

Co-Headteachers' Message

This week in our visit to classrooms, we have noticed how the children are fully immersed in their learning and engaging enthusiastically with their current topics. At Echelford, we've designed a curriculum that is not only cohesive and progressive but also rich and engaging for all our pupils.

Our curriculum is structured around seven key conceptual themes:

- **Wonderful World**
- **Journeys**
- **Healthy Me**
- **Power, Conflict and Ideas**
- **Diverse Heroes**
- **Changes That Have Shaped Our World**
- **Celebrating Difference**

These themes lie at the heart of everything we teach and help provide a meaningful context for learning. The knowledge and skills taught in each year group are carefully planned using our knowledge organisers and progression grids to ensure consistency and depth across the school.

Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring these curriculum themes further during our school assemblies, helping children deepen their understanding and make connections across subjects.

To support you in staying informed about your child's learning, all curriculum information is available on our school website. You can easily access this via the 'Quick Links' section to the left of this newsletter. Each year group page includes a full-year overview, and every half term we publish a *curriculum web* outlining what your child will be learning in each subject area.

In addition, every week in this newsletter, we share a short summary of what each year group has been focusing on. We hope this helps you feel more connected to your child's learning journey. We understand that when you ask, "*What did you learn today?*" the answer is sometimes, "*Nothing!*"—but rest assured, that's far from the truth!

We hope the information we provide empowers you to have richer conversations with your child about their learning and supports them as they continue to grow and thrive at Echelford

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



School
Calendar

We have
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learning...

Curriculum

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A career
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Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Local Governing Body. Attached to the newsletter this week, you will find a letter detailing the process for nominating yourself and the timeline for this. If you are keen to see the school develop and contribute to the local community we would love to receive your nomination.

September 2026 Reception Open Morning Tour

Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2026? Bookings for our Open Morning tours are now live via our website <https://www.echelfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Open+Day+Tours&pid=110>

Messages from Surrey police

This summer there has been an increase in protest and criminal activity across the country in relation to hotels being used to house asylum seekers in the UK. We have been asked by Surrey Police to share the following messages with our school community. At Echelford, we echo their comments of ensuring all children attend school in a safe environment, which is inclusive to all.

- Within Surrey, we have not seen the same level of activity as other parts of the country, but Surrey police's priority remains the same – keeping our communities safe.
- The Force is aware of posts and videos circulating online which suggest threats made by those accommodated within hotels against local children in schools.
- Surrey Police understand how distressing these threats may be – all parents have the right to know their child is able to attend school in a safe environment. Currently, no specific threat has been identified to any education establishment within Surrey.
- Surrey Police will continue to monitor reports and intelligence received, and will provide updates when they are required.
- Patrols have been increased in key areas across the county, and both local teams and Youth Engagement Officers continue to visit schools and engage with staff and students.
- Please remain aware of information circulating online. Be prepared to challenge what you read, consider its source, and report where appropriate.
 - *Misinformation*: False information spread without intent to harm.
 - *Disinformation*: False information deliberately spread to mislead and manipulate facts
- This is a difficult time for local communities, and it is important for you and your children to be aware of potential tensions. Encourage a positive dialogue between your children and their peers, and ensure they are aware of how to challenge messages and behaviours in a constructive way.
- Please report any concerns or information on our website, contact us via social media, or 999 in an emergency. Surrey Police recognise some people may feel unsafe within their communities, so should you prefer to report information anonymously, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Consultations will be on Wednesday 22nd October 3.30pm-6pm & Thursday 23rd Oct at 4pm-7pm. These will be available to book via Tucasi from 6pm on Friday 3rd October 2025.

Boys Football Tournament

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Boys football team, who performed outstandingly at the Spelthorne Schools Football Tournament held at Egham Orbit, last week. As a result of coming 3rd and being awarded with a bronze medal, they have secured a place in League 1 and are in the Cup competition also. Well done boys and thank you to our parents and carers who came to support.



Echelford Surrey Young Carers



We are pleased to share that we have again received The Surrey Young Carers Angel Award.

We believe that all children have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home. When a child's life is affected by looking after someone at home, he or she may need additional support to help ensure their learning is not adversely affected.

The Lumen Learning Trust works to actively identify young carers in our schools and we ask that parents support this by alerting us if their child has any caring role for someone at home.

Defining a Young Carer

A young carer is a child under 18 years of age whose life is affected by looking after someone at home.

The person they care for may be a parent, sibling or grandparent and the care they give may be physical and/or emotional. The person they look after may have one of more of the following:

- Physical disability
- Mental health issues
- Learning difficulties
- Entrenched substance misuse problems
- Long-term or chronic illness

The level of responsibility assumed by a young carer is often inappropriate to their age and at a level beyond simply helping out with jobs at home, which is a normal part of growing up. Responsibilities may include:

- Personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing, feeding)
- Giving or prompting medication/injections
- Shopping
- Housework
- Emotional support
- Looking after younger siblings
- Budgeting and paying bills

If you feel this applies to anyone in your home, please email the office and our HSLW will be in contact.

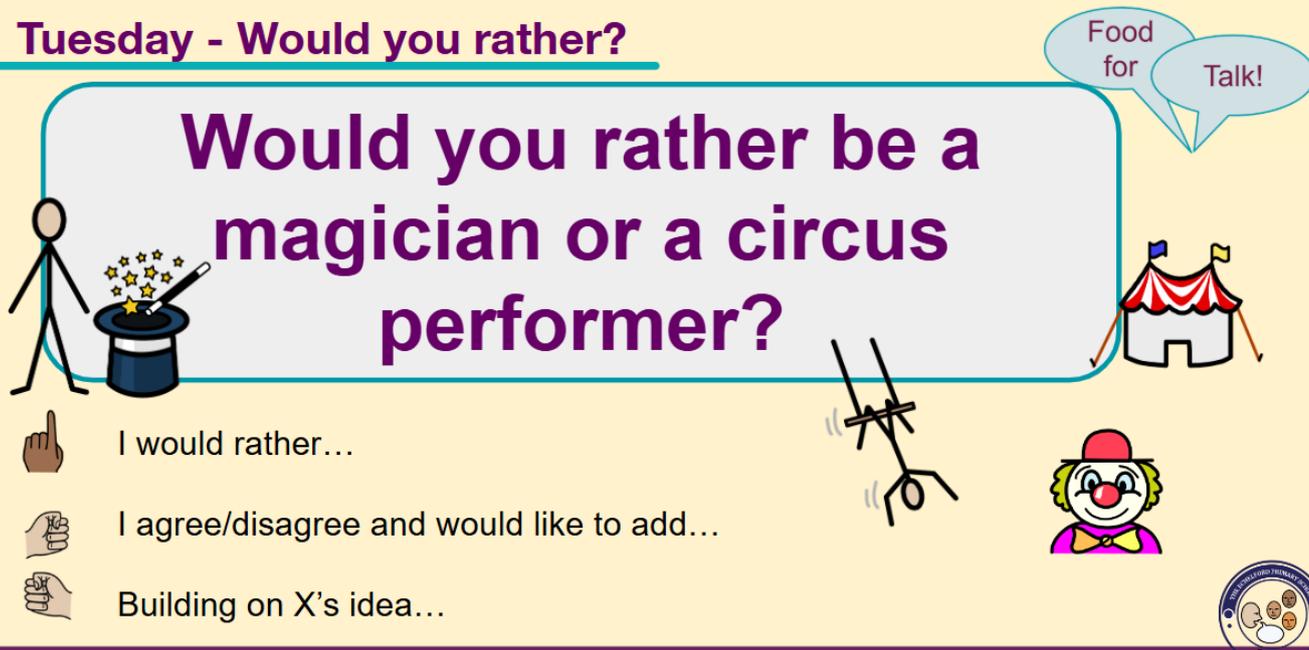
Oracy - Food For Talk

This is one of our Food For Talk topics that children have been discussing at lunchtime this week.

Tuesday - Would you rather?

Would you rather be a magician or a circus performer?

Food for Talk!



 I would rather...

 I agree/disagree and would like to add...

 Building on X's idea...



Vacancies within the Trust

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 qualification who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-with-level-3-qualification-1507404>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting

We are looking to recruit a permanent term-time Office Assistant to join our busy school office. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a friendly, dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1507901>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

At Darley Dene, we are seeking to appoint 2 highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are 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-1508676>

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.

Congratulations to Aarya in 3B who passed her level 1 swimming course at Sunbury Leisure Centre. Well done Aarya on this fantastic achievement.



Arjun in 3S has been celebrating Navratri this week which is a nine night Hindu festival celebrating the divine feminine energy, and symbolizing the victory of good over evil. Arjun has been dancing the night away. Well done Arjun!

Class Learning Awards

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

	<p>Class: 6S</p>		<p>Class: 2DT</p>
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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.

RA	Consent to publish name not given	RG	Sofia	RO	Elizabeth
1A	Henry	1B	Aryana	1CE	Jaanvi
2A	Beau	2DT	Holly	2I	Alfie
3B	Consent to publish name not given	3O	Chloe	3S	Sienna
4B	Consent to publish name not given	4GB	Ellis	4R	Reggie
5L	Henry	5M	Alex	5P	Joseph
6H	Mason C	6S	Harry	6W	Bradley

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Louie B, Daphne T, Sidney T, May-Rose W, Harrison D, Sueno D, Alex T, Jacob P, Jasmine R, Alex T, Jenson J, Zeyad A, Riley J, Ryan S, Teddy C, Aleeza F, Madeline B, Luna H, Zack M, Kaleb T, Bentley V, Isaac P, Isley K, Jude T, Jovan G, Ajus S, Meera U, Octavia B, Rheya B, Shiloh M, Jimmy C, Jessica K, Arjan S, Kanan A, Theodore C, Albert C, Elsie Da, Hallie F, Florence G, Thomas G, Isla H, Oliver H, Elijah J, Jessica J, Laksh K, Ivy K, Eryn M, Bodhi M, Yahya M, Shakeel M, Ranveer S, Lily W, Inaaya Y, Ava Y, Noor V, Theo H, Lennon F, Jess B, Brooke F, Tommy H, Georgina P, Ava S, Amelia B, Robyn C, Vidhaan S, Grace E, Theo B, Maximus J, Nainika B, Kaira G, Amber J, Ethan D, Rubi W, Poppy R, Dev L, Henry P, Evie G, Aarav S, Adam T, Arjan P, Tommy Y, Kaira S, Sofia W, Jennifer M, Safiyyah M, Gurdeep B, Keira K, Jasmin C, Aleena F, Amir Z, Arhaan L, Jessica W, Iommi J, Ellis B, Toby D, Idris Kh, Millie C, Bianca S, Yihui T, Freddie W, Callum O, Alina R, Arjun D, Jasleen B, Millie G, Edyth M, Isaac V, Karma T, Bessie G, Finley M, Mason O, Harper L, Soha M, Vincent B, Anaya A, Yuvraaj S, Artin M, Penny R, Layla H, Rocky T, Ronnie G, Emily K, Jenson G, Hugo W, Luke N, Henry H, Lyra S, Ivy C, Banreet J, Cooper M, Pearl C, Florence-lola B, Radvin H, Henry H, Poppy K, Sidney T, Oscar B, Benjamin B, Zack M, Reuben A, Octavia B, Maddie M, Tom B, Beau S, Kaleb T, Jude T, Yuna M, Amrit R, Holly T, Isabelle S, Mariia L, Evie S, Harry E, Lexi B, Ema F, Emilia R, Logan F, Saira A, Liahna D, Anaiya O, Gurmehar K, Ranveer S, Elijah J, Ibrahim Y, Effie A, Sienna S, Emelia J, Gehad A, Elliott V, Dotty H, Jasmine D, Lucy B, Georgina P, Victoria N, Erin M, Teddy J, Sahara S, Aubrey B, Elvy L, Zainab F, Nathaniel L, Ethan H, Jayjay N, Saoirse M, Levi-Rose M, Ellie D, Robyn C, Ava S, Ilyas M, Josh K, Mohan Veer A, Frazer D, Hassan A, Robyn C, Reggie C, Salaar M, Rianna D, Thomas M, Evie G, Poppy R, Abbie L, Aurora J, Keira K, Kaira S, Rayan M, Jai E, Jennifer M, Naksh M, Maaria K, Jacob J, Tiffany B, Hannah P, Joseph B, Mustafa A, Oliver G, Arhaan L, Jasmine W, Iommi J, David P, Cody N, James G, Millie C, Rosie W, Kaya G, Yihui T, Mya A, Nysha S, Mia W, Liliana R, Archie H, James Bl, Musa M, Elias M, Aaria D, Monika T, Liam N, Toby D, Paige T, Harry A, Indigo E, Jasleen B, Samuel W, Raihaan P, Jasleen B, Harry A, Arjun S, Lian Z, Arjun S, Karam G, Soha M, Yuvraaj S, Vincent B, Anaya A, Bessie G, Leonard R

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

Important Dates

October		
Wednesday 1st	9.00am	6W Class Assembly
Mon 6th - Fri 10th Oct		Book fair
Wednesday 8th	9.00am	5P Class Assembly
Thursday 9th	3.00pm	Year R PTFA Bake Sale
Wednesday 15th	9.00am	6S Class Assembly
Friday 17th	3.30pm	PTFA Autumn Disco
Friday 17th		Harvest Festival
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	4B Class Assembly
Wednesday 22nd	All day	Individual & sibling photo day
Wednesday 22nd	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 23rd	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday 24th		INSET Day 3
Monday 27th – Friday 31st Half Term		
November		
Monday 3rd		Children return to school
Monday 10th		Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance
Thursday 13th	3.00pm	Year 1 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 14th		BBC Children in Need
Wednesday 19th	9.00am	5L Class Assembly
Monday 24th		Final week of Activity clubs
Friday 28th		Santa Fun Run
Friday 28th		PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
December		
Wednesday 3rd	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 4th	9.15am	Reception Nativity
Friday 5th		PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 11th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 16th	9.15am & 2.30pm	UKS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Wednesday 17th		Festive lunch T.B.C.
Thursday 18th	9.15am & 2.30pm	LKS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
Mon 22nd Dec – Fri 2nd Jan Christmas Break		



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October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



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LIVE Q&A SESSION

VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND SOUTH EAST ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS INSIGHT EVENT

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher, or considering a change in career?

Join this event to hear about all the roles within allied health professions (AHPS) and the career and educational pathways available, including apprenticeships

There will be a diverse panel of speakers, talking about different settings an AHP could work in, sharing their insights and experiences



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Thursday 16 October 2025 6:00 – 7:00 pm

For more information contact: england.southeastapprenticeships@nhs.net



LIVE Q&A SESSION

VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND SOUTH EAST HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER INSIGHT WEBINAR

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher, wanting to learn more about a career in Health or Care?

Join this online event to learn more about the role of the Health Care Support Worker, including different opportunities and potential career progression in Health and Care settings

There will be a diverse panel of speakers, talking about a typical day of a Health Care Support Worker and the different areas and specialities they work in and professions they work alongside



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THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 6PM – 7PM

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