



Easter 2023



## Term Dates 2023

**Friday 31 March** – School closes at 2pm

**Monday 17 April** – School re-opens

**Monday 1 May** – School closed  
(Bank Holiday)

**Monday 8 May** – School closed  
(Bank Holiday)

**Friday 26 May** – School closes at 3.15pm

**Monday 5 June** – School re-opens

## Welcome from the Headteacher



We've had a fun-filled packed term with lots of great experiences for everyone at Elms Bank this Spring!

Our Internship goes from strength to strength with some students securing paid employment.

Some of our college students went to a residential at Bendrigg in the Lake District. Everyone had a brilliant time.

Our College choir featured in the Bury Times. We are thrilled to know that they bring joy to the community. See the link to read the article in full ([Prestwich school choir praised after joyous community performances | Bury Times](#))

The School choir sang and signed at Bury Parish Church, there was not a dry eye in sight. It is always a delight to see our students perform.

The Inspire Pathway College Students held a coffee morning for parents, carers and students from school. There were lots of exciting stalls and the College Crooners entertained our guests. The event was a great success and they managed to raise £550.00.

World Book Day - the hydro pool was transformed into Treasure Island. Miss Stone dressed as a character from Harry Potter, floating through the School casting spells. We also welcomed a visitor from the Crazy Comic Club, who supported some of our students to create a comic strip that represented our school values. Fun was had by all.

Arts Week, was amazing! The theme was 'The Spirit of Manchester' – students enjoyed engaging with local performers and ended the week with a Hacienda themed party with everyone dressed to impress.

We are so proud of all our students and everything they have achieved this term. We hope that you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone after the Easter Holidays.

**Happy Holidays**  
**Mrs Langley-Sadler**

## Boccia Secondary School County Finals



Elms Bank attended the Secondary School County Boccia Finals on Thursday 26 January. We competed in several exciting rounds and won!

Congratulations to the Radcliffe Boys - fantastic performance!

Boccia is a precision ball sport, similar to bocce, and related to bowls and pétanque. The name "boccia" is derived from the Latin word for "boss" – bottia.



After many years service at Elms Bank, John, part of the Site Team retires. In true Elms Bank style John was given a wonderful send off!



## John retires from the Site Team

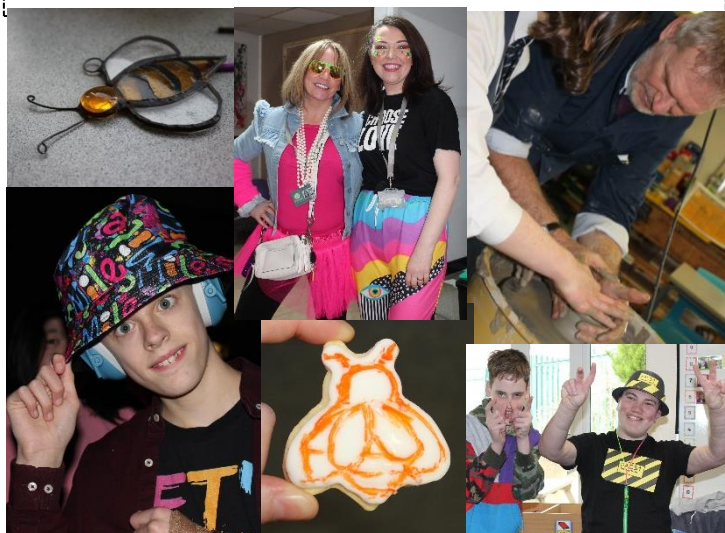
## Arts Week - 'The Spirit of Manchester'



In February we held our annual Arts week, a celebration of Music, Art and Drama across the whole of School. The theme 'Spirit of Manchester' was chosen to provide opportunities for students to explore their own cultural identity, recognising and engaging with artists and performers from the Greater Manchester area.

Throughout the week, a wide range of workshops and events were delivered by local artists and performers. Students experienced the music of Eos, a harp and flute duo performing on behalf of the Royal Northern College of Music. Enjoyed singing along to songs from Elbow and Oasis, performed by Joe Nelson and friends. Some classes had the opportunity to work with ceramicist Daniel Smyth developing their clay skills and others worked with glass artist Rose Holt in creating beautiful pieces of stained-glass art. We also had a range of exciting workshops run by staff such as the opportunity to use the pottery wheel, and take part in sensory stories. A great time was had by all!

We concluded our brilliant week with a celebration assembly and a Hacienda themed wrap party with students and staff dressed to impress.



**Free  
School  
Meals**



### Are you entitled?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

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Free School meals are also available for eligible households with:

- children at local authority-maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after lunch
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank College
- students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

**If you think your child may be eligible, please visit [www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**



After the Easter holidays, our School catering will be supplied by Aspens Services  
[About Us – Aspens Services \(aspens-services.co.uk\)](http://aspens-services.co.uk)

Aspens Services, are a market leading contract catering company who specialise in School food. Their kitchens provide delicious home cooked food each day and cater for all dietary requirements. We are excited to be working with such an experienced provider; one who fully understands our pupils' specific needs.

Whilst our provider may be changing our kitchen team staff will remain the same. We look forward to our pupils enjoying the wide range of excellent meals that the new 'Deli Kitchen' will be offering.



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# We are all readers



In the build up to World Book Day, students and staff from across the School showcased their love of reading.

A Drop-Down Day was held to celebrate this annual event, and students participated in a range of workshops linked to their favorite books.

The hydro pool was transformed into *Treasure Island* whilst visiting pirates were challenged to complete the course and find treasure.

In addition, Miss Stone, dressed as a character from *Harry Potter*, floating through the School casting spells as she challenged students to answer questions and win prizes from her magic bookcase.

Our talented team of staff supported students to illustrate, bake and make models of famous characters from chosen texts.

We also welcomed a visitor from the *Crazy Comic Club*, who supported some of our students to create a comic strip that represented our school values.

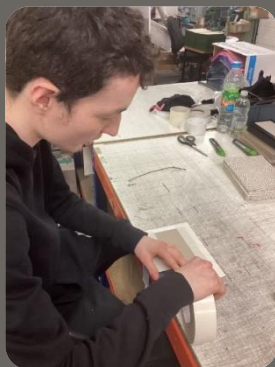
The 'Reading Together' initiative was launched to help parents and students participate in reading sessions with a member of staff, via teams.

Meanwhile...  
Keep reading!



## Internship Students

We are very proud of the internship students this year, they have been working extremely hard with not only placements but job applications, interviews and work trials.



Since February half term we now have -

- Three students on work trials, hopefully leading to paid employment at Radcliffe Market, Carrick Leather & Woodhouse Fold Farm
- Two students on long term voluntary roles at British Heart Foundation and Whitefield Methodist Church
- Two students continuing their fantastic placements at Wax & Beans, & Garside's Garage
- Four students beginning new rotations within the hospital & last, but not least
- Three fantastic students continuing their internal placements at Elms Bank College.

Keep up the good work!

## Alfa Community Concert

Thursday 23 March

A huge congratulations to all the students who performed in the Alfa Community Concert at Bury Parish Church. They were amazing!



## Plastic Drinking Bottles

After the Easter Holidays we are requesting that students bringing in a drinks bottle, that the bottle should be plastic.

Thank you.



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## Holocaust Memorial Event

In January, Emily and Louisa took part in the Bury Schools Holocaust Memorial Event at the Elizabethan Suite. They met other pupils from various Schools across Bury. They worked hard and practiced their words producing a very polished performance on the night.

It goes without saying that Louisa and Emily did Elms Bank proud.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Elms Bank attended a football tournament on 25 January. The students all did an amazing job representing the school. A couple of defeats in our first 2 games but we remained undefeated for the rest of the tournament, we even managed a draw in a friendly against a team we had previously been beaten by.

A big thank you to the staff who joined as well and helped massively - the uno cards were a brilliant addition.

Jean got a hattrick in one game! Bobby and Kieron scored in more than one game. Yissi played brilliantly in defense and then again in goal. James and Oscar were phenomenal in their first tournament for Elms Bank.

Ryan W now wishes he had said yes to playing all the times I have asked him in the past! Kenzie got scouted and has been invited to a tournament. Ryan L worked hard and came off the pitch with red cheeks in every game. Adam and Cody did their stints in net. Jayden got stuck in and played well. Genuinely, fantastic from all of them. Team pic above!

## ATTENDANCE



By law, all parents are required to make sure their child receives education. The LA requires all schools to monitor each pupils attendance.

We regard regular attendance/punctuality as very important in helping pupils to learn. The only reasons allowed for absences are; personal illness, visits to the doctor or dentist or other medical appointments and important religious festivals; headteachers are now unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please inform school/college by 9am if your child will be absent for any of these reasons.

**School 061 766 1597 - Option No. 2**  
**College - 0161 674 0249**

We shall contact you if your child has unexplained absences. The Pastoral team may visit to help solve problems with attendance.

Please be aware parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from school.



### Easter Egg Donation

**One Stop Sunny Bank**, kindly donated lots and lots of Easter Eggs to Elms Bank School, which we grateful received.  
Thank you!



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