

# Elm Class Newsletter

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Headlines:

- What a fabulous start to 2026 Elm Class children have made - well done to everyone for their positive, enthusiastic attitudes.
- Swimming lessons start next week.

### SWIMMING LESSON GUIDELINES

#### ALL

If possible, please remove earrings on swimming days. If not, earrings need to be covered with hypo-allergenic tape.

No hair gel may be used on swimming days.

Swimming hats are optional.

Goggles are optional but strongly advised.

#### GIRLS

A one piece-swimsuit should be worn for the lessons – bikini's or two-piece type swimwear **are not** permitted.

If your child has long enough hair, plaits are ideal for swimming days. All hair will need to be tied back

#### BOYS

Swimming trunks or cycle type swimming shorts are permitted (shorts must be well above the knee).

- Our new topic this term is: Design It, Make It, Test It. Please do check out knowledge organiser on our class page.

The Teacher Award  
Winners this week  
are:

**Huxley and Luca**

for their  
engagement and  
enthusiasm for  
learning.

**Star of the  
Week: Ezra**

## This week's learning...

**Maths:** Roman Numerals and Rounding to the nearest 10.

**English:** Word Class (nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs) and how to structure sentences so 'and' is not over-used.

**Termly Christian Value:** Compassion.

Elm had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday exploring what compassion means, the value of it and how we can show compassion to one another.

## Arbour

- a big plea!

Please can all parents choose their child's lunch options using Arbour (packed lunch and school dinners). We are losing a lot of precious learning time asking children their options.

P.E. days this term are:

Tuesday and Friday (Friday is our swimming day so children can come in their P.E. clothes especially if it is easier for them to get changed before and after swimming).

★ Phonic Focus: ★

When do I swap, double or drop letters before adding a suffix? (-er, -est, -ed, -ing, -

wrapping

funnier

usually

fittest

*occasional, occasionally*