



Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new students that joined our school at the end of last term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.

Last term we celebrated World Book Day. The focus this year was “go all in”, encouraging children to dive deeper into reading. We were very impressed with the costume efforts and students’ engagement with activities! Students also took part in a number of craft activities including writing gift tags to accompany bunches of daffodils in order to celebrate the important women in their lives ahead of Mother’s Day. We also celebrated Red Nose Day on 20th March to raise money and awareness

## Dates for the diary

**Tuesday 21st April** - Start of Term 5

**Thursday 23rd April** - St. George’s Day

**Thursday 30th April** - Anne Frank Trust Workshops

**Monday 4th May** - May Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 6th May** - D-Day Anniversary

**Friday 8th May** - VE day

**Friday 15th May** - Creepy Claws Visit

**Friday 22nd May** - End of Term 5

*N.B Term 6 commences Wednesday 3rd June*

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for Comic Relief, donating a total of £ 131. Thank you to anyone who made a contribution towards the School's donation.



World book day 2026



Red Nose Day 2026

## Term 5

This term is a busy one, with a variety of activities and workshops taking place. The Anne Frank Trust UK will be delivering workshops to our students on 30th April, teaching our learners about prejudice and how to challenge it, whilst educating pupils on the life of Anne Frank (<https://www.annefrank.org.uk/>).

We are also looking forward to a visit from Creepy Claws on 15th May. Creepy Claws deliver educational, fun and exciting presentations, workshops and animal interactions to encourage an interest in a variety of animals and the natural world around us (<https://www.creepyclaws.org/>).

Students will also begin preparations for this year's Minster in Bloom competition during some of their Natural World and Diary of Discoveries lessons. Judging takes place during the Summer Holidays so keep an eye out on our social media pages for any updates!

Please see the 'Dates for the Dairy' section for a full list of dates. Further information about any specific events will be shared via email to parents and carers.

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## Staff updates

We are delighted to share that we have welcomed Rebecca Askew to our governance team (PAT) as Parent PAT. Rebecca has a huge bank of knowledge surrounding SEND and is a huge passion of hers.



## Reminders

- Just a polite reminder that due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that students do not bring items with nuts into school.
- Thank you for your support in parking with consideration to our neighbours and not leaving engines idling. We ask that you continue to park respectfully and use our driveway if available.
- Please remember to let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school. You can use the email address below, or call us on 01795 485039. Regular attendance is vital, directly linking to higher academic attainment as well as helping to build essential life skills such as punctuality, fosters social skills and confidence, and ensures continuity in learning, reducing stress and boosting future employment opportunities.

### **Careers information, advice and educational guidance (CEIAG)**

- **Friday 1st May** - Careers interviews
- **Saturday 2nd May** - Inclusive Careers Fair - 09:00 - 15:00 The Yarrow Hotel, Broadstairs. An Inclusive Careers Fair in East Kent, specifically focused on supporting learners with SEND. Contact [david.fretton@theeducationpeople.org](mailto:david.fretton@theeducationpeople.org) for more information.

## Useful contacts

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Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any questions.

With warm regards,

*The Elmley Dray Team*