if you are able to.



Please also remember that you can join the school milk scheme should you wish your child to receive milk at school. Leaflets with details are available in the office foyer.

Thank you for your support over the past term. We hope you enjoy a peaceful Easter with lots of rest and fun.

Yours sincerely

Miss Leigh Hilton

Headteacher  
On behalf of Elmsett Church of England Primary School