

Co-Headteachers' Message

We have had a wonderful week celebrating Maths. All of the children have been provided with the opportunity to have real life experiences of number and money by designing and creating products to sell. They have considered costs and profit margins for their products and we have certainly seen some evidence of some future entrepreneurs amongst us!

As well as developing their mathematics skills, they have had the opportunity to work together, reflect and evaluate their designs to refine their products ready for selling. We look forward to inviting you to the sales that are taking place after school on Monday and Tuesday - all money raised will go to the NSPCC. Thank you to Miss Green and Miss Watson who organised the week and to all the staff for ensuring its success.

We are exceptionally proud of the group of year 5 & 6 boys who this week represented Echelford in our quest to be the school team to represent Chelsea FC. They won their tournament to be the top team in Surrey and will now go onto the second round which will take place at Chelsea's training ground in Cobham. Thank you to Miss Holman and Miss Bacon who accompanied the children and were impressed with what superb ambassadors for Echelford they were on and off the football pitch.

Tonight, a group of 40 children from years 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at Wembley as part of the Young Voices concert. They are well rehearsed and looking forward to the opportunity to perform at such a large venue. Thank you to Miss Gerth who has prepared the children and to all the staff giving up their Friday evening to make the trip possible.

There is also lots of excitement in year 3 today as they prepare for their sleepover in school. A host of activities have been planned, which will hopefully tire them out so some sleeping occurs! We look forward to sharing news of their time next week via Facebook.

There is lots planned for our final week of this half term which you can read more details about in the remainder of the newsletter. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming you all to our Echelford Expo on Wednesday, which is set to be a showcase of many of the wonderful experiences and learning we share each week in the newsletter.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Echelford Expo: Wednesday 7th February

All the classrooms will be open for you to visit along with other spaces around the school. You will find alongside this newsletter a handy map attached to show you the areas you can visit, and your children will be the perfect tour guide for you! Families are welcome to visit from 3.45pm until 5pm and children should remain with their families at all times. Please enter via the main office. Please note only the spaces inside will be open, we ask that no one goes onto the outdoor or playground areas.

Activity Clubs

Please note that due to the Echelford Expo, the after school activity clubs will not be running for the whole of next week.



School
Calendar

We have
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learning...

Curriculum

Our
Facebook
page

PTFA

Online
forms

Pastoral
Support

A career
with
Lumen



Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February 2024

This year, Echelford will, once again, be participating in the annual celebration of Internet Safety Day. Throughout the day of Tuesday 6th February, we will take part in learning based around this year's theme: Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and negative change online. The children will work together to develop their understanding of what we need to be a good online citizen and how influence and influencers can have a positive or negative impact.

We plan to film the children in their classes, sharing the fantastic learning videos that they have completed with class teachers across our Lumen schools, via Lumen's secure file sharing platform. We will then be watching what different classes have created to celebrate Internet Safety Day not only as a school, but also as a Trust.

If you have previously given permission for your child's image or name to be included in school online permissions, there is nothing further you need to do and your child may be included in any filming. If you have previously declined permission for your child to be included in school online publications, this means your child will not be included in class videos. 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.

We are so excited to see the wonderful learning the children create and the positive impact this has on the children's understanding of online safety. If you have any queries or questions, please speak to the school office by Monday 5th February 2024 at the latest.

Diversity Forum

Our first parent/carer Diversity Forum is on Thursday 8th February, from 9.00-9.45am. We are looking forward to sharing the work we have been doing in school and building on the developments we made last year. We recognise the importance of working together as a whole school community and look forward to seeing as many of you at this meeting as possible.

Uniform reminders

The children pride themselves on wearing their Echelford uniform and representing the school. A few key reminders regarding accessories to ensure that all children are looking smart:

- A small wrist watch (or one that can count steps) is permitted. **Smart watches that can be used to communicate are not permitted.**
- Small & discreet stud earrings (these earrings must be removed for PE in compliance with Surrey's safety rules). No other jewellery is permitted.
- Nail varnish, false nails, make-up and temporary tattoos are not appropriate for school and a pupil will be asked to remove these accessories if seen by a member of staff.
- All children with shoulder-length or longer hair must have it completely tied back; hair should not be worn in a half-up-half-down style.
- Short hair should be uniform in length i.e. not shaved in one part and excessively long elsewhere.
- Hair bands should be small and plain in the neutral colours of white, black, brown, beige and blue only.
- Decorative and large accessories such as bows, headbands and long ribbons are not appropriate for school as they serve no functional purpose. **We also now request that large plastic claw hair clips are not worn to school as they can be hazardous in the playground.** Pupils will be asked to remove these items if worn.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted in school; this includes patterns cut into hair e.g. tram lines, excessive use of hair products e.g. gel, the use of hair dye in non-natural colours or bleach.



Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases, the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Education Inclusion Office.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion).

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows:

North West - Tel: [01483 518130](tel:01483518130)

South West - Tel: [01483 517179](tel:01483517179)

North East - Tel: [01372 833588](tel:01372833588)

South East - Tel: [01737 737777](tel:01737737777)



Term Dates for the next Academic Year

Autumn 2024

Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day 1
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET Day 2
Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return to school
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term

Spring 2025

Monday 6 th January	Children return to school
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school
Monday 5 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day 5

Vacancies within the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607>

Darley Dene 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-1396659>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an Early years teaching assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. If you would like to become a part of our friendly and inclusive support staff team and for more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-teaching-assistant-1400225>



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 Hannah in 3H who represented Spelthorne Gymnastics Club at Hollington Invitational Championships 2024 last weekend. She took part in the level 4 Tumbling age 9-10 girls and did extremely well and won a gold medal. Congratulations, Hannah, on this amazing achievement.



School Awards

Class Learning Awards

The following classes were this week's winners, working as a team whilst using our curriculum online resources. Well done!



Class: 4S



Class: 1C

Maths House Competition

Well done to everyone for working so hard on their Maths house competition this week. The winning house is Fire with 5,095 points. Water was second with 4,209 points and finally Air in third place with 3,986 points. Well done, everyone!

Green Values Award

Every week, an award is presented to a child in each class for embodying one of our Green Values. Congratulations to those children who have represented one of our values so brilliantly this week.

RG	Radin	RL	Sara	RO	Daya
1A	Arjun	1C	Max	1H	Savannah
2A	Jayjay	2B	Rosie	2W	Sienna
3DT	Robert	3H	Adam	3S	Darcy
4EJ	James	4M	Raihaan	4S	Anaya
5B	Ranjot	5G	Hubert	5W	Grace
6H	Ava	6J	Mason	6W	Reem



Gold Leaf Achievers

Every week, we celebrate those children awarded a Gold Leaf this week for their effort and achievement in their learning.

Harper B, Davina B, Teddy L, Hamza F, Emilia R, Liahna D, Isley K, Jian S, Holly T, Holly T, Thea B, Samko C, Arjun P, Emilyanna B, Arthur A, Teddy B, Dotty H, Theodore C, Sienna H, Finley J, Ivy G, Rory L, Thomas G, Rocco L, Elsie Da, Laksh K, Savannah P, Teddy K, Jason K, Erin L, Elvy L, Erin M, Ellie P, Georgina P, Amelia S, Jayjay N, Zach H, Zachary Y, Alfie Z, Alfie A, Georgina P, Georgina P, Myra S, Myles S, Dexter O, Brooke F, Issri R, Ayaan H, Amber J, Rehanuddin M, Ellis L, Frazer D, Aizah M, Rosie M, Joseph E, Tia T, Own A, Jasmine P, Bhavik S, Robyn C, Amelia B, Rose E, Iona S, Rubi W, Salaar M, Jessica W, Harley W, Adam T, Darcy O, Millie G, Erika Z, Harper L, Lian Z, Millie C, Rian D, Raihaan P, Monika T, Charlie C, Jasleen B, Daniel I, Lily-Mae W, Marilou A, Elizabeth C, Reggie A, Ilyas R, Ranjot D, Frank W, Hubert O, Juno M, Sara F, Lily C, Alazne P, Poppy G, Lewys J, Damian T, Bonnie D, Ava R, Ethan P, Myla-Rose H, Sophia H, Oscar C, Alexia G, Emily A, Madison-Mae O, Ava W, Francesca S, Ellie B, Millie W, Anaiya D, Darcy B, Jazzlyn V, Matilda D, Freya E, Zahra A, Bachir B, Owen L, William H, Yacine S, Meysam Z, Archie-Joe S, Arya A, Ethan M, Liliana P, Freddie S, Lucas S, Jackson H, Imogen W, Erin B, Leni G, Molly S, Jessica W, John S, Gaia B and Shanie B.

On behalf of the Echelford Primary staff team, we wish you a pleasant weekend.

Get Surrey's latest children's Additional Needs and Disabilities updates

We will be launching a new termly update for families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, and the practitioners who help them. Updates will provide news and information about children's additional needs and disabilities and details of support services available in Surrey.

To receive updates via email, fill in [this sign-up form](#) and click the subscribe button. The first update will be shared once we have enough people signed up.

You can also find the latest news, information and details of support services in your area via the [Local Offer website](#). Surrey's Local Offer is the hub for information and guidance on everything related to children and young people with additional needs and disabilities age 0 to 25. You can also see the latest updates on our Local Offer social media accounts:

- [Local Offer Facebook](#)
- [Local Offer Twitter](#)
- [Local Offer Instagram](#)

Mindworks
Surrey

Support poster

Emotional & mental health crisis line for children, young people and parents.

Free to call and open 24/7.

Call: 0800 915 4644

Neurodevelopmental helpline for parents of children with ADHD and/or ASD. Open 5pm to 11pm every day.

Call: 0300 222 5755

Scan me for other helpful support



Scan me to visit My Safety Plan



Mindworks website
www.mindworks-surrey.org





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all age groups.

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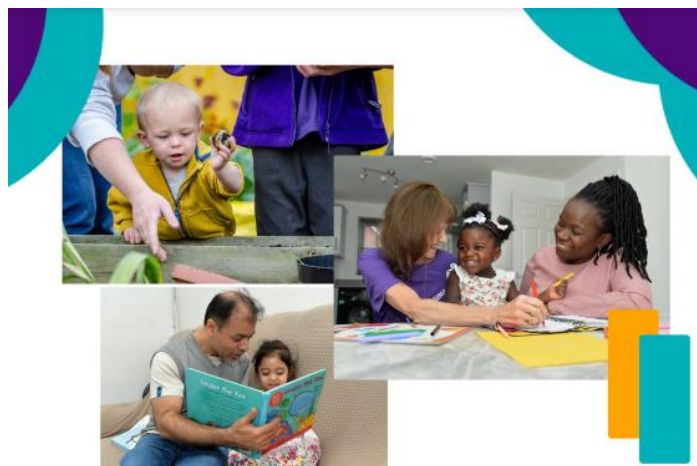
U8 & U10 Boys & Girls: Sundays 9-10:30am
U12 Girls: Thursdays 6-8pm
U14 Girls: Tuesdays 6-8pm
U16 & U18 Girls: Wednesdays 8-10pm
U12 & U14 Boys: Thursdays 6-8pm
U16 & U18 Boys: Thursdays 8-10pm



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Volunteers Needed

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-4 hours a week to help a local family in need? Our home visiting volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family. Full training and expert ongoing support given.

Courses starting throughout Surrey in Spring 2024, contact us today to register your interest.

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**PDA U6
PRE ACADEMY**
(Currently in Year 1)



PDA gives our players the platform to be scouted by professional Academies.
PDA play againsts Arsenal, Chelsea, QPR, Watford, Southampton to name a few.

Thursday's at The Hazelwood Centre, Sunbury, TW16 6QU 5pm - 6:30pm

To book a trial at our Pre Academy please visit our website: www.pdacoaching.com