

# The Echelford Echo



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It is hard to believe it is already December and the cold weather has certainly accompanied its arrival! There are lots of events taking place over the next few weeks alongside the curriculum learning that is still a high priority for all of our pupils.

This week, our Reception children performed their Nativity 'The very Hopeless Camel'. They wowed the audiences with their confidence as they shared the Christmas story through song and drama, which was a huge achievement, given they have only been with us for 12 weeks.

Thank you for all of your donations today. The bottles and chocolates will be used in the tombola at our Christmas fair next Friday. Our parent volunteers have been busy preparing for this event and we look forward to welcoming you from 3.30pm next week. The PTFA would be welcome of any more volunteers to help ensure the success of this event. If you are able to give any amount of time then please contact the PTFA via this online form: <https://volunteersignup.org/LWRWH>

As we write, there is excitement in school ahead of our Santa Fun run which is taking place after school today. We hope to see many of you there and will share pictures of this school community event next week in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

## **Staff News**

We wish to share that, after eight years at Echelford, Mr Lockyer has made the decision to progress his career and has successfully secured a Leadership role at another Surrey school. He will be leaving us at Christmas to take on this new opportunity. We would like to thank Mr Lockyer for all his hard work at Echelford over the last eight years and we know that you will join us in wishing him all the best for this next step in his career.

We are pleased to share that we have made the following appointments to join the teaching team at Echelford. Miss Ambridge will be returning to work with us in January to teach in Year 2. Mrs Davod will be working with Mrs Tarry in Year 3 and Miss Evans will be working with Mrs Johnson in Year 4. We look forward to welcoming these new additions to Echelford life!

Today, Miss Egleton begins her maternity leave. We hope that she is able to enjoy some quiet time before her baby arrives and we look forward to sharing news of her new arrival very soon.

## **Filming of Christmas performances for YR and KS1**

Year R and KS1 Christmas performances will be filmed and available to buy on DVD or digital link via FC Video. If you have previously given permission for your child's image or name to be included in External: press/media, there is nothing further you need to do. If you have previously declined permission and after being contacted by Echelford not revised that decision either going forward or for this performance, your child will not be included in filming. If you wish to change your consent we ask that you visit our school website at Parents > Online Forms and complete our Photographic Consent online form as soon as possible. Please can we remind parents that any footage must not be forwarded to extended family members or posted on social media.

## **Year 1 & 2 Dance**

Over the last term, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning dances with a specialist dance teacher in their PE lessons. This week, the children performed their dances to another class. All the children have made fantastic progress and put on a wonderful performance. Well done.





### Year 6 - Bedfont Lakes

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Bedfont Lakes this week. To support their Geography learning, they used OS maps to track their journey around the park, look at the soil compaction at a variety of locations and measure how they felt in different areas based on the human and physical geography of their surroundings. They collected data on how other visitors used the park which they have begun presenting, using different graphs and charts, during their Maths lessons. To support their Science learning, Year 6 also looked at the different habitats of living things they could find and will continue to compare these to the habitats found around The Echelford Primary School.



### Boys' and Girls' Football - Cup Game

Last week, both our boys' and girls' football teams had their first-round cup games. The boys were away at Clarendon School and we hosted the girls' game here at Echelford against Our Lady of the Rosary School. After demonstrating great respect to each other; their opponents and referees - one of our new school values - both teams came away victorious. The boys' game finished 6-0 to Echelford and the girls' game finished 9-1 to Echelford. We continue to be extremely proud of how brilliantly our sports teams represent our school and our values. Well done to both teams and thank you to those who came to spectate and support.



### Forest School Request for Resources

At last we are seeing some Autumn fall! Our Echelford Forest school could do with your support. We are looking for natural resources such as conkers, pine cones, acorns and tree branches at least 5 cm diameter for craft activities and to enhance our outdoor learning. Boxes will be available on the KS2 playground and outside of year one to leave any donations.

### Maths Week England 2024 Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb- can you help?

Our annual Maths Week takes place during January this year and the focus this year will be on helping to raise money for NSPCC. Miss Green and Miss Watson are still finalising details for the week but would love to hear from anyone who might be interested to come in and talk to the children about how they use mathematics in their job. This was a really successful aspect of our Maths Week in 2023, that was enjoyed by the children and the adults who came into school. If you are interested in supporting us with this, do get in touch with Miss Green and Miss Watson via [office.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and they will contact you to discuss and offer guidance and support if required.





## Christmas Card Post Box

The Echelford Christmas post box will open from next week and the Echelford Elves will then sort and distribute the cards to the relevant classes. Please ensure you put the **name and class** on the envelopes. Last posting date will be Friday 15th December.

## EYFS and KS1 Nativity DVD or Digital Link

We are thrilled to announce the opportunity for you to capture and relive the magic of our EYFS and KS1 Nativity experiences! Our exclusive recording of the heart-warming performances of our EYFS and KS1 children is now available for purchase on DVD (£10) or as a convenient digital link (£8). The recordings will be sent home with your child (DVD) or emailed directly to you (digital link) before the end of the Autumn Term. Follow the link below or scan the QR code to purchase your copy!

<https://showcase.fcvideo.co.uk/echelford/>



## Warm Welcome

Warm Welcome venues are open to all residents this winter free of charge. Whether you are old or young, live alone or with your family, feel like you are struggling or just managing to get by, a Warm Welcome awaits you.

There are currently 76 Warm Welcome venues across Surrey in a variety of community spaces including community and church halls, libraries and leisure centres. All you have to do is show up! Come inside, warm up, enjoy a hot drink and receive energy advice and much more.

To find your nearest Warm Welcome visit [surreycc.gov.uk/warmwelcome](https://surreycc.gov.uk/warmwelcome).

## Vacancies within the Trust

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1386465>

### Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1378206>

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025.

There is the possibility that the contract will be extended, subject to the funding from the DfE continuing.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

Best wishes,

**Karen Oakley**  
Co-Headteacher

**Jess Bugembe**  
Co-Headteacher

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This week, the winning classes are:



**Winning Class – 3S**

**Winning Class – 2W**



## Word of the week

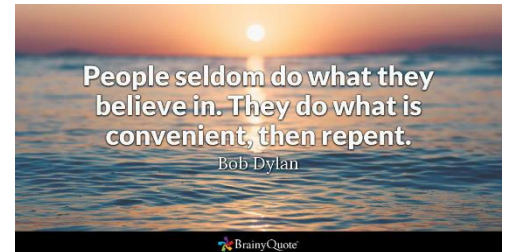
Each week, we will be sharing a word of the week. Please use this word with your child where possible, and encourage them to use it at home and school.

**convenience** (noun)

Meaning: being able to proceed with something without difficulty

Example: "I'll drop the book over if convenient?"

Origin: from Latin *convenientia*, from *convenient-* 'assembling, agreeing', from the verb *convenire*



## This week we have been learning...

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| Reception | This week, Reception has continued looking into the world of the Jolly Postman, and enjoyed creating our collaborative character descriptions of the Big Bad Wolf. We've been looking at part-part-whole models to further explore our compositions to 10 and drew the week to a close with their fabulous performances of their Nativity Production!<br><b>Phonics: Phase 2 recap</b>  |
| Year 1    | This week, Year 1 has been exploring their ambitions and dreams through our storybook 'Astro Girl'. The children wrote about what job they would like to have when they are older and what steps to take in order to achieve the goal. In Maths, we have been learning about 1 more and less of a given number within 20. In our PE lesson, we performed our final dance routine to the Year 2 children. Well done! On Thursday, we also went for a local walk around Ashford to look for different types of homes and houses.<br><b>Phonics: Phase 3 and 5 recap</b>   |
| Year 2    | We have been busy with Nativity practise this week. In Literacy we have been using expanded noun phrases in our writing as we look at the Emperor's penguin. In Maths we have started learning about multiplication. Across our foundation subjects we have learnt more about giving in Christianity and are working hard to create our penguin hand puppets.<br><b>Bridge to Spelling:</b><br>Add -es to make a plural if the word ends in s,x,z,sh,ch   |
| Year 3    | This week in Krindlekrax, it is explained how the crocodile ended up in the sewers. Inspired by this, each class went on a walk to find a crocodile. Going to the pond, each class found their very own class pet and wrote instructions on how to care for the reptile. In Maths, we have started our fifth unit looking at measurements, specifically millimetres and centimetres. The children have done well to estimate objects found in the classroom and have begun to work out the perimeter of objects.<br><b>Spellings: forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting, committed, forbidden, equipped</b> |
| Year 4    | This week, Year 4 have been focusing on their descriptive writing and in particular, using expanded noun phrases to describe an exciting scene from their core text, 'Varjak Paw'. In Maths, Year 4 have been rehearsing their 7 and 9 times tables and have been identifying   |

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|        | <p>multiplication patterns. In History this week, we have been discovering all the incredible things that the Ancient Mesopotamians invented, and how many are still in use today.</p> <p><b>Spellings: Words where 'ch' makes the 'sh' sound, for example, chalet, chandelier and quiche.</b></p>  |
| Year 5 | <p>As we approach the climax of 'Floodland' in our Literacy lessons, Year 5 have been writing a balanced argument based on a dilemma our protagonist faces, considering both sides of the argument equally. In Maths, we have been learning how to use the short division method to answer division questions, including division calculations with reminders. In Science, we have been exploring forces and carrying out investigations using Newton Metres, whilst in Art we have begun to practise our printing skills to create a repeated wave pattern.</p> <p><b>Spellings: Words with the suffix -ent or -ence:</b> eloquence, frequent, emergent, innocence, transparent, intelligence, consequence, decent, violent, competence</p>  |
| Year 6 | <p>Year 6 have had an action-packed week this week! On Tuesday, we spent the day at Bedfont Lakes Country Park and took part in a range of activities which included: map reading; investigating the compaction of the soil; observing habitats; classifying wildlife; completing surveys and sketching the area. This trip was a fantastic way to consolidate both our Science and Geography learning this term. In Literacy, we have been focussing on integrating dialogue into our narrative pieces; developing this to ensure the speech portrays character, setting and mood. We finished the week with the 'Santa Fun Run' and it was fantastic to see all of the children take part!</p> <p><b>Spellings: Words with the 'f' sound spelt 'ph'</b><br/> <b>For example: pheasant, alphabet, sphere, physical</b></p> |

### ACE Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received this week's ACE Award.

| Class | Name     | Awarded .....  |
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| RG    | Shilo    | For working hard to project her voice in our Christmas Nativity performance.   |
| RL    | Isaac    | For working hard to give an amazing performance in our Christmas Nativity.   |
| RO    | Jovan    | For his efforts to move up our Stay on Green chart and his fantastic independent writing                               |
| 1A    | Teddy    | For a brilliant performance in dance and fantastic participation in nativity practice!                                 |
| 1C    | Piper    | For her fantastic dance skills this week in PE.  |
| 1H    | Rayan    | For his fantastic effort and enthusiasm when practising the songs for our Nativity.                                    |
| 2B    | Aizah    | For her fantastic effort within the Nativity, learning her spoken and sung lines and projecting her voice beautifully. |
| 2K    | Kesar    | For her fantastic effort in her learning this week and always setting a positive example for her peers.                |
| 2W    | Jude     | For always setting a fantastic example to his peers and contributing ideas to our learning.                            |
| 3BT   | Connie   | For her amazing enthusiasm and effort in Literacy this week during our crocodile hunt.                                 |
| 3H    | Luna     | For her enthusiasm on our crocodile hunt this week.  |
| 3S    | Jonathan | For his fantastic effort in Literacy this week and showing resilience in the task! Keep it up!                         |
| 4LJ   | Idris    | For his wonderful effort in improving his sentence structure in his writing this week.                                 |
| 4M    | Harper   | For continuously staying on green and for her wonderful work this week, particularly in Literacy!                      |

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| 4S | Soha     | For her positive attitude to her learning always, particularly with learning her 9 times table.                                      |
| 5B | Billy    | For using his secure knowledge of balanced arguments to create an engaging piece of writing.   |
| 5G | Harleigh | For her perseverance and positive attitude whilst tackling short division.   |
| 5W | Joe      | For aiming high in his learning and consistently modelling green choices.  |
| 6H | Bachir   | For his perseverance, teamwork and positive attitude towards all of his PE lessons this week.  |
| 6J | Liliana  | For aiming high in her Literacy writing by creating a highly descriptive recount using dialogue to portray the different characters. |
| 6W | Nirvan   | For consistently demonstrating our GREEN values and showing determination in his Literacy writing this week.                         |

## Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Luna H, Saira A, Jimmy C, Arjan S, All of RO, Rosie-Mae D, Vinisha B, Arjun P, Max T, Hallie F, Melody R, Elodie P, Elliott V, Finley J, Rory L, Logan P, Elsie Da, Luca I, Rocco L, Sienna H, Sienna S, Laksh K, Jeshvik N, Willow B, Ava Y, Theodore C, Rayan T, Ivy G, Rehanuddin M, Myra S, Owen J, Jake T, Tommy H, Arthur B, Ellie P, Jason K, William G, Kaira G, Sahara S, Saoirse M, Rose E, Elia D, Robyn C, Poppy R, Tommy Y, Aidan B, Hallie T, Alana C, Thomas M, Robert A, Connie H, Robyn W, Ashreet K, Alex T, Rayan M, Iommi J, Mason B, Ava B, Salaar M, Avni N, Hannah P, Luna D, Jessica W, Evie G, Darcy O, Jasmine W, Oliver K, Daniel K, Eesa N, Max K, Arjun S, Raihaan P, Lian Z, Mya A, Gurbej S, Callum O, Millie G, Anaya A, Diego A, Charlie E, Dylan T, Lily-Mae W, Mannat K, Max O, Darcie G, Juno M, Darcie H, Alesha B, Mason D, Bonnie D, William M, Ethan P, Myla-Rose H, Isobel P, Misha M, Erin H, Ava A, Freya M, Bonham J, Grace P, Sydney H, Sophia H, Francesca S, Georgie B, Eryn L, Freddie S, Abigail P, Evelina I, Mason A, Sienna L, Amreen G, Florence M, Yo Yo Y, Ruth B, Jack G, Ifeyinwa O, Molly S, Lisa-Marie O and Charlie H.

## Achievements outside of school

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news. Along with the Newsletter, we will display any sports achievement photos and information on our 'Sports Shout Outs' board in the gym.

Well done to Isobel in 5W who recently passed her Shentie grading. She has gone from green belt to purple belt. Congratulations Isobel on this amazing achievement.



Congratulations to Scarlett in RL who has now taken her Rainbow promise and has become an official Rainbow. Well done Scarlett, we hope you have lots of fun in Rainbows.

Well done to Ethan in 3BT who achieved his yellow belt in kickboxing last weekend. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement Ethan.



Congratulations to William in 6H who competed in his first Judo competition last Saturday at Core Judo and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place. He found the sport through the Surrey Youth Games last April and is really enjoying it. Well done on this wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to Emilia in RL who performed in front of a small audience, where she sang, danced and acted in her first performing arts show last Saturday. Well done Emilia on this wonderful performance.



Well done to Anaiya in 6H who came 3rd in the U11's Hillingdon Junior Squash Open. Congratulations Anaiya on this amazing achievement.



## Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

| December                   |                 |   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Wednesday 6th              | 2.00pm          | KS1 Nativity  |
| Thursday 7th               | 9.15am          | KS1 Nativity  |
| Friday 8th                 |                 | PTFA Christmas Fair                                       |
| Tuesday 12th               | 9.30pm & 2.30pm | Upper KS2 Christmas Performance                           |
| Wednesday 13th             | 9am             | Headteachers' Assembly                                    |
| Wednesday 13th             |                 | Festive Meal  |
| Thursday 14th              | 9.30pm & 2.30pm | Lower KS2 Christmas Performance                           |
| <b>Tuesday 19th</b>        | <b>1.45pm</b>   | <b>End of Term</b>  |
| January                    |                 |   |
| Thursday 4th               |                 | Children return to school                                 |
| Wednesday 10th             |                 | Year 3 Stone Age Workshop                                 |
| Wednesday 17th             | 9.00am          | 4M Class Assembly   |
| Wednesday 24th             | 9.00am          | 5B Class Assembly   |
| Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb |                 | Maths Week  |
| Wednesday 31st             |                 | 1C Class Assembly   |
| February                   |                 |   |
| Friday 2nd                 |                 | Year 3 Sleepover  |
| Friday 2nd                 |                 | Young Voices Concert at Wembley                           |
| Mon 5th – Fri 9th          |                 | Echelford Expo Week                                       |
| Monday 5th                 |                 | Year 3 Feet First   |
| Tuesday 6th                |                 | Year 3 Feet First   |
| Tuesday 6th                | 9.30am          | EYFS Stay and Learn                                       |
| Tuesday 6th                |                 | Safer Internet Day  |
| Wednesday 7th              | 9.30am          | EYFS Stay and Learn                                       |
| Wednesday 7th              | 9.00am          | 3BT Assembly  |
| Thursday 8th               | 9.30am          | EYFS Stay and Learn                                       |
| Thursday 8th               |                 | Year 3 Feet First   |
| Thursday 8th               | 3.00pm          | Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale                                     |
| <b>Mon 12th – Fri 16th</b> |                 | <b>Half Term</b>  |
| Saturday 17th              |                 | Random Acts of Kindness Day                               |
| Wednesday 28th             | 9.00am          | 2K Class Assembly   |
| Friday 29th                | 3.00pm          | Costume Sale for World Book Day and Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale |
| March                      |                 |   |
| Wednesday 6th              |                 | 3H Class Assembly   |
| Thursday 7th               |                 | World Book Day  |
| Fri 8th – Sun 17th         |                 | Science week  |
| Wednesday 13th             | 9.00            | 1H Class Assembly   |
| Friday 15th                |                 | Young Carers Day  |
| Fri 15th - Sun 17th        |                 | Year 5 Bowles Residential                                 |
| Friday 15th                |                 | Red Nose Day  |
| Wednesday 20th             |                 | 1A Class Assembly   |
| Tuesday 26th               | 4.00-7.00pm     | Parent Teacher Consultations                              |



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| Wednesday 27th                        | 3.30-6.00pm   | Parent Teacher Consultations              |
| Wednesday 27th                        | 9.00am        | Headteachers' Assembly                    |
| <b>Thursday 28th</b>                  | <b>1.45pm</b> | <b>End of Term</b>                        |
| <b>April</b>                          |               |   |
| Monday 15th                           |               | Children return to school                 |
| Wed 17th - Fri 19th                   |               | Year 4 Bikeability Level 1                |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>               |               | Earth Day                                 |
| Wednesday 24th                        | 9.00am        | 5G Class Assembly                         |
| Thursday 25th                         | 3.00pm        | Year 4 PTFA Bake Sale                     |
| Mon 29th Apr - Fri 3rd May            |               | Year 6 Bikeability                        |
| <b>May</b>                            |               |   |
| Wednesday 1st                         | 9.00am        | 3S Class Assembly                         |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>                |               | May Bank Holiday                          |
| Wednesday 8th                         |               | RG Class Assembly                         |
| Mon 13th - Thurs 16th                 |               | KS2 SATs week                             |
| Thursday 16th                         | 3.00pm        | Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale                     |
| Mon 20th - Fri 24th                   |               | Year 4 Rise Up Festival (Exact dates TBC) |
| Mon 20th - Fri 24th                   |               | Year 6 Bikeability                        |
| Tuesday 21st                          | 2.30pm        | EYFS Stay and Learn                       |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>            | 2.30pm        | EYFS Stay and Learn                       |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>            | 9.00am        | RL Class Assembly                         |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>             | 2.30pm        | EYFS Stay and Learn                       |
| <b>Mon 27th May – Fri 31st</b>        |               | <b>Half Term</b>                          |
| <b>June</b>                           |               |   |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> (two-week period) |               | Year 4 Multiplication Check               |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>                   |               | Sports Day                                |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>                |               | PTFA Lolly Sale                           |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 14th        |               | Y1 Phonics Screening                      |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14th       |               | Y6 Bikeability                            |
| Wednesday 12th                        | 9.00am        | 4LJ Class Assembly                        |
| Friday 14th                           | 3.00pm        | PTFA Lolly Sale                           |
| Friday 14th                           |               | Mufti for Summer Fair                     |
| Mon 17th - Fri 21st                   |               | Book Fair                                 |
| Mon 17th - Fri 21st                   |               | Healthy Eating Week                       |
| Wednesday 19th                        | 9.00am        | RD Class Assembly                         |
| Friday 21st                           |               | PTFA Summer Fair                          |
| Friday 28th                           | 3.00pm        | PTFA Lolly Sale                           |
| <b>July</b>                           |               |   |
| Mon 1st - Fri 5th                     |               | Celebration of Us week                    |
| Friday 5th                            | 3.00pm        | PTFA Lolly Sale                           |
| Wednesday 10th                        | 1.30pm        | Year 6 production                         |
| Wednesday 10th                        | 6.30pm        | Year 6 production                         |
| Friday 12th                           | 3.00pm        | PTFA Lolly Sale                           |
| Wednesday 17th                        | TBC           | Year 6 Celebration Day and Colour Run     |
| Wednesday 17th                        | 9.00am        | Headteachers' Assembly                    |
| Friday 19th                           | 9.00am        | Leavers' Assembly                         |
| <b>Friday 19th</b>                    |               | <b>End of term</b>                        |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>         |               | <b>INSET Day 4</b>                        |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>        |               | <b>INSET Day 5</b>                        |



**STANWELL EVENTS**  
**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FUN DAY**  
**Sunday 3rd December**  
**11am - 5pm**



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