



THE ELMS EXPRESS



SEPTEMBER EDITION

Message from Mr Jacques

Welcome to The Elms Express - our now monthly newsletter.

A huge well done to all our children for settling so well into their new classes! It has been wonderful to see everyone demonstrating our school values in their learning and interactions with one another. I am very excited for the year ahead.

We are also excited to introduce the Dojo Parent App which went live a couple of weeks ago. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact the school office for more details. If you do have the app, I hope you have managed to see our recent posts as well as your child's value points.

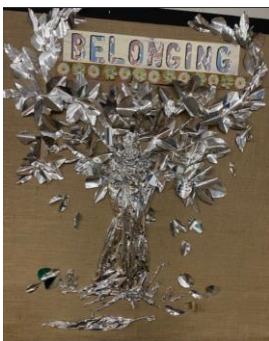
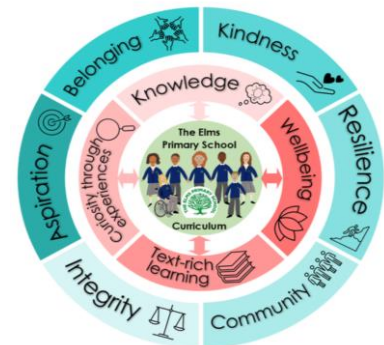
This year, we have created a range of new roles and responsibilities for our children. These include: School Councillors, Kindness Crew, Welcomers and Head Pupils to name a few. We want our children to have a wider contribution to school life and help us to improve our school. We will keep you up to date with their progress!

School Values

Our school value this term is **belonging**....

At the start of this term, all our children focused on a book called the **Tin Forest**. In the story an old man tidies the rubbish in a junkyard and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms it into a wonderland.

Children had a range of activities to complete focused on **'what they want to grow this year'**



Each child in the school created a tin leaf. All of these have been placed onto our Elms tree to show that we all belong to our school. We are very proud of our display!

Teacher/Parent and Carer Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet and Greet. We hoped you found the information useful. If you were unable to attend, you should have received the PowerPoint via email. If not, please click on this link and find your child's year group!

<https://www.theelmsprimary.co.uk/class-pages/>

Elms Excellence

Throughout the week, children may receive an Elms Excellence sticker for showing our school values or going above and beyond. Children also visit me for to show their brilliant work and receive a Headteacher's sticker.



Key Dates

Below is a list of upcoming dates. We have sent these out to all parents and carers and all dates are available to see on Dojo.

Monday 30 th September-Friday 11 th October	SEND Parents Meeting	Times to follow
Friday 11 th October	Individual photos	All day
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 2 Assembly	9.15am
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents Evening	4-7pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening	3.30-6pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Year 6 Class Assembly	9.15am
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY- no children in school	
26th October- 3rd November	HALF TERM	
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY- no children in school	

Safeguarding

One of our most significant responsibilities at school is to safeguard the children in our care. We have a strong culture of promoting the wellbeing of all our children and part of this is to have designated staff who support and manage safeguarding for our school. These are: **Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Calum Jacques. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Shelley McIntosh.** Our school Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website under Key Information > Safeguarding or via this link: <https://www.theelmsprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/> Please note that if you have a concern about any child or family, you can make a referral directly to the Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). They can be contacted on 0345 050 7666.

Book Signing

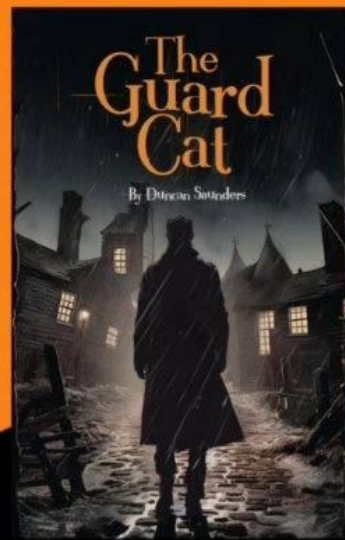


Meet Children's author

DUNCAN SAUNDERS

as he signs his new book
THE GUARD CAT
in the bookshop

The Guard Cat is a wonderful gothic adventure about imagination, courage and friendship and the struggle of good and evil, perfect for 8-12 year olds.



Saturday October 19th

11am - midday in Wantage Bookshop

No booking needed.

The Guard Cat is £9.50



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BOOKSHOP
BOOKS & GIFTS

STAGE
COACH

STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS ELMS PRIMARY FARINGDON RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2



FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS
90 MINS A WEEK
£15 A WEEK
LAST COUPLE OF SPACES LEFT
ON OUR TWO WEEK TRIAL



STAGE
COACH

Stagecoach Performing Arts
at Elms Primary School in Faringdon
6 to 18 year olds
Friday Afternoon and All Day Saturday



We are starting our
Show Rehearsals
Sign up NOW for a
TWO WEEK TRIAL
or Find Out More





Game, Set & Matchplay
20 Skylark Way
Witney
OX28 6NR
19th September 2024

Dear The Elms Primary School,

We are writing to extend an exciting invitation to the students of **The Elms Primary School** to participate in a special Tennis Festival Day at Faringdon Tennis Club.

This event will take place on **Tuesday 29th October 2024** (during October Half Term) and is **FREE** to attend for all pupils. This day is designed to introduce young children to the game of tennis in a safe, fun and engaging environment. Our experienced Coaching Team will guide the children through the basics of tennis, including:

- Hand-eye coordination exercises
- Introduction to tennis rules
- Basic tennis strokes and movements
- Fun tennis-related games and activities

The festival will run from 09:30am – 12:15pm and all equipment will be provided. This fantastic opportunity will allow children to try a new sport, make friends and develop their physical skills. The schedule will be as below:

- Year 1 & Year 2 Pupils 09:30am-10:15am
- Year 3 & Year 4 Pupils 10:30am-11:15am
- Year 5 & Year 6 Pupils 11:30am-12:15 pm

The whole Coaching Team at Faringdon Tennis Club are LTA accredited which means they have full DBS checks, hold appropriate levels of insurance and receive regular first aid & safeguarding training.

If you would like to provide your students with this opportunity, please kindly include this information in your upcoming Newsletter to parents. We look forward to welcoming your students to Faringdon Tennis Club and introducing them to the joys of tennis!

Please can we ask you include the following booking links for parents to secure their **FREE** place:

[Tennis Festival Day \(Years 1&2\) Ages 5-7](#)

[Tennis Festival Day \(Years 3&4\) Ages 7-9](#)

[Tennis Festival Day \(Years 5&6\) Ages 9-11](#)

Best Regards,

Tom Francis & David Tuck **Coaching Providers at Faringdon Tennis Club**

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