

Elm Class Newsletter

Date: 16th January 2026

Headlines:

- Topic day was a great success - we hope you heard all about it at home!
- Fingers crossed the pool is re-opened next week. Please remember...

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).

Reading:

We have noticed a little dip in the reading that is taking place at home. Please remember the expectation in Year 3 is that every child reads X 3 a week to an adult.

**The Teacher Award
Winners this week
are:**

Fin

for his collaboration
and creativity
during our topic day

Arthur Hudson Bates

for his amazing
focus during our
topic day

Star of the Week:

Hattie Hibbard

This week's learning...

Maths: Right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles

English: Instruction writing including

R.E.: What can we learn from the life and teaching of Jesus? This week Elm Class wrote some incredibly thought-provoking poems about Jesus.

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:** ★

Continued focus on when do I swap, double or drop letters before adding a suffix? (-er, -est, -ed, -ing, -

wrapping

funnier

usually

fittest

business, enough, extreme