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OUR BIG SAILING ADVENTURE

On Sunday 15th June, two staff and 6 pupils from Year 8 set off for a 6 day trip on the sailing ship Johanna Lecretia. After a four hour journey down to Devon, the pupils arrived at Plymouth harbour to see their home for the next 6 days. Almost as soon as we arrived, we transferred all of the bags onto the boat and had a session on boat safety and rules from the captain and his first mate and crew. The pupils were split into two watches for day time tasks and two groups for cabins. Whilst the starboard group got settled in the cabins and went up on deck, the port group made a tea of fajitas which the whole group were ready to eat. We moored up in a local bay for the night and after settling into cabins around 10 pm, everyone was asleep by 3am!!!!

On Monday morning, everyone was up (not so bright and breezy) by 7.45 am and the starboard group made the breakfast whilst the port group scrubbed the decks, once the cabins were tidy and toilets cleaned we set off on our first day's sail to Salcombe. We struggled with not enough wind, but with a bit of help from the motor we made our way to the bay and anchored at a buoy just out from Salcombe. On the way we saw dolphins in the distance, raised the sails, and had our first experience of a decent days sail. The water was fairly still although a few people felt a little seasick. At Salcombe we climbed down to the powerboat and went ashore to have ice-creams and explore the seaside town. Starboard team made a great chilli for tea and by 10 pm everyone was in bed exhausted. Less than an hour later everyone was asleep!

On Tuesday morning we woke up to a swirling fog surrounding the boat but when it cleared the sun came out and shone for the rest of the week. The two watches made the breakfast, scrubbed the decks and cleaned the toilets and we set off on a sail to Dartmouth. Oscar and Daniel got to climb out on the netting on the front of the boat and sat balanced on the wooden beam over the sea. We had a lesson in tying sailing knots and Leo steered the ship for over an hour. We had a practice of man over board drill then anchored out to sea where we had a chance for a swim at the side of the boat. Everyone got in (including Miss Mansell) and the bravest people jumped off the side of the ship into the water. We put up the main square sail and Kaiden, Daniel, Oscar and Leo worked super hard on the ropes to make the ship look like a real pirate ship to enter Dartmouth harbour. The pupils put the music on loud and danced in the sunshine and Dylan and Oscar took the chance to balance out on the netting over the sea again. Late afternoon we pulled into Dartmouth harbour and moored on the jetty. We spent the evening playing card games in the sun and everyone went to bed and settled down to sleep.

When we got up on Wednesday morning the sea was really calm. The groups did their chores and we watched the seals swimming alongside us in the harbour. We set off out into the channel and headed out to sea. A few nautical miles from shore we spotted a Minky whale swimming. We followed it for a few miles as it came to the surface and went under lots of times. We had to use the motor as the sea was so still but the teams worked really well together to hoist the sails and to steer the boat. Leo took the helm for over two hours supported by Daniel and Preston having a singsong as they sailed. After an outdoor lunch, we entered international waters...Elmwood Abroad!!! We sailed amongst giant container ships and lots of jellyfish. About 15 miles out from shore we were joined by dolphins at the front and back of the ship. They leapt out of the water and weaved in and out. At one point we were surrounded on all sides by happy playing dolphins! We sailed back towards a bay and put down the anchor for a choppy night at sea. We had a late evening game of hide and seek that lasted nearly an hour as pupils were wrapped in sails, hidden in boxes and in the smallest of hiding spaces and settled down with a beautiful sunset after tea and tired from a long 11.5 hour sail that day.



On Thursday we got up to the best wind of the week. After the usual chores we had the chance for another swim. This time it was a lot colder as it was early in the morning. Dylan, Daniel, Preston, and Oscar joined Frankie in a cold morning swim then after the swim everyone was needed on deck to raise the pirate sails again and do some great speedy sailing. On our fifth day on the water Oscar, Kaiden, Daniel and Leo were able to sort the ropes and do the correct moves to tie the ropes and the sails up without any direction from the crew. We sailed along the shore heading back towards Plymouth. We spotted jellyfish, lots of birds, dolphins and fish as we bounced up and down on the waves and pulled into Plymouth harbour for our last night on the boat. The evening was busy with cooking and a lot of cleaning and tidying ready to leave the boat early on Friday morning.

On Friday we did our final tidy up and had a debrief from the captain. Everyone got a certificate to say the distance we had covered at sea, over 100 nautical miles. We headed back to school on a 6 hour journey which was broken up by sleeping, games and lunch at KFC at the services and we arrived back at school just after 5 pm. The group were amazing and great ambassadors for the school. They worked hard, displayed exceptional teamwork, learnt new skills and experienced some great adventures. More photos are available on the school website, photo gallery page. Report by Frankie Smith, Teaching Assistant

STAFFING NEWS

Following a successful interview on Thursday 3rd July, Rachel King will be joining the school office team as an administrative assistant/receptionist. We had over 40 applicants for the post with six candidates selected for interview but Rachel came out on top with all aspects of the process. We look forward to welcoming Rachel in September. A big thank you to school council ambassadors for their input and to Lea Slivka Blaskova, newly appointed Senior Administrator and to Lynn Maritza, School Business, Finance and Operations Manager who assisted Mr Cross with the formal interviews.

Unfortunately Jennifer De Santo, recently appointed teaching assistant, will now be unable to join the school for personal reasons. We wish Jennifer all the best for the future.

Charlie-Anne Barfield, former student and apprentice teaching assistant will be ending her 12 month apprenticeship at the end of term but the good news is that she will be returning in September as a part time play worker. Charlie-Anne has forged good relationships with both pupils and staff and we wish her well with her new post.

Sonya Woollery, teaching assistant, will also be saying farewell on Friday 18th July but the good news is that she will be returning. We wish Sonya well on her travels and new adventures and look forward to welcoming her back to the team in the near future.

MESSAGE FROM MARK ASPINALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE MATRIX ACADEMY TRUST

Dear staff, pupils, parents and governors at Elmwood School

What an honour it is to write to you as we prepare to welcome you into the Matrix Academy Trust family on 1st September. Whilst there may have been trials and tribulations over the past year as your voluntary decision to join us has worked its way through the necessary processes, I want you to know how delighted I am that this day has finally arrived.

You are wonderful people who have created something truly special at Elmwood - a school that puts the needs and rights of every child at its heart, providing education and support that transforms lives and opens up possibilities for the future.

Your commitment to creating a calm, purposeful and safe environment where educational and emotional needs are paramount aligns perfectly with our values at Matrix. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundations you have whilst supporting you to reach even greater heights.

I look forward to working with you all as we embark on this exciting new chapter together. Welcome to the Matrix family - we are thrilled to have you with us.

With a warm welcome and excitement for our shared future. Sir Mark Aspinall, Chairman, Matrix Academy Trust

THANK A TEACHER DAY

Thank you to everyone who sent messages to staff as part of the Thank a Teacher (or any member of staff) Day that took place on Wednesday 18th June 2025.

These messages really mean a lot to those who receive them, so many thanks for making someone's day—it was so very much appreciated.

This term in particular has been a very difficult one for all staff so these messages have been more poignant this year.

THANK YOU.

Year 11 leavers service



Our annual Year 11 leavers' service took place on Monday 30th June 2025 when our young people returned to celebrate their Elmwood journey.

We were delighted to see so many of our leavers and their families able to come along together with a number of special guests including Sallyann Tuckwell-Allen—joint chair of governors, Di Cadman—former teaching assistant/associate member governor, Rachael Maybank—careers adviser, Rob Dangerfield from the Matrix Trust and also Elise Phillips together with two members of staff from Phoenix Academy.

Pupils were presented with their personalised leavers' books, MarvellousMe memory books and a class of 2025 keepsake made by Mr Francis, DT Teacher. Everyone then enjoyed a buffet lunch and social get together where memories were shared and staff were also invited to attend.

All of our pupils have secured post 16 placements and we will be carefully following their progress over the next twelve months. We wish them all the very best for the future and keep demonstrating the Elmwood Way!



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

This month our featured member of staff under the spotlight is Athena Nicolaou, Teaching Assistant.



How long have you worked at Elmwood? *I have worked at Elmwood for two years, although it feels like forever! In September I am entering my third year with the same class I started with! I can't wait for the adventure and many more years to come at Elmwood.*

What do you love about your job? *I love that every day is different and the relationships I have built with both staff and young people. I enjoy coming to work every day to be able to work with these young individuals and seeing them thrive! I love the opportunities that the school gives to these individuals and being able to share these experiences with them.*

What films have you watched recently? *I am not really a film sort of person, more of a series type of girl! However, this is only if I have time due to spending most of my hours outdoors with my horses.*

Favourite Holiday? *My favourite holiday has got to be Rhodes! I love the scenery and the beaches. I would love to live there if I could.*

Tell us something that people would be surprised to hear? *I currently have 3 horses and have a passion for being outdoors and in the countryside. Any spare time I have, you'll find me at the stables spending time with the ponies. I couldn't think of a better way to spend my spare time.*

INCREASE TO SCHOOL MEALS

Apologies but we have been informed by Walsall Council Catering Department that from 1st September, the cost of a pupil school meal will rise by 5p to £3.15 per day. The cost of an adult meal will be £3.35.

If you believe your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the Free School Meals service on 01922 650443 who will gladly help you.

DIARY DATES

Just a reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September for staff training days. Pupils in Years 8 to 11 will commence on Wednesday 3rd September, with our new Year 7 pupils joining us on Monday 8th September.

Tempest Photographers will be coming into school on Tuesday 16th September when all pupils and staff will have the opportunity to have a professional photographs taken for their school records and ID cards.

UPDATE ON MARVELLOUSME

We have recently been informed that the company behind MarvellousMe are in the process of launching a new platform of home to school communications. The initial look at the new site looks good with many new features that we believe will be useful as well as the site being user friendly. As soon as we have any further updates about the roll out of this new app, we will keep you posted.

PUPIL UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Our pupil under the spotlight this month is Daniel Coney in Year 9 so a big thank you to Daniel for his responses.

What do you like most about coming to Elmwood School? *Playing on the computers*

Have you any thoughts about what you might like to do after leaving Elmwood? *I might be a coder for future games.*

In your spare time, what do you most like to do? *Coding on scratch.*

Have you done anything that we might be surprised to learn about? *Beating Evie in a race.*

If you could go anywhere or do anything, what would you choose? *Travelling the great world of Earth.*

SHEEPWASH FARM VISIT—A Day of Learning and Fun, Building New Friendships

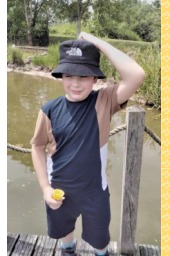


Sheepwash Farm, a working, predominantly arable farm run by Rob and Paul, recently hosted our Year 7 pupils for an unforgettable educational experience. The visit was filled with fun, learning, and hands-on activities that engaged all the pupils.

The day began with an informative tour where pupils learned about the various fruits and vegetables grown on the farm. They discovered how crops like wheat, barley, and oats are cultivated, and the importance of these grains in our daily diet. The pupils also explored the vegetable patches, where they saw potatoes, carrots, peas in pods and a lot more being grown. They had the unique opportunity to try these vegetables straight from the ground, which was both exciting and educational. One of the highlights was the tractor ride through the picturesque countryside. The pupils enjoyed seeing a variety of animals and exploring the beautiful landscapes. Lunchtime was spent by a pond with a lovely view, where the pupils had the chance to feed the fish.

To top off the day, everyone enjoyed a refreshing ice-lolly under the shining sun before taking another delightful tractor ride back to the bus. It was a fantastic day that combined learning with fun, leaving our pupils with wonderful memories and a deeper understanding of farm life.

Report by Stacey Urmson, Teaching Assistant



TESCO INITIATIVE

Tesco Mobile has introduced Sensory Support Boxes to make shopping in Tesco stores more comfortable for neurodivergent customers. These boxes, available at Tesco Mobile phone shops, contain items like ear defenders, sunglasses, fidget toys, and communication cards, to help manage sensory overload.

Details of the Sensory Support Boxes:

Ear defenders: Help reduce background noise for those sensitive to loud sounds.

Sunglasses: Provide relief from bright lights for those with light sensitivity.

Fidget toys: Encourage focus and offer a coping mechanism for those who need to stim.

Communication cards: Assist non-verbal or speech-challenged customers in expressing their needs.

Sunflower lanyards: These can be worn to discreetly indicate a hidden disability.

Training for staff: Tesco Mobile staff have also received training to recognize and support customers with hidden disabilities, including the use of sunflower lanyards.

Initiative Details:

The initiative was rolled out in Tesco Mobile phone shops, with a large-scale trial in 50 shops and then expanded to over 500.

The program aims to address challenges faced by neurodiverse customers, such as autism, ADHD, and sensory processing disorder, when navigating busy retail environments.

Tesco Mobile also offers Quiet Hour in some stores, where lights are dimmed and music is turned off to create a calmer environment.

The initiative builds on Tesco's existing efforts to promote inclusivity and make shopping experiences more accessible for everyone.

Science in the woods – surely not!



Year 7 pupils recently spent a day in the woods of Leicestershire, joining in some experimental archaeology to enhance their science learning. Activities included hunting for food using spears, making rope to hang up their catch and starting a fire with a bow drill to cook their catch.

Report by Dr Price, Curriculum Lead for Science



YEAR 11B'S VISIT TO CADBURY WORLD



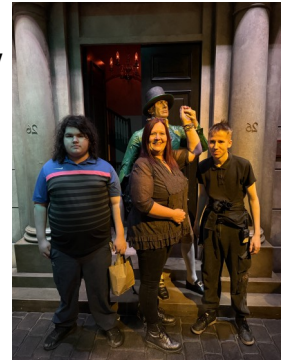
On Friday 13th June 11b took one final trip out to celebrate the end of their Elmwood journey. Our young gents planned their own day out to a destination we'd not visited before so were full of expectation and excitement.



Our adventure at Cadbury World started when we walked through the makeshift Aztec jungle where we discovered the origins of the cocoa bean, amidst trees and waterfalls in the depths of a tropical rain forest!

Throughout the whole factory tour we learned about the Cadbury story and how the family established a business stemming from their Quaker beliefs which led the factory away from the inner city norms, to the green fields and improved conditions.

The really fun stuff started when we got to make our own chocolate and of course eat it! The 4D cinema experience was a true highlight where we were transported through a virtual version of the making process.



A trip wouldn't be a trip without an opportunity to purchase lots of goodies so we hit the discounted shop which put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces - a fabulous day all round.

Deb and Mrs Francis are incredibly proud of the young people we have watched you grow and mature throughout the whole of the year. Great job 11b - now enjoy your next chapters.
Report by Mrs Francis, Deputy Head

WHAT A LOVELY TIME WE HAD

With Rodbaston College finished for the summer term pupils got the opportunity to visit some National Trust parks and a reservoir. They had the opportunity to walk around some local stately homes and learn some of the local history and culture.



Pupils also got the opportunity to visit Foremark Reservoir and go on a nature walk. As it was a very hot day, we all ventured into the woods for some hide and seek!
Report by Mark Trahearn, Teaching Assistant

YEAR 10 VISIT TO JCB

Year 10 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit the JCB factory as part of their enhanced maths curriculum and to explore possible career paths in their apprenticeship programme. Pupils started with a presentation in the JCB theatre showing the corporate brand video on the global manufacturing facilities and products. We then set off on our personalised tour of the "Story of JCB" exhibition looking at its history future during this pupils had the opportunity to sit in a JCB cab and see the car that broke the land speed record.

We then went to see assembly line of the world-famous Backhoe Loader machine, here we saw the process of how the machines are built from the delivery of the sheet steel, profiling, laser cutting, welding, paint shop, assembly and finally the finished product!

Report by Mr Hinsley, Maths Teacher

Year 9 Geography Trip

On Wednesday 25th June, Year 9 pupils were given a fantastic opportunity to participate in geographical learning outside of the classroom, and utilise skills previously learnt in lessons to different situations and activities. This trip will allow pupils to use cross curricular skills and retrieval of knowledge of travel and tourism, at Cadbury World, Birmingham! We began the day exploring the history of cocoa beans and the origins of chocolate making, exploring how this process has been refined over time. Secondly, we watched how chocolate is made in individual moulds to create the shell of a chocolate bar. Thirdly, pupils were able to practice their piping skills with melted chocolate! Pupils were thrilled with the 4D cinema experience and wanted to watch the movie again and of course all pupils especially adored the chocolate snacks throughout the experience! After lunch and the gift shop, we ended our lovely day on the play park where pupils shared excellence teamwork and imagination.

At each point of the day pupils reflected on what made Cadbury World a successful tourism destination, they applied their learning from lessons to understand a variety of processes that occur, such as advertisements, to ensure Cadbury World has many visitors.

Pupils highlighted outstanding teamwork throughout the day, they were working with staff and pupils from other year 9 groups. Moreover, pupils were respectful to staff at the venue and other members of the public, asking enlightening and deep thought-provoking questions to enrich our understanding and pupils were eager to learn more! Many pupils were resilient in conquering fears today! All pupils highlighted true Elmwood values and should be very proud of themselves for their conduct and behaviour, definitely a credit to Elmwood School! Thank you to Athena who accompanied the trip and ensured all pupils were enjoying the day out!

Report by Miss Rose, Humanities Teacher

Elmwood Champions Trip – Beaudesert Campsite

On 1st July, a group of our outstanding pupils had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Elmwood Champions reward trip to the picturesque Beaudesert Campsite. This adventure-filled day included the pupils descending into an old sand quarry on ropes and climbing high for a ride on the aerial runway.

The day kicked off with the pupils making their way through the forest and down to the quarry. Pupils then had the chance to get into a harness before making their way over to the edge of the wall and rappelling down a steep rock face. This activity required not only courage and trust in their equipment and instructors to keep them safe, but also trust in themselves to control the speed of their descent. As each pupil lowered themselves down, they were met with applause and encouragement from their peers below, reinforcing the supportive and positive atmosphere of the trip.

Once they had conquered the abseil wall, the group made their way to the main area again for some lunch under the trees, before playing games and running around in the forest area. It was brilliant to see how well they were connecting with nature and enjoying their time with each other.

The afternoon activity was the aerial runway (a big zip line) which the pupils had the opportunity to climb high on the 25-foot telegraph pole before launching themselves down the wire at incredible speed. The rest of the pupils could watch and cheer as they flew past on the line and watch as they lowered to the ground at the end.

This reward trip to Beaudesert Camp was a testament to the incredible spirit and potential of our pupils, they showed courage and skill to complete these impressive activities and we look forward to more such adventures in the future.

Report by Ben Micklewright, Teaching Assistant

Sports Day 2025

On a bright and breezy day, our annual Sports Day 2025 kicked off full of anticipation of which house will take home this year's House Cup.

Throughout the running, throwing, and jumping events, the pupils demonstrated incredible determination and sportsmanship. Whether it was sprinting down the track, jumping over hurdles, launching the shot put, or leaping into the sandpit, each pupil gave their absolute best throughout the day.

The highlight of the day wasn't just the impressive performances on show but the memorable moment when the house gazebos tried to make a break for freedom during lunchtime. A sudden gust of wind blew them down and thanks to some quick thinking staff and Kerry Jordan, mom to Theo in Year 8, the gazebos were safely secured and the fun continued without any more hiccups.

Of course, no Sports Day would be complete without records, and this year was no exception. We witnessed history being made in two standout events:

- 200m Hurdles – Riley in Year 9 broke this 7 year long standing record.
- Shot Put – Archie in Year 8 broke this 10 year long standing record.

The day ended with the House Relay which was a thrilling finale that saw all houses give their all in a nail-biting finish. While only one house could take home the overall trophy, every pupil, teacher, and supporter contributed to making the day unforgettable.

Congratulations to Ainslie House who win a second consecutive sports day.

A big thank you goes out to our P.E. department, staff, and pupil helpers who made the day run smoothly. Their planning and enthusiasm ensured that Sports Day 2025 was a resounding success.

Also a big thank you to Wajid Zeb from NA Cars, who once again provided all staff and pupils with a delicious and very welcome ice cream. Cleo Dudley, food technology teacher, ably assisted by Lea Slivka Blaskova our newly appointed senior administrator, sorting out refreshments as well as selling raffle tickets. A big thank you also to Lilly-May's nan for providing some of the lovely hampers. As a result we were able to raise a grand total of £232.22 towards our school fund account, which ultimately supports pupils with those little extras. The lucky prize winners were 1st Caitlyn Walker in 9c, 2nd Rebecca Spendlove in 9a, 3rd Evie Leonard in 9c, 4th Stacey Urmson(staff) and 5th Lynne Rymer (school cook) - many congratulations to all and enjoy your prizes.

Here's to another year of records, resilience, and gazebos that hopefully stay grounded.
Report by Mr Hawkes, Assistant Head

GOVERNOR NEWS

Leon Donaldson's term of office as a staff governor ended on 4th July 2025. At the governing body summer termly meeting, Leon was appointed as a co-opted governor for the period 5th July 2025 to 4th July 2026 (or until academisation takes place). A big thank you to Leon for his continued support and we are glad that he is able to see his time out with the rest of the team.

With the school scheduled to join the Matrix Trust on 1st September, this will mean that our dedicated of governors will also be ending their journey at Elmwood School. A very big thank you to Sallyann Tuckwell-Allen (a governor since 2017) and Hannah Shepherd our current joint chairs of governors, Di Cadman, former teaching assistant at the school/associate member governor, Leon Donaldson, staff governor, Sarah Thornton, Co-opted Governor, Emma James, Lisa Jones and Carli Jones, parent governors and finally to Mr Cross, Headteacher, who have supported the school through good and bad times. They have given their time and commitment to the school and have now prepared the way for Elmwood to continue on its journey of excellence with the Matrix Trust. Enjoy your well earned rest from governor duties and we wish you all the very best for the future.

OUR AMAZING TRIP TO ITALY

On Tuesday 1st July Elmwood pupils went on their first overseas residential trip in collaboration with the Matrix Trust. I was lucky enough to accompany 4 pupils on the trip (2 girls from year 9 and 2 boys from year 10). Despite soaring temperatures and lots and lots of walking, our pupils were impeccably behaved and showed real maturity and resilience.

Day 1 was a long day travelling as we headed down to Gatwick airport to meet our flight into Rome. Following a short delay in the airport we were finally off on our travels and arrived to our university accommodation near the city centre.

A bright early start on day 2 started off at the supermarket where all pupils (there were 55 of them in total) chose their own food and snacks for the day, and off we went to The Colosseum. The largest ancient amphitheatre did not disappoint and the very busy metro journeys were certainly rewarded with the breathtaking sights when we arrived. A short trip to The Forum showed us the heart of ancient Rome, which has been called the most celebrated meeting place in the world! Our afternoon adventures took us to a local Gladiator school where participants were able to pit their skills and strengths to an immersive session of training and combat. Our day was made complete with a meal at a local restaurant....and most importantly a great source of air con that cooled the 37 degree heat down enough for us to enjoy bruschetta and pizza.

Day 3 enabled us to take in the sights of The Spanish Steps, The Trevi Fountain, and the Piazza Navona, and still have time for shopping! Pupils enjoyed experiencing the Roman shops, the amazing gelato Roman ice cream stalls, and the endless (thank goodness) water fountains that provide all visitors with an endless supply of much needed fresh water to help cool in the intense temperatures. Our evening meal was situated in a really beautiful Italian restaurant that enabled us to be seated spilling along the cobbled streets of Rome and enjoy authentic cuisine with a beautiful back drop. This is where the romance really kicked in and several pupils were bought red roses...it really is true what they say that apparently Rome is the city of love.

Day 4 saw us head off to Ostia beach and spend the afternoon playing on the waters edge and enjoying the beach - a fabulous end to a busy few days with a relax on a sun lounger!

All too soon it was time to pack our bags and head home but with memories that will last forever and new friendships that will be cherished for a long time to come. I am incredibly proud of all of the pupils that attended the trip and allowed themselves to be challenged on our school's first international trip. Thanks to their conduct and maturity making the trip a huge success, we are already planning future trips for others to enjoy.

Well done guys and thank you for a wonderful week. Report by Mrs Francis Deputy Head



FINAL FAREWELL

Well after 212 editions of producing Elmwood School's newsletter, this will be my final one. As shared with you in the June edition, I will sadly be saying goodbye on Friday 18th July as I end my time at the school. It has been a pleasure sharing all those special events, celebrations and interesting articles over the past 17 years, what lovely memories I will be taking away with me.

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone. I have met so many amazing pupils, lovely parents and carers as well as working alongside the best team anyone could ask to work with. I have loved my job and consider myself very lucky to have had the privilege of doing so. Some of my colleagues are now friends for life and I will certainly be following Elmwood's new and exciting adventure as it becomes part of the Matrix family, I wish it every success.



A big thank you to staff, parents, governors and other professionals who have sent me such lovely messages and gifts, they mean so much to me and will be treasured—even if they have brought tears to my eyes. A big thank you also to the Matrix Academy Trust for the beautiful flowers that were delivered by Lynsey Draycott, CEO, which was such a thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated.



I will now be able to take advantage of holidays outside of term time, as well as spending more time with my family, and many happy hours gardening and cooking—a new adventure beckons.

Take care all and thank you again, it has been amazing so signing off from Dawn Canham,
Secretary/Clerk to the Governors