

Benefits of a Pre-School Uniform

Elmscot introduce an optional uniform for pre-school rooms.

Following interest shown from parents, we're now offering the chance to purchase a branded polo shirt and sweatshirt. This is a not-for-profit service and we're also encouraging parents to dress children in comfortable clothes that are suitable for the weather. In pre-school we find that loose fitting jogging pants, leggings, shorts and skirts work well, to help children with getting changed and using the toilets independently.



Above & below: Some of our Elmscot Group children wearing the polo shirt and sweaters

There are a few factors contributing to the reasoning behind introducing a uniform for pre-school children and these include:

- Wearing a uniform marks a big step in a child's life, preparing them for the future when at school or in their work they may be required to wear a uniform.
- Once a child is in a uniform, they know that a certain standard of behaviour is expected as they link the uniform to the setting.
- It's hoped that by making children all dress in the same uniform, it minimises inequalities in clothing choices and options.
- As children are likely to be required to wear a uniform once they are attending primary school, it's hoped that by getting children into the routine of wearing a uniform, it will help with the school transition and not be such a large change when the time comes to start school.
- A uniform gives the child a sense of belonging and pride. It also enables them to recognise others who are in their setting and brings familiarity.



To order your uniform, please visit: www.tesco.com/ues and search for "Elmscot".

Extra-Curricular Activities

Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals.

	At diddi dance, we realise and encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action-packed, full of fun, 45 minute dance class.	Woodlands Mon AM (Otter)
	A music class that provides fun, progressive and age-appropriate music classes for the under 5s.	Nantwich Mon PM (Under 2s)
	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun, physical activities.	Hale Mon PM (Badger & Owl) Little Wrigglers Class (Rabbit & Hedgehog) Woodlands Tue AM (Rabbit, Hedgehog & Owl) Chester Tue PM (until 4 Dec 2018) Altrincham Tue AM (Beech) (until Jan 2019) Mon AM (Maple & Beech) (from Jan 2019) Broussa Fri PM (Badger & Owl) (until Jan 2019) Thu PM (Badger & Owl) (from Jan 2019)
	A fun introduction to football for toddlers.	Nantwich Thu AM Altrincham Thu PM (until Dec 2018)
	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama-based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.	Hale Mon AM (Squirrel) Altrincham Wed AM (Willow & Maple) (until Jan 2019) Monday AM (Willow) (from Jan 2019) Broussa Fri (until Jan 2019) Thu AM (from Jan 2019)
	Develop and enhance communication skills with baby signing.	Chester Fri AM
	Children, parents and staff walk to the designated woodland site where they will get creative with mud, puddles, creepy crawlies and the great outdoors.	Altrincham Mon AM (until Jan 2019) Fri AM (Oak) (from Jan 2019) Broussa Tue AM (until Jan 2019) Wed AM (from Jan 2019) Woodlands Wed AM (Owl) (until Jan 2019) Mon AM (Owl) (from Jan 2019) Hale Fri AM (Owl) (until Jan 2019) Tue AM (from Jan 2019)
	Learn to speak French in early years.	Chester Wed AM

Team Training

Nursery staff have attended the following training since September 2018:

- Behaviour Management** - Nantwich Team, Ashley M, Sinead McL, Amy C, Stacey T (Chester), Jenny F, Emily D, Kerry P, Lauren S, Hayley W, Natalie McL
- Brilliant Babies** - Laura H, Nikki D
- British Values** - Nantwich Team
- Communication Champion** - Lauren O'B
- Confident & Effective Leadership** - Becky W, Jess L, Hayley W, Natalie McC, Lauren S, Nancy C, Sophie M
- Effective Self Management** - Stacey T (Hale), Laura S
- Effective Teaching & Learning** - Emily D, Stacey T (Chester)
- Equality & Diversity** - Hayleigh C
- Exemplary Practice with Toddlers** - Emily D, Amy H, Tracey B, Kerry P
- Exemplary Practice with 2-year-olds** - Ashley M, Sinead McL, Anne-Marie B, Lauren S
- Fire Safety** - Hayleigh C
- First Aid** - Joanne K, Reece M, Elise C, Chelsea McC, Gina C, Lauren O'B, Faye B, Marina F
- Food Hygiene** - Hayleigh C, Tracey B, Emma C (Chester), Nikki D, Rachel M, Sofina C, Lucy S, Bianca P, Emma C (Hale)
- GDPR** - Nantwich Team
- Health & Safety** - Rebecca P, Laura G, Jessica P, Emma B, Shannon C, Fidelma McC, Sue C, Sophie M, Lauren S, Kate W, Lisa L, Janty L, Jacqui W, Mia H, Emma C, Brooke E, Lucy S, Megan C, Bianca P, Sofina C, Alex P
- Leadership & Management in Early Years** - Ami M, Nicky C, Stephanie G
- Loose Parts** - Tracey B, Kerry P
- Motivating Boys** - Lauren O'B, Marina F, Katie D
- Practical Pre-School Maths** - Jenny F, Stacey T (Chester)
- Safeguarding L1** - Rebecca P, Laura G, Jessica P, Emma B, Shannon C, Zoe B, Emma C (Chester), Alison C, Lauren S, Ashley M, Nikki D, Gina C, Jess B, Faye B, Rachel M, Lucy S, Bianca P, Emma C (Hale)
- Safeguarding Children with Disabilities** - Emma C (Hale)
- Supporting Babies & Toddlers** - Ashley M, Nikki D
- Supporting & Understanding Children's Behaviour** - Lauren S
- The Role of the SENDCO** - Natalie McL, Hayley W
- Woodland Play** - Jenny F, Stacey T (Chester)



Newsletter



Winter 2018/19



Our Parent Partnerships

At Elmscot Group, we recognise the people most important to children we care for are their parents and carers. You know your children better than anyone else and only want the best for them. This is the focus of Elmscot Group's endeavours, to work in partnership with parents and carers so together we can achieve the best for your children.

Communication between you and the Nursery Team is open at all times. Handovers between yourself and your key person ensure the free-flow of information, achievements and concerns.

You are encouraged to share developmental milestones and observations from home. Input from you regarding your child's interests and achievements directly impacts on their planning and learning.

All settings have a suggestion box and regular quality surveys. These provide us with vital information and invaluable insight to allow us to continually develop.

Support bags and play activity bags are available for you to take home if you feel your child is developing a particular interest in a certain topic or would benefit from additional support in a certain area. Some bags are age and stage appropriate whilst others have more general appeal.

Some of our settings also run parent workshops, which allow us share our expert knowledge with you on topics such as First Aid and Nutrition.

We feel the relationship we have with parents and carers shows through our everyday practice. We believe the bond with you is beneficial for building relationships and trust with both you and your child.

Forthcoming Events

- Christmas Party**
Elmscot Nantwich - Thursday 6th December 2018
Hale - Thursday 13th December 2018
Woodlands - Friday 14th December 2018
Broussa - Monday 17th December 2018
Elmscot Chester - Wednesday 19th December 2018
Elmscot Altrincham - Thursday 20th December 2018
Children are invited to come to Nursery in their best party outfit. They will enjoy a day of fun and games, as well as a visit from Father Christmas!
- Christmas Dinner Day**
Elmscot Chester - Tuesday 4th December 2018
Elmscot Nantwich - Tuesday 4th December 2018
Hale - Friday 7th December 2018
Elmscot Altrincham - Tuesday 18th December 2018
Woodlands - Tuesday 18th December 2018
Broussa - Thursday 20th December 2018
Children will enjoy a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings!
- Nativity**
Elmscot Altrincham - Tuesday 4th December 2018
Hale - Thursday 6th December 2018
Elmscot Chester - Tuesday 11th December 2018
Broussa - Wednesday 12th December 2018
Woodlands - Thursday 13th December 2018
Elmscot Nantwich - Friday 14th December 2018
- Christmas Jumper Day - 14th December 2018**
Children are invited to Nursery in their Christmas jumpers. We ask you to bring a small donation for the Save the Children charity.
- Australia Day - 28th January 2019**
Children will learn about Australian animals, create Aboriginal art and enjoy a BBQ style tea.
- Chinese New Year - 5th February 2019**
Children will take part in dragon dancing, enjoy a Chinese style lunch, practice using chopsticks and learn all about China.
- Send a Card to a Friend Day - 7th February 2019**
Children will create their own cards, take them to the postbox and post them to someone special.
- Valentine's Day - 14th February 2019**
Children will make cards, take part in baking and talk about the people special to them.



Parent partnership boards at Elmscot (Altrincham)

- ElmscotGrp
- ElmscotNantwich
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Quarterly update for parents at all Elmscot Group Nurseries

Read our latest News & Blogs

- Baby First Aid Techniques
- Broussa's Remembrance Afternoon
- Elmscot Nantwich's visit from the Bookstart Bear
- Elmscot Altrincham achieves Parent Partnership Award

elmscot.co.uk/blog

Our Nursery Gallery

Nursery Community News

Our new-look newsletter!

We hope you like the new design of our newsletter. As Elmscot Group grows (we now have six nurseries!) we are looking to continually develop and enhance what we do. This means providing Elmscot families with not only the very best childcare services, but also the updates, advice and information you need and value.

Would you like to know more about what happens behind the scenes at our nurseries? Curious about our future plans? Looking for advice on the latest nutrition guidelines? Speak to one of our Nursery Practitioners and we will aim to include any great ideas in our future newsletters.

New Elmscot Nursery developments

Renovations at Elmscot (Chester) are in full swing and are expected to be completed by Christmas. Parents and carers will be able to notice these changes taking place throughout December, including exterior paintwork; new display boards; lighting and flooring updates; and redecoration throughout the interior.

In Elmscot (Nantwich) they've now officially opened their beautiful baby room (pictured below), complete with sensory areas and cosy corner in a bright, spacious environment.



Baking hedgehog bread at Elmscot (Nantwich) - now we know how to make bread using fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

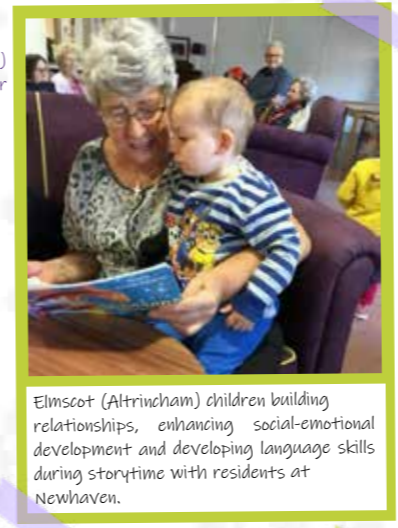


Visiting 'The Bravest Little Street in England' for Remembrance Day. Children from Woodlands dropped off their own poppies they'd created.



Babies at Elmscot (Chester) love the sensory boxes! Sharing and playing together during Children in Need day.

Elmscot (Nantwich) raised £63 at their Macmillan Coffee Morning!



Elmscot (Altrincham) children building relationships, enhancing social-emotional development and developing language skills during storytime with residents at Newhaven.



Chestnut room at Elmscot (Nantwich) explore mini pumpkin boats, developing communication and social skills by creating our own stories.



Children at Broussa acted out the story of Rama and Sita during Diwali, using special masks to represent the different characters.



Team work, problem solving and listening skills are all in full force during Forest School at Elmscot (Altrincham).

Elmscot (Chester) raised over £50 for the Royal British Legion!



Children from Oak room at Elmscot (Nantwich) learn all about Remembrance Day and use their creative and team work skills to make a group painting.



At Elmscot (Altrincham), children use their imagination with everyday items, re-enacting the story of Whatever Next after reading time.



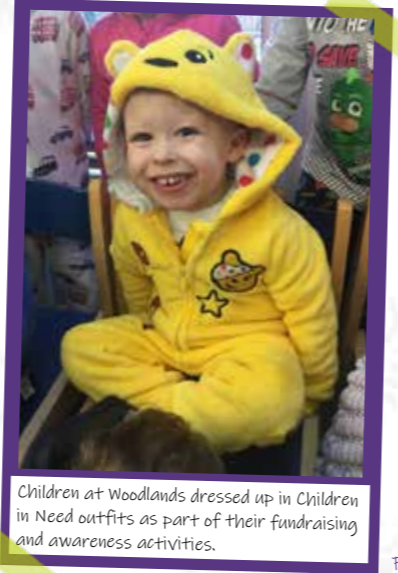
We've been green-fingered at Broussa, planting flowers in pots and using our nurturing skills to water, take care of them and making sure they grow tall like us!



The children in Owls at Hale decorated and carved their own pumpkins and brought them in to nursery for a pumpkin Competition, making fantastic connections between home and nursery learning.



Elmscot (Chester) children enjoyed a visit to the library to grow their literacy skills.



Children at Woodlands dressed up in Children in Need outfits as part of their fundraising and awareness activities.



Badger children at Hale are recognising different numbers and using gross motor skills to create the numbers on the ground, as well as following the outline.

Hale raised a total of £122.30 during their Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Children in Need Day!

Fundraising at Woodlands, including a sponsored Toddle Waddle and Bake Sale raised £1,146.09 for Children in Need!

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for 3-11

January 2019: 2nd - 4th January
February 2019: 11th - 22nd February

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