# The Echelford Echo



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This week we were treated to another fabulous Christmas performance by our KS1 children. Their retelling of the Christmas story was a joyous display where they all shone like stars.

A huge thank you to the staff in Year 1 and 2 and to each child for the time spent rehearsing to achieve such a high standard of performance.

Our KS2 children are now busy rehearsing and we look forward to our final performances in their concerts with parents and carers next week.

As we write, the PTFA are busy setting up for the Christmas Fair. We hope to see many of you there enjoying the festive stalls and helping to raise money for the PTFA. All funds raised get put back directly to the school to develop learning spaces in and around the school which will benefit all Echelford children now and in the future. A huge thank you to the PTFA and all those who have given up time to organise the fair. We look forward to sharing the amount raised in our final newsletter of the term next week.

#### Christmas Events Below is an outline of the remaining Christmas events for the term.

Tuesday 12th December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances	Year 5 & 6	Performances start at 9.30 and 2.30 only those with tickets will be admitted. Dismissal at the end of the day is normal time.
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Festive Day including festive Meal	All year groups	Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school (No donations required) During the day, children will be taking part in various Christmas activities as a class.
Thursday 14th December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances	Year 3 & 4	Performances stars at 9.30 and 2.30 only those with tickets will be admitted.  Dismissal at the end of the day is normal time.
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term	All Year Groups	Early dismissal times: Reception, years 1 & 2 1.35pm Year 3 & 4 1.40pm Year 5 & 6 1.45pm

#### **Echelford Values**

Two weeks ago, we shared our images to go with our new Echelford values. These have continued to be shared with the children in their Monday assemblies and discussed in their classes. Here are just some of the things they have written about our final three values and how they might display them in their daily lives in and out of school.



"We keep trying when we do new challenges, it is ok to not succeed the first time you need to keep trying and you feel proud when to achieve it." 2K

"Not all experiences are positive, but if you don't try something different you will be missing out on finding out what you may actually unknowingly like. You have to be confident to try new experiences and believe you can overcome any challenges you may encounter." 6W

"Everyone has the right to feel happy in school" 1H

"Everyone has their own opinions and their own goals but everyone is valuable and special".

"Everyone is equal no matter who they are. Treat people how you would like to be treated. Respect everyone "6J





"Being a team and working with everyone and caring for others." RL

"Protecting everyone and everything to build a safe environment which is secure, built on trust and is welcoming." Year 6

#### Santa Fun Run

Last week, we were delighted to kick-off the festive season with Echelford's annual Santa Fun Run. It was great to gather the entire Echelford community together from our amazing pupils, their families, our fantastic PTFA and our teachers. The event was filled with joyous music, smiling faces, tasty treats and a tremendous amount of physical activity for all. Thank you to those that were able to join in the festivities and we are already looking forward to next year's event.











#### **Parking Reminders**

A reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly in the mornings and at the end of the day. This includes making sure you are not obstructing neighbours' driveways or stopping on the zig zag lines. We also ask that you don't turn in the road directly outside the school as this causes extra congestion and makes it unsafe for pedestrians to cross. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

#### Top Tip for the Scopay App

Did you know you can set up alerts on the Scopay app? It can advise you when your balances become low, when a new trip or event becomes available online, when a trip payment is due and will also remind you of parents evening appointments. If this is something that you would like to setup then please go onto the Scopay app and click on the Alerts button and then the three lines on the top right-hand side of your phone screen. You can then set up whichever alerts you would like to.

#### **Plea for Polo Shirts**

We are really short on polo shirts both boys and girls ages 5-6 and 7-8. If you have any spare at home please donate to the office. Much appreciated.

#### **Boys' Football - League Game**

Yesterday, the Boys Football team had a league game at home against Hawkedale Primary School. The team demonstrated an enhanced sense of teamwork and positivity throughout the game, giving an extremely cohesive and exciting performance. They should all be extremely proud of themselves achieving a 7-1 win. A huge well done to the entire team for being such fantastic ambassadors for the school and their continued commitment and enthusiasm, both at training and on match days. Thank you to everyone who came to spectate: your support is invaluable.



#### **Mindworks Referral Update**

Mindworks (previously CAMHS) have distributed an update to schools regarding their neurodevelopmental diagnostic referral pathway for ADHD and autism. The service has been under considerable pressure in recent years due to the demand and high volume of referrals they are receiving coupled with ever growing waiting lists. Following a pause to referrals being accepted into the service, they have made the decision not to reopen the referral system until a new system is devised. Therefore, schools are unable to make any referrals for exploration of possible neurodevelopmental needs at this time. If your child is currently undergoing an assessment for ADHD or autism this will continue. This link provides an update on the service:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/about-us/talking-points/update-neurodevelopmental-diagnostic-assessment-pathway-children}$ 

#### **Geography Bee Final**

What an event! Thank you to all the participants, and their adults, for learning so many countries and capitals for this competition. We are delighted to announce that the two KS2 winners were Rajveer in Year 6 and Daniel in Year 3, who got through seven rounds in the final, with nothing between them. The judges decided they should both be winners, and judging by the applause from the school in the Monday Assembly, pupils agreed! In KS1, the winner of their final was Tia in Year 2.

Huge congratulations to our finalists, and every child who participated or got through each heat.



#### EYFS and KS1 Nativity DVD or Digital Link



#### **Vacancies within the Trust**

**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: <a href="https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677">https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677</a>

#### **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. <a href="https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220">https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220</a>

Best wishes,

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This week, the winning classes are:



Winning Class - 3BT

Winning Class - 1C



### 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.

appreciate (verb)

Meaning: be grateful for (something)

Example: "I really appreciate your help with this."

Origin: from late Latin appretiat- 'set at a price, appraised', from the

verb appretiare, from ad- 'to' + pretium 'price'



#### This week we have been learning...

Reception

This week Reception have been writing letters to Father Christmas. We really enjoyed showing off how far our writing skills have come. In Maths we have been learning about one more and one less of a number. We have also been learning about the Nativity story. We made some amazing crafts to help decorate our classrooms.

**Phonics: Recap of Phase 2 sounds** 

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Year 1	Year 1 have had a fun filled week performing their Nativity with the Year 2's to all the children in the school and to their grownups. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! In Literacy, we discussed our favourite part of Christmas and all wrote letters to Father Christmas. In RE, we have been learning about the Nativity story and we acted out some of the key scenes to help us remember it. We have also made some lovely Christmas decorations out of clay that will be sold at the Christmas fair.  Phonics: Recap of phase 5 sounds
Year 2	After a busy start to the week with dress rehearsals we have now finished our Nativity performances which we worked very hard on. In Literacy this week, we have been exploring our text Emperor's Egg and have been on a Penguin Hunt. We wrote our own poems about penguins and used expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have continued to learn about Multiplication and Division.  Bridge to Spelling:This week we have worked on our Year 2 spelling words.
Year 3	Year 3 have continued their Maths unit about measures this week, focussing on measuring in cm and mm accurately with a ruler and finding the perimeter of 2d shapes. In Literacy, we are coming to the end of Krindlekrax so we wrote book reviews about it to encourage others to read the book. In Art, we have been using the 'cubism' style to create our own Christmas artwork. We are very excited for the LKS2 concert next week so we can showcase our amazing singing that's been happening for the last few weeks.  Spellings:  centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular, decide, early, learn, notice, therefore
Year 4	Year Four have been working incredibly hard this week preparing their songs for the Christmas concert. We have also been writing non-chronological reports about different types of cats. This is based on our book Varjak Paw, which we have been loving. It is getting even more dramatic, and we hope that we find out the fate of Varjak by the end of term as we're desperate to know what's going to happen next. We've also been looking at fractions in maths, considering how we can find the fraction of a shape and the fraction of a number, so we will be very keen to help if you are dividing up a pizza evenly. <b>Spellings:</b> Irregular spellings (favourite, naughty, complete, material, continue, knowledge, experiment, remember, February, famous)
Year 5	This week, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their Literacy lessons! Inspired by the upcoming 'Wonka' film, the children each had their opportunity to design their very own chocolate bar, considering its flavours, ingredients and magical properties. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate the area of a variety of different shapes, including rectilinear and non-rectilinear shapes. We have also been working hard preparing for the Christmas concert - the children had their first combined rehearsal on Thursday and did an amazing job! We are looking forward to sharing their efforts with you on Tuesday.
	<b>Spellings: Words with the suffix `-able' or `-ible':</b> dependable, possible, reasonable, reliable, understandable, terrible, incredible, comfortable, horrible, enjoyable.
Year 6	This week, all of the Year 6 children have demonstrated determination and resilience during their second assessment week of the year! They should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this week. In Geography, we continued to present our observations and findings from Bedfont Lakes through a range of pie charts and drawings and explaining these through detailed paragraphs. Rehearsals for our Christmas extravaganza have also been in full swing this week and the children are excited to perform next week.
	Spellings: Year 5 & 6 Common Exception Words

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

Class	Name	Awarded
RG	Saira	For being a helpful member of the class this week.
RL	Isley	For being a kind and helpful friend to everyone in the class.
RO	Adela	For her fantastic independent writing and for being a really kind friend
1A	Arthur	For smiling and singing brilliantly in the Christmas nativity!

1C	Olly	For his excellent performance skills in the Christmas Nativity.	
1H	Amber	For always setting an excellent example to her peers and trying her best in all her learning.	
2B	Tommy	For aiming high in all areas of his learning, particularly his Literacy and the Nativity performance this week.	
2K	Nathaniel	For his excellent work in learning his lines and songs for our Nativity performance.	
2W	Frankie	For his fantastic contribution to our Nativity; saying his lines and singing so clearly and confidently.	
3BT	Safiyyah	For excellent effort in her Maths learning of perimeter and length this week.	
3H	Mason	For fantastic contributions to class discussions and excelling in Maths and Literacy.	
3S	Maaria	For her fantastic effort in all areas of learning, consistently making GREEN choices and being a great role model to her peers.	
4LJ	Ioana	For her wonderful effort to improve her presentation in her Literacy book	
4M	Tommy	For his consistent green choices this week and for his hard work in his fractions learning.	
4S	Charlie	For his hard work towards improving his handwriting and received his pen license.	
5B	Samara	For her engaging and exciting piece of writing, using high quality vocabulary.	
5G	Arthur	For his fabulous effort and participation during the UKS2 Christmas concert rehearsals.	
5W	Annie	For consistently making green choices and aiming high in all of her learning.	
6H	Millie	For her positivity and perseverance during our assessment week.	
63	Shrey	For joining with class discussions to share his understanding of different concepts	
6W	Molly	For showing resilience during our assessment week and always being a true role model to her peers.	

#### **Gold Leaf Achievers**

Special congratulations to: Saira A, Teddy L, Aahana S, Jimmy C, Ebbenny W, Savanna H, Shiloh M, Teddy L, Meera U, Elijah B, Cherish T, Jude T, Amber C, Adela F, Tommy B, Emilyanna B, Chloe P, Logan M, Yahya M, Ismail K, Eryn M, Bodhi M, Noor V, Hallie F, Hugo G, Elliott V, Effie A, Melody R, Elodie P, Jessica J, Amelia D, Jaskirat D, Amber M, Aarya P, Leo W, Elsie Da, Grayson Bi, Thomas G, Ayaan H, Brooke F, Maximillian S, Zainab F, Myles S, Ethan H, Rehanuddin M, Amber J, Ellis L, Joseph E, Tommy H, Jaxon B, Aizah M, Myra S, Ava S, Elodie M, Rosie M, Frazer D, Jake T, Shan N, Idris K, Hassan A, Sahib T, Dexter O, Alfie A, Alfie Z, Jackson D, Elvy L, Erin L, Jayjay N, Maximus J, Teeyan B, Zach H, Charlotte G, Georgina P, Kesar R, Vidhaan S, Jenson W, Rose E, Maxwell T, Zack F, Levi-Rose M, Theodore B, Luna D, Jessica W, Jacob J, Avni N, Skylar W, Harley W, Alex T, Ellis B, Hannah P, Ava B Holly W, Rubi W, Mustafa A, Mason B, Iommi J, Tamsin B, Toby M, Zachary A, Jake Mi, Millie C, Jasleen B, Monika T, Arjun S, Gurbej S, Tiara T, Lian Z, Charlie C, James W, Mohammed Z, William C, Reggie A, Freddie Ba, Daniel I, Lily Wh, Marilou A, Elizabeth C, Hubert O, Bonham J, Shane C, Ava A, Isobel P, Myla-Rose H, Jacob M, Lyla R, Elijah N, Grace P, Ilyas K, Lewys J, Sophia H, Misha M, Summer V, Matilda D, Anaiya D, Ellie B, Alexia G, Ava W, Georgie B, Elif A, Francesca S, Jazzlyn V, Darcy B, Aleks G, Dija V, Michaela B, Kareena S, Lucas S, Henry T, Molly S, Jack G, Lilly M, Lisa-Marie O, Charlie H, John S, Leni G and Gracie S.

#### **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 Savannah & Sienna in 1H who performed in their first gymnastics Christmas display recently. They both did amazingly well and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to you both on this wonderful achievement.



Congratulations to Annik in 3BT who was granted the prestigious "Chief Scout's Bronze Award," the highest award presented to a Beaver Scout for demonstrating they are adventurous, keen to serve the community, a good team player and desire to learn about the world. It also means he has completed all challenge awards and four activity badges in less than 18 months of his joining 8th Ashford Scouts group. Well done Annik on this amazing achievement.

Well done to Myra in 2B who has won Kumon Advanced Student Honour Roll both for her advanced English and Mathematics performance. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.





Congratulations to Yuvraaj in 4LJ who was awarded his green belt and also to Arjan in RG who was awarded his orange belt at Shentie Martial Arts last weekend. Well done boys on this fantastic achievement.

Well done to Avni in 3H who passed her Shentie Martial arts grading and has moved from Red to Green belt this week. Congratulations Avni on this fabulous achievement.

Term Dates for 2023 – 2024		
December		
Tuesday 12th	9.30pm & 2.30pm	Upper KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th		Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Wednesday 13th		Festive Meal
Thursday 14th	9.30pm & 2.30pm	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
		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		Voor 2 Foot First
Tuesday 6th	0.2025	Year 3 Feet First
Tuesday 6th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 6th Wednesday 7th	0.20am	Safer Internet Day
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Wednesday 7th Thursday 8th		3BT Assembly
Thursday 8th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 8th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 12th – Fri 16th	3.00pm	Half Term
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
Triday 2901	3.00pm	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	3100	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
Wednesday 27th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 28th	1.45pm	End of Term
		April
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
		May
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 22nd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st		Half Term
		June
Mon 3rd (two-week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wed 5th		Sports Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>		PTFA Lolly Sale
Mon 10th -Fri 14th		Y1 Phonics Screening
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14th	0.00-	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	0.00	Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 19th	9.00am	RD Class Assembly
Friday 21st	2.00	PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 28th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Mon 1st - Fri 5th		July Colobustion of the week
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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
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5











## **Stanwell Befriending** Service

Free and confidential telephone service for people who are feeling lonely or socially isolated, in Stanwell and surrounding

Our friendly volunteers will call you once a week to offer a listening ear. In addition to the weekly phone call our team can meet you at our community café to offer you a friendly face Monday to Friday between 12-2pm.

For more information please contact Stanwell Events on 07429584286 or befriending@stanwellevents.org.uk









## **Spelthorne Youth** Awards 2024

Do you know a special young person aged between 5 and 19 years, living or receiving education within Spelthorne, who deserves recognition? If so, you may wish to nominate them for a Spelthorne Youth Award.

We are looking for nominations for the following categories:

- outstanding academic achievement
- personal achievement
- community spirit
- triumph over adversity
- sports achievement
- · unselfishness, kindness and bravery
- arts achievement (including performing arts)

Anyone can nominate a young person for an award. All young people nominated will be made aware of their nominations and then short listed for an award. The top nominees from each category will be invited to a special awards ceremony and presented with a certificate and prize from the Mayor of Spelthorne.



Further information and nominations can be made online at www.spelthorne.gov.uk/youthawards

The deadline for nominations this year is Friday 9 February 2024.















## **LEARNING**



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak **English as an Additional** Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country? These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family

#### What will I learn?

- · Understand the education system in England
- · How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- · Tips on raising bilingual children
- · Practise your English language skills

#### New EAL workshops:

**Adapting to Secondary School** Let's talk about Life Online How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code





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