



Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

What's been happening this week?

Year 4 have been making soup as part of their Design Technology project. They researched various soups, wrote their own recipe, learned soup making skills and evaluated their delicious product! Year 4 families, see if they can teach you at home!



A trip to Lee Fire Station taught Year 4 all about fire safety rules and the work of our amazing local firefighters. Sincere thanks to Lee Fire Station for this visit, and the parents who came along to help.

Year 2 had a great session run by The Farmer's Union. Farmer Compton taught them all about where food comes from as part of their Geography topic.



On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating Veganuary with bean burritos and tasty pea pesto pasta. Yum!



On Tuesday we were privileged to be joined by author Anne Fine (who has won The Carnegie Medal) who spoke to a group of Year 6 children from across our federation about writing and gave them some fabulous tips. Here are just a few:



Write the story you'd most like to read: If you love fairy tales, write one. Prefer adventure stories? Scary stories? Tales about pirates? Then write one of those. If it's the sort of story you like to read, you're more likely to do a good job.

Don't overcook your writing: Don't feel you have to lard every verb with an adverb and every noun with adjectives. A varied vocabulary is one thing. Drowning your story in unnecessary words is another. 'She grabbed' does the job better and more simply than 'she quickly grabbed', and 'his cold, wet, icy, frozen hand' is overdoing it horribly. 'His icy hand' was all you needed to write.



The children were excited to ask their own questions and Anne told them about the inspiration behind some of her books, her proudest achievements as an author and how she comes up with plots for her stories!

What is happening next week?

We are very proud to be an Asthma Friendly school and the Asthma Team are coming to lead an assembly for the children about asthma awareness on Thursday.

Year 5 have an exciting visit to the Globe Theatre to support their writing unit about Shakespeare.

Reception have a visit to Lee Fire Station next week so they can see some heroes in action in our community, as part of their Superheroes topic.



It's nearly time for the F@B Pancake Breakfast!

This is one of our favourite social events of the year! Delicious coffee and pastries for the parents and a pancake breakfast for the children. It's a great time to catch up with friends and build new connections in a relaxed atmosphere before school or work.

[Link here for tickets:](#)

<https://buy.stripe.com/28E5hC24Q3cj2lhe0EabK0a>



Important Information From the Office

Year 5: Complete permission form on Weduc for Year 5 visit to the Globe Theatre. Make payment on Arbor for Globe Theatre

Music: Payments for music are overdue as of 30th January!

Year 1: Please complete permission form for the Horniman Museum trip on Weduc and make payment on Arbor

Don't forget we are a Junior Parkrun school! You will find people from our school community at the parkrun most weeks so you can go along feeling welcome and confident!

Sundays at 9am
Eltham Park South
Glenesk Road



<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/eltham-juniors/>

Four Times a Week Reading Challenge

This term the children have been set the challenge of reading with a family member four times a week at least. Children who record these reads, signed by a family member, will get a special stamp in their reading record. Each stamp equals a chance to win a prize. The first prizes will be awarded in a couple of weeks, so get reading at home and make sure you've signed your child's reading record book!



Attendance

Year 5 are back at the top this week! Well done, Year 5!

Attendance Statistics

19 Jan 2026 - 23 Jan 2026

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
Reception	96.7%	1.1%
Year 1	98.1%	0.8%
Year 2	97.4%	2.2%
Year 3	96.5%	2.7%
Year 4	94.4%	2.5%
Year 5	99.6%	0.4%
Year 6	93%	2.1%

Important Dates

January 2026		February 2026	
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day – No school	Tuesday 10 th February 3.40pm- 4.10pm	Open Classroom
Tues 4 th Jan	Start of Spring Term	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term