

ELMS BANK NEWSLETTER



ElmsBank
School & College

Autumn 2025



A WARM WELCOME



As we come to the end of an exciting and successful Autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences that have brought our Elms Bank community together. This term has been filled with creativity, celebration, and kindness. From our students exploring bold K-Pop inspired hairstyles to the dazzling performances at Elms Bank Strictly 2025, the energy and enthusiasm across the school have been truly inspiring.

The Winter Concert and Winter Fayre were wonderful opportunities to showcase talent and spread joy, and I'm so proud of the sense of community these occasions created.

We've also seen our pupils shine beyond the classroom. Whether representing Elms Bank at the Panathlon event, raising funds for Bury Hospice in memory of Zoe Chadderton, or supporting the local community through our Harvest Collection, their generosity and commitment have been outstanding. Together, we raised an amazing £655 for Bury Hospice and continued our tradition of giving back.

As we look ahead to the Spring term, I encourage everyone to carry forward this spirit of teamwork, creativity, and care. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our incredible students for making Elms Bank such a special place.

Wishing everyone a restful break and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in January

Kind regards

Mrs Catherine Dent, Acting Headteacher

Term Dates

School and College opens on
Tuesday 6 January 2026 at
8.50am

Spring Term

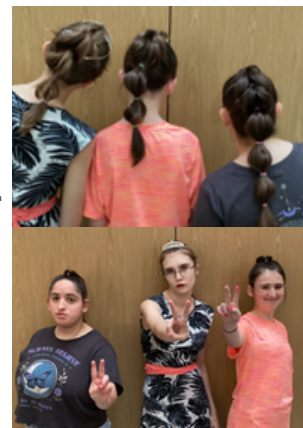
Closes Friday 13 February
(2pm Finish)
Opens Monday 23 February

Easter

Closes on Thursday 2 April
(2pm Finish)
Opens Monday 20 April

K-POP INSPIRED HAIRSTYLES

K-POP hairstyles are known for their bold, trendy, and expressive looks that combine creativity with precision. Today, our students explored these styles, focusing on techniques that reflect the vibrant Korean pop culture aesthetic.



PANATHON EVENT

Our pupils represented Elms Bank at buryssp@panathlon Event. They were fantastic and we all had such a good day. Well done Team!





COLLEGE CROONERS

The choir raised £80.50 after a swift sing and sign at Tesco in Prestwich. We also have £34.50 of donations from the signing workshop morning. That is a total of £115.00 of festive fundraising so far!

We also have another signing session booked at the main Tesco in Bury and our donation buckets will be out for the sensory carols.

Our signing choir also did an amazing performance at Nazareth House which was very popular! Well done to our singers and signers. Special mention to staff for doing a great job when assisting. Thanks so much! Let's continue with the festivities!



STRANGER DANGER

Highlights of the Session:

Students learned important safety tips for dealing with strangers.

Police officers shared real-life examples to make the message clear.

Interactive Q&A kept students engaged and encouraged participation which reinforced the importance of staying alert and seeking help when needed.

Impact:

Students described the session as engaging and informative.

Increased awareness and confidence in handling unsafe situations

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be able to get free school meals.



If you think your child may be eligible, please visit www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

ROBLOX

Roblox remains hugely popular with kids, offering tools to build and share custom games. The guide outlines essential safety advice, from handling in-app purchases to steering clear of online daters and unsafe stranger contact.



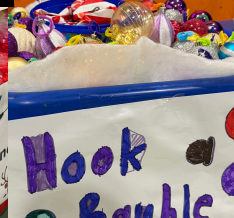
For more information and the full leaflet visit: our website - www.elmsbank.com > **Key Information > E-Safety > Guide to Roblox Safety**





CHRISTMAS CONCERT / WINTER FAYRE

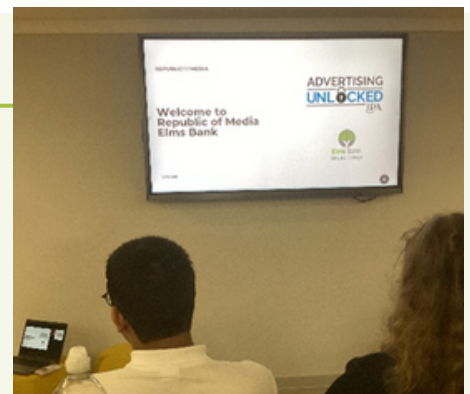
Elms Bank had two wonderful festive events: the Winter Concert and the Winter Fayre. The Winter Concert was a joyful occasion where pupils showcased their singing and signing talents, creating a heart-warming atmosphere for families. The Winter Fayre, held separately, was just as festive, featuring mince pies, hot food, a variety of stalls, and a big raffle that everyone enjoyed. Both events had a fantastic turnout and truly captured the spirit of the season, bringing our school community together in celebration.



ENTERPRIZE - PUBLIC MEDIA

Thompson Class had the fantastic opportunity to spend the day at @therepublicofmedia, and what an experience it was! The team there gave us a warm welcome and delivered an inspiring session all about the world of advertising. Our pupils jumped straight into the challenge, creating their very own advertising plans—full of creativity and big ideas!

Congratulations to the winning team, who each took home two cinema tickets for their brilliant work. We're incredibly proud of all our students, and a huge thank you goes to the amazing staff at The Republic of Media for making the day unforgettable.





HARVEST COLLECTION

Once again Parr class in Explore have organised the harvest donations to help support the local community.

The class enjoyed taking the food collection to the local food pantry at St Andrew's which feeds our local community, where it was greatly received.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity.



SCHOOL TRIP

Glendale pupils proudly represented Elms Bank at an event hosted by Hazel Wood High School. Throughout the day, they demonstrated exemplary behaviour, showing outstanding respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They were a credit to themselves and to the school, and we are extremely proud of how they rose to the occasion.



INSTANT CHRISTMAS

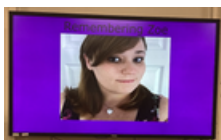
Instant Christmas marks the start of December, when our doors are beautifully decorated to bring a festive sparkle to the school. It's a joyful way to kick off the holiday season and spread Christmas cheer!



BURY HOSPICE

On 14 November 2025, Elms Bank School hosted a heartfelt coffee morning to raise funds for Bury Hospice, in memory of our much-loved colleague Zoe Chadderton. The event was a wonderful opportunity for staff, students, and families to come together, share memories, and support an incredible cause. A highlight of the morning was a beautiful performance by the school choir, which added a truly special touch to the occasion. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of everyone involved, we raised an amazing £645 for Bury Hospice.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed—whether by baking, donating, performing, or simply joining us for a cup of coffee. Your support means so much and helps us honour Zoe's legacy in a meaningful way.



ELMS BANK STRICTLY

Elms Bank Strictly 2025: An afternoon of Glitter and Glamour! The Elms Bank community was treated to an unforgettable afternoon as the much-anticipated Strictly Competition 2025 took centre stage. The event was a dazzling celebration of dance, talent, and school spirit, with every performance leaving the audience cheering for more.

After a series of incredible routines from all classes, the tension reached its peak in the dramatic dance-off between Glendale and Rufford. Both teams delivered breathtaking performances, showcasing precision, creativity, and passion. The judges faced a tough decision, but in the end, Rufford emerged victorious, claiming the coveted Strictly 2025 trophy!

The atmosphere was electric, with students and staff coming together to support their dancers. From elegant waltzes to energetic jives, the competition highlighted the dedication and teamwork that make Elms Bank truly special.

Until next year—keep dancing!

