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## Co-Headteachers' Message

This week marked the start of October, and we were proud to see 6W lead a thoughtful and engaging assembly to launch Black History Month. People of African and Caribbean heritage have been a vital part of British history for centuries, and throughout this month we'll be taking time in assemblies and classroom learning to recognise, celebrate and reflect on the impact of Black culture and heritage.

At Echelford, we are proud of the rich diversity within our school community. Our curriculum is designed to reflect a wide range of voices and experiences – not just in October, but throughout the year.

As part of our commitment to inclusion, our Diversity Forum continues to thrive. Every class from years 2-6 elects a **Diversity Hero** – a pupil who works closely with the Diversity Team and Parent Forum to promote our school values, especially: **"Everyone is valued and thrives."**

Our Diversity Heroes support this by:

- Entering competitions that celebrate diversity
- Helping plan our annual *Celebration of Us* week
- Presenting or contributing to assemblies
- Gathering and sharing ideas from their class about how we can make Echelford even more inclusive

We have recently elected our Diversity Heroes - their names are recorded further down in the newsletter.

Our meetings for our Parent/carer diversity forum have been set for this year and we encourage any parent to attend some or all of these and work with us as part of this group. The meetings will take place on:

Monday 24th November at 9am

Friday 23rd January at 9am

Monday 20th April at 9am

Friday 12th June at 9am

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Diversity Heroes

This week in Celebration Assembly, we introduced our new Diversity Heroes for this academic year. A huge congratulations to all of them. We look forward to seeing the difference you make!

Class	Diversity Hero
2DT	Blake
2I	Liahna
2A	Joshua
3S	Jess
3B	Theo
3O	Olly
4GB	Frankie
4B	Consent to Publish name not given
4R	Ava
5M	Sofia
5L	Nova
5P	Hallie
6H	Rosie
6W	Leo
6S	Raihaan

## Feeling Good Week

Next week, schools across Surrey will be taking part in Feeling Good Week, a chance to focus on looking after our own wellbeing and that of others. This special week helps reinforce healthy habits that support positive mental health in our daily routines.

On **Friday 10th October**, we'll be marking Hello Yellow Day, in support of World Mental Health Day. Children are invited to wear a touch of yellow for example, a yellow accessory, tie, or socks with their usual school uniform. We're looking forward to sharing some highlights from the week in next week's newsletter.

## Staff News

We are delighted to share some lovely news – Mrs Oktay is expecting her first baby in early spring! We're thrilled for her and send our warmest congratulations as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.



## September 2026 Reception Open Morning Tours

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>

## Friday 17th October

This is set to be a busy day in school. We will be taking part in Wear Red Day to demonstrate our commitment to showing racism the red card. For this, the children will be invited to wear a red or pink top or accessory to school, the remainder of their school uniform items should remain the same.

This date is also our Harvest Festival in school and we will be accepting donations from Monday 13th October for any non perishable items which will be donated to support local foodbanks. Please see below for more information.

## Harvest Festival

On Friday 17th of October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. As in previous years, we have asked for donations for our local food bank (Salvation Army & Manna).

We ask for donations of:

- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned custard & sachets
- Boxes of porridge sachets
- Tinned Fruit - all types
- Tinned macaroni cheese
- Crackers
- Small jars of coffee
- Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Chocolate spread
- Crisps
- Long-life cartons of fruit juice - full size
- Batchelors Pasta N Sauce pouches or similar
- Tea bags in 40 packs (we have good stocks of other sizes)
- Toilet paper
- Bars of soap
- Kitchen roll
- Men's 2in1 shampoo/shower gel
- Deodorant for both men and women
- Washing-up liquid
- Sanitary towels

Thank you in advance, Miss Moore & Miss Munro

## Reminder 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 this evening.

## Preparing for the Colder Weather

Can we please ask you all to provide your child with a coat now the weather is starting to change. If your child does not have a coat they will not be able to go outside at break and lunch times if it is cold or wet.



### Regulation tools

Many of our pupils need access to a tool to support their regulation at different points of the school day. This could be a regulation tool (fidget), ear defenders or a chew buddy. As is the case with any additional tool used to support a pupil at Echelford, these tools are introduced in collaboration between, Our Inclusion leader, their class teacher, the pupil and the parent and are provided by the school. If you feel your child needs additional support through a regulation tool please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Willis, our Inclusion leader.

### Cauliflower Cards

Your child should have come home with a Cauliflower Cards form. Please ensure orders are placed and the form is returned to us by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Girls Football Tournament

This week, it was our girls turn out on the football pitch. A team of Year 5 and 6 girls joined 13 other schools in a tournament at Egham Leisure Centre. The girls all represented the school outstandingly and gave it their all, coming in 6<sup>th</sup> place. We look forward to watching their progress and the league unfolds. Well done, girls; we are extremely proud of you.



### Oracy - Food For Talk

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

**Thursday - Always, Sometimes, Never?**

Food for Talk!

**You should recycle**




**Always**

I think this is always true because...

**Sometimes**

This could sometimes be true because...

**Never**

In my opinion, this is never true because...

**RECYCLE WEEK 2025**  
22 - 28 SEPTEMBER  
#RecycleWeek  
Oracy



## 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---level-3-1511718>

### Saxon Primary School is recruiting

Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Nursery Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-assistant-1511929>

### 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.

Well done to James in 6H who has been working hard further developing his goalie skills and this showed at his match on the weekend where he made some amazing saves earning him the man of the match trophy. Congratulations James on this amazing achievement.



Congratulations to Kamran in 3O who took part in his first Spelthorne Eagles U10 basketball tournament. His team were amazing and won the tournament. Well done Kamran on this fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Aarya in 3B who got her orange belt in karate over the weekend. The key skills were improving discipline and concentration as well as her effort and motivation. Well done!





### Class Learning Awards

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

	<b>Class: 6H</b>		<b>Class: 2DT</b>
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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	Radhya	RG	Esme	RO	Consent to publish name not given
1A	Florence	1B	Jasmine	1CE	Zeyad
2A	Arvitha	2DT	Harry	2I	Asil
3B	Shakeel	3O	Sienna	3S	Jessica
4B	Rehan	4GB	Own	4R	Hassan
5L	Consent to publish name not given	5M	Sofia	5P	Connie
6H	Musa	6S	Lian	6W	Lexi

### 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, Kai J, Tilly L, Arabella D, Edith-Rose T, Sylvia B, Evie W, Everly H, Cooper M, Henry H, Florence-lola B, Benjamin B, Maddie K, Aryana A, Teddy C, Erin P, Zack J, Riley J, Zeyad A, Romeo L, Jaanvi W, Jacob S, Tom B, Isaac P, Bentley V, Ajus S, Luna H, Zack M, Harper B, Maddie M, Arvitha P, Madeline B, Jude T, Kaleb T, Jovan G, Maya Violet B, Ebbenny W, Reuben A, Thea Ba, Amber S, Daya K, Safa M, Freya A, Deanna S, Nellie-Mae H, Alex I, Arjan S, Charlie P, Harvinder G, Panav S, Asil E, Shiloh M, Liahna D, Bodhi M, Elsie Da, Shakeel M, Elijah J, Thomas G, Lily W, Laksh K, Inaaya Y, Florence G, Theodore C, Yahya M, Eryn M, Ava Y, Rocco L, Elia D, Jessica P, Sienna Hi, Albert M, Jasmine D, Lucy B, Elsie D, Michael G, Millie J, Rosie M, Isla R, Erin M, Jake T, Elvy L, Jude H, Arthur B, Brooke F, Rehanuddin M, Georgina P, Adriel D, Joseph E, Aubrey B, Sienna Ha, Ayaan H, Ellie P, Teeyan B, Ellie D, Own A, Nathaniel L, Swara S, Jasmine P, Nainika B, Jaap K, Mohan Veer A, Josh K, Ava S, Frazer D, Vidhaan S, Reggie C, Theo B, Robyn C, Bhavik S, Ethan D, Salaar M, Verity V, Nova H, Aurora J, Connor R, Thomas M, Arthur C, Abbie L, Alana C, Rubi W, Naksh M, Tommy Y, Rayan M, Mason B, Maiya W, Harley W, Sofia W, Tamsin B, Keira K, Daria B, Kaira S, Amaani A, Connie H, Hallie T, Aidan B, Rosie W, Bianca S, Millie C, James Bl and Tommy C.



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

## Important Dates

October		
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
<b>Friday 24th</b>		<b>INSET Day 3</b>
<b>Monday 27th – Friday 31st Half Term</b>		
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
<b>Friday 19th</b>	<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>Mon 22nd Dec – Fri 2nd Jan Christmas Break</b>		




**JDA COACHING**

# OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2025  
THE ECHELDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
PARK RD, ASHFORD, TW15 1EX

BOYS AND GIRLS, U5 - U9 (RECEPTION - YEAR 4)  
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!  
9AM - 3PM (EARLY DROP - OFF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)  
EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - NO CODE NEEDED

**£30 PER DAY**      **£100 FOR THE WEEK**



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**WWW.JDACOACHING.CO.UK**

**WEDS 29<sup>TH</sup> - HALLOWEEN SPECIAL**  
**THURS 30<sup>TH</sup> - TOURNAMENT DAY**

BEAVERS

# TIME FOR FUN

Are you looking for fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing?

3rd Ashford are accepting new Beavers (boys or girls aged 5 1/2-7 years old). We meet in Ashford on Mondays from 6-7pm. For more info, please contact :

Email : [gsl@3rdashfordscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:gsl@3rdashfordscoutgroup.org.uk)

[www.3rdashfordscoutgroup.org.uk](http://www.3rdashfordscoutgroup.org.uk)



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## Tax-Free Childcare

Get help with your childcare costs!



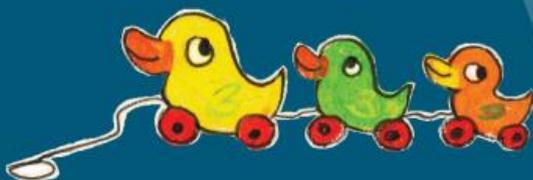
Get up to:

- £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) per child
- £1,000 every 3 months (£4,000 a year) if your child is disabled



For every £8 you pay into your online childcare account, the government adds £2 to help pay your childcare provider!

For eligibility and more information please scan:



## Universal Credit Childcare Support



### Helping Families with Childcare Costs

If you're claiming Universal Credit, you may be eligible to get back up to 85% of your childcare fees. You (and your partner if you live with them) will usually need to either:

- be working - it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- or have a job offer



For more information and eligibility details, please scan here.





## Is your child starting school in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **3 November 2025** and **15 January 2026**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online between 3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026



## Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2025**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online apply on time by 31 October 2025



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## THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



**We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school**

You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk. More details are on our website.

**Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE**

Tel: 01932 219400 Email: [info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk)

Website: [www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk)

Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

"My daughter is happy and thriving at Thamesmead. An extremely good school and would highly recommend to other parents" – Year 7 parent.

"We never had any doubt choosing Thamesmead was the right decision. We're proud to be part of the Thamesmead community." – Year 8 parent

"Thamesmead teachers have been outstanding, showing true passion for their role and supporting our children." – Year 10 parent



## Brand-New Holiday Club at Eclipse Leisure Centre this October Half Term! Introducing Holiday HQ: Kids Fest

We're excited to announce the launch of a brand-new Holiday Club at Eclipse Leisure Centre this October Half-Term, run by Junior Adventures Group.

Children can enjoy JAG's Holiday HQ: Kids Fest programme – with a brand-new festival theme every day, packed with sports, crafts and challenges.

With safe, Ofsted-registered care and engaging activities, families can look forward to a holiday club that's fun, reliable, and great value.

### Affordable Childcare, Made Simple

- £34 for a full day (08:30–17:30)
- £30 for a short day (09:00–15:00)
- No discount codes or limited-time offers – just straightforward pricing families can rely on

### More Flexibility for Parents

48-Hour Booking Flexibility – cancel or amend bookings up to 48 hours before, across all JAG services: breakfast clubs, after school clubs, and holiday clubs.

### What Children Can Look Forward To

- A brand-new festival theme every day
- Hero Activities that bring the theme to life
- Make & Take crafts to proudly bring home
- Skill Zone challenges that build confidence & curiosity
- A special Monsters & Mischief Halloween finale
- Ofsted-registered clubs: safe, high-quality, and reliable childcare
- Access to the Swimming Pool & Clip 'n Climb facilities everyday at Eclipse Leisure Centre!



[Discover What's On at Holiday HQ Kids Fest](#)  
[Book Now](#)