

Co-Headteachers' Message

This week, we've been taking part in Feeling Good Week. This is a special time in school where we focus on looking after our physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing, as well as that of others.

Today, the school was brightened by a sea of yellow accessories as we celebrated Hello Yellow Day, in support of World Mental Health Day. The theme we've been exploring throughout the week is "Connect". The children have spent time thinking about the importance of the connections we make – whether it's with someone who makes us laugh, someone who listens to us, or someone who's there when we need help. Every connection matters.

To represent this, each child created a link in a paper chain, reflecting a meaningful connection in their lives. These individual links were joined together and are now proudly displayed in the school hall. It has been a joy to see how the children value the relationships around them and consider ways to strengthen and build new ones. Do visit our Facebook page to see photos of the wonderful display.

Our Reception children were especially excited to welcome parents and carers into their learning space this week during our first 'Stay and Learn' sessions of the year. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend – it's always a pleasure to share what the children have been getting up to and to see their learning environment in action. It's hard to believe they've only been in school for a few weeks! We look forward to welcoming you to future sessions as the year goes on.

Next Friday, we will be holding our Harvest Festival. The children have been busy rehearsing harvest songs and learning about the importance of giving and gratitude.

We will begin collecting donations for our local food banks from Monday. Items can be brought straight to the school hall – our aim is to fill the stage with your generous contributions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



School
Calendar

We have
been
learning...

Curriculum

Our
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Online
forms

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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>

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 the Lumen Learning Trust PE Policy). 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.

Email Communication

It has been brought to our attention that some email communications are being sent into junk folders. Please check your junk folders in case this is happening and if so, please mark the emails as being from a trusted source. If you are not receiving any emails from us then you may have unsubscribed from SCOPAY so please log in and subscribe in order for you to receive all the relevant information we share.

Parking Reminders

A reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly when dropping or picking up your child. This includes making sure you are not obstructing neighbours' driveways or stopping on the zig zag lines. Please can we ask you to be considerate for other parents and our neighbours when parking in the roads near the school. Can we remind you to treat our neighbours with respect at all times, especially in the presence of children. 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. It has also been brought to our attention that cars are pulling up onto the pathway without consideration for pedestrians, we must all be vigilant and careful in order to keep our children safe. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Children's Birthdays

We would love to continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school and appreciate that you may wish to send in something for your child's class. A reminder, we now ask that parents/carers do not send in sweets/food to celebrate a birthday. We hope you understand that this is because we have an increasing number of children with complex allergies and dietary requirements. Instead, if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, we suggest sending in a birthday book (new, second hand or spare one from home) which will be labelled with a special birthday sticker, shared with the class and kept in their class library.

Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 17th October

Children are invited to wear a red or pink accessory or top to school. This is not a full mufti day so the remainder of their school uniform items should be worn.



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Friday - Talking Points

The best yellow accessory is...







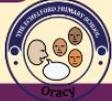

Food for Talk!

The best accessory would be... because...

I agree... because...

I respect your opinion, but I think...

Why do you think that?



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.

Congratulations to Alfie in 4B who recently won an award for being the best junior softball bowler of the year 2025 for his cricket team, Spelthorne Cricket Club. Well done Alfie on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Zack in 5M and his best friend Matty who gave up their free time last weekend to do some litter picking because they wanted to do their bit to help the environment. They managed to collect two big bags of rubbish in just one hour! Well done boys in helping our local community, you are both amazing citizens.

Class Learning Awards

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



Class: 3S



Class: 2DT

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	Yuvi	RG	Riley	RO	Asher
1A	Isha	1B	Vihaan	1CE	Riley
2A	Rheya	2DT	Isabelle	2I	Harvinder
3B	Florence	3O	Rayan	3S	Arjun
4B	Grace	4GB	Elliot	4R	Bhavik
5L	Daniel K	5M	Martha	5P	Jesse
6H	Elias	6S	Raihaan	6W	Nishaan



Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Riley D, Alfie T, Layla H, Jaya K, Lizzie M, Leo W, Viyaan O, Poppy K, Ivy C, Sidney T, Banreet J, Ollie J, Isha Y, Daniel A, Viaan S, Wasseem D, Arabella M, Teddy C, Zack J, Jacob S, Carla V, Jacob S, Cody H, Mia M, Miles B, Ryan S, Teddy C, Riley J, Octavia B, Kaleb T, Jude T, Jovan G, Madeline B, Tom B, Rohan M, Joshua K, Bentley V, Maya Violet B, Aria S, Savanna H, Blake B, Aryaa D, Florence C, Anaiya O, Jessica K, Albert M, Sienna Hi, Jasmine D, Lucy B, Michael G, Millie J, Arthur B, Sahara S, Sienna Ha, Aubrey B, Jake T, Elliot P, Ellie P, Teeyan B, Kesar R, Jayjay N, Alfie A, Zainab F, Ellis L, Nathaniel L, Own A, Ellie D, Dylan C, Jenson W, Hassan A, Rico P, Kaira G, Amelia B, Reggie C, Amber J, Sukhpreet T, Nova H, Thomas M, Aurora J, Verity V, Alana C, Dev L, Salaar M, Abbie L, Oliver G, Aidan B, Luna D, Nina P, Jessica W, Deshawn S, David P, Jasmin C, Cody N, Kaya G, Elias M, Callum O, Millie G, Karma T, Dylan F, Alina R, Raihaan P, April R, Arjun S, Max K, Indigo E, Lian Z, William R, Samuel W, Freddie W, Edyth M, Rian D, Jasleen B, Isla B, Grace B, Vivaan K and Latia B.

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

Important Dates

October		
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		



One of our ex-pupils, Noah, has a role in a production of School of Rock which is running during half term at Woking Theatre. If you would like to go along to watch this fantastic production please click on the link below.
<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/hatton-musical-theatre-presents-school-of-rock/rhoda-mcgaw-theatre-woking/>

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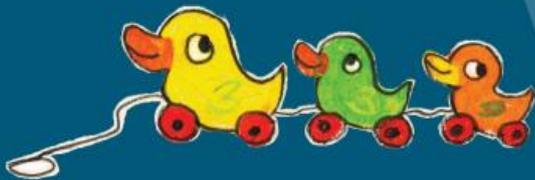


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- be working - it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- or have a job offer

For more information and eligibility details, please scan here.






Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027



Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2027.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available via this link: [Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools - 2027](#).

Why Surrey County Council is consulting

Surrey County Council has a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if it intends to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Cranmere Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 30
2. **The Grange Community Infant School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
3. **Chennestone Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Year 3 from 40 to 30
4. **Manby Lodge Infant School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
5. **Oatlands School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
6. **Oakfield Junior School** – introduction of a feeder link from Fetcham Village Infant School

7. **Fetcham Village Infant School and Oakfield Junior School** – introduction of a reciprocal sibling link
8. **Closure of waiting lists** – bringing forward the date that waiting lists will close for the normal year of entry, from the end of the academic year to the end of December in the year of admission

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for 2027 for community and voluntary controlled schools, which include the proposed changes above, will run from Monday 6 October until Tuesday 18 November 2025. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools - 2027](#) or by using the following QR code:



Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy.

Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 27 January 2026. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then be ratified by the full County Council on 3 February 2026. Once determined, the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.



Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

Can I ask some questions?

Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

How do I join a course?

Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

Surrey Parent Training Programmes





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 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 or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



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October Holiday Activities



Egg Carton Animal Portraits
Tuesday 28th Oct
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Ages 5-12, £4.00
Come along to the museum and create an animal portrait from an egg carton!

Spooky Skeletons and Witches' Potion
Thursday 30th Oct
11am-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm
Ages 5-12, £4.50
Create a paper skeleton decoration and then mix up a witches' potion!

All 5 year olds must be accompanied.
Booking is essential for all activities.

Book online at
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk>
or by phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place





For All The Family

**1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm**

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