

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Responsibility**

October 3rd 2024

## Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation.

This week, our **whole school attendance was 96%**. Well done to Chestnut class for just beating Beech and Oak class to the top this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

[admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Oak	97.5%
Chestnut	97.9%
Beech	97.8%
Sycamore	96%
Willow	90.9%

## Eco Council—Milk bottle lids!

Our first bag of clean milk lids have been sent for collection in aid of Guide dogs for the Blind. Beech Class collected the most so they get a free playtime on Friday.

It's not too late for the next free playtime so get collecting!

Thank you

Mrs Rees and Eco Council.



## Sporting Achievements

Well done to the year 5/6 football team who took part in the first competition this year at Five Acres last Friday! Thank you to Miss Strathern who supported the boys.

Well done to the cross country runners who took part on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you to Mrs Aston who supported the children.

At times it can be tricky organising staff to take children to these events, especially in a small school. However, we are very passionate about children attending and experiencing as many different sports as possible here at Ellwood.

We also really appreciate parents taking their children to these events as it keeps the cost at a minimum. We have lots of other exciting events already lined up this year, which we are very much looking forward to.

Many thanks

Miss Hek (PE Lead)



## Year 3 - Gymnastics

Year 3 had a fantastic time at their first Gymnastics session this morning at Five Acres. Year 3 will attend the centre now until October half term.

We are so lucky to be able to give each year group the opportunity to use the Gymnastics centre and we really appreciate the help with the cost of the bus this year.



### **Out of school achievements**

Marnie Baker in year 3 wanted to share that she got gymnast of the month!

She attends the Forest of Dean gymnastics and fitness centre and works very hard!

Well done Marnie!



Please send in any out of school achievements if you would like them featured in our bulletin!

### **Reminders**

A reminder that all children need to wear P.E kit tomorrow as we will have a whole school sports taster day which each class having a session.

Please respond to the flu vaccination letter to avoid them calling you on the day of the vaccinations (Thu 10th Oct).

Please log in to parent pay and make payment for the Cheltenham Literature Festival trip if your child is in years 1—6.

Remember to send back disco reply slips!

New intake (Sept 2025) open evening - Thursday 10th October 4pm-5:30pm.

## Flu Vaccination

Please remember to follow the nhs link and either accept or decline the flu vaccination for your child. They need a response whether or not you want your child to have it. If they do not have a response recorded from you they will contact you on the day which will cause a lot of extra administration work for them.

The link is <https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and you will need the unique school code for Ellwood which is GC115552

Flu Season 2024/2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)**

This year it has been confirmed that the National Flu Vaccination Programme for 2024/2025 is being offered to all school aged children from Reception up to and including Year 11.

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination as soon as possible. If you do not respond, we will contact you again to make sure that you have received the offer of vaccination.**

#### **Giving consent**

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link ensure you use the Unique School Code below:

**[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(ghcimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk)**

**Ellwood Primary School Unique Code: GC115552**

This link will close at midday on the working day before the team is due to visit so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Gloucestershire Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 or email:

[FLU.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:FLU.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk)



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## *Diary Dates*

### October

- Thursday 3rd October** - Gymnastics Y3  
- Census day - Special menu
- Friday 4th October** - Sports taster day (Whole school P.E kit)
- Wednesday 9th October** - Cheltenham Literature Festival Years 1-6
- Thursday 10th October** - Flu Immunisations  
- Gymnastics Y3  
- Reception 2025 open evening
- Wednesday 16th October** - Parents' evening
- Thursday 17th October** - Parents' evening
- Friday 18th October** - Year 3/4 football tournament  
- Progressive sports - taster day
- Monday 22nd October** - Beech class assembly - 2:30pm
- Thursday 24th October** - Individual & sibling photo  
- School disco  
- Harvest festival assemblies (times tbc)
- Friday 25th October** - Inset day