

## Co-Headteachers' Message

We're sending this edition of The Echo to you a day earlier than usual as the children finish for the half-term break today. We've had a busy eight-week half term, and this final, shorter week was just as action-packed.

On Monday, you could have been forgiven for thinking you'd travelled in time to the 1940s as our Year 6 children fully immersed themselves in their history learning by dressing up in fantastic World War II outfits for their activity day. We had many evacuees, soldiers, and even a messenger pigeon participating in a variety of activities. This historical day also inspired their Literacy work this week, and we're thrilled to publish some of their writing further into this newsletter.

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Wisley Gardens on Tuesday. They explored the beautiful grounds, visited the allotments, and participated in a hands-on 'Fantastic Foods' workshop. This trip was a perfect way to bring their 'Farm to Fork' topic teachings to life.

This week, many of our families celebrated Diwali. Our assembly on Monday featured several KS2 children who shared wonderful insights into how they celebrate the festival of lights. Our Reception children took part in a special dance workshop on Wednesday, followed by a performance from Don Rae for the KS1 children.

Finally, the children in Year 5 enjoyed visiting the Wonderdome in school today. Inside they were transported on a cosmic journey, enabling them to consolidate their science learning and ask further questions about the wonders of the universe.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer-teacher consultations this week, with the second evening taking place today. Staff truly enjoy the opportunity to share how the children have settled into the year and celebrate their successes with you.

We deeply value the home-school partnership. These meetings help us align the support provided both at school and at home, ensuring your child thrives and achieves their best outcomes. If ten minutes wasn't quite enough time, or if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the class teacher by speaking to them at the end of the day or contacting them via the school office.

Throughout the consultations, we displayed the link to our latest parent/carer survey. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete this. We genuinely value your feedback, as it helps us understand what is going well and the areas we can continue to develop as a school.

You can take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/JVUQCoUCZ2BMGoh7A>

We will keep the survey open until Friday, November 7th.

We hope everyone has a fantastic half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the second half of the Autumn term on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



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Calendar

We have  
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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>

## Year 6 World War II Day

This term our Year 6 children have been learning about World War II. They have all written a newspaper article sharing their learning. Here is the newsletter Archie in 6H wrote.

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**Year 6 – World War 2 Day**

This term, our Year 6 children are learning all about World War 2, mostly in their History lessons, but as well as Literacy, Design and Technology, and Science. To inspire their learning, earlier this month, Year 6's were gladly visited by a World War subject holder: Scott Green (Father of Mrs Green). He shared with the children his rare and expensive collection of WW1 (1914-1918) and also WW2 (1939-1945) memorabilia, which highlighted some of the absurd government schemes that were introduced during this period.

A particular highlight which stood for us Year 6's, was when everyone got to use a model of a World War 1 telescope which they used to look out of trenches when there was a dangerous air raid. After that Mr Green shared some more incredible stories about the bravery of men and women who served, and those who went above and beyond and were awarded the Victorian Cross for their courage.

In addition, on Monday 20th October Year 6 had to experience life in WW2. They were immersing themselves into a range of hard-working activities and could dress up into any World War 2 costume, this gained them an understanding of War army training. These activities included: crawling through narrow tunnels; climbing over obstacles and making their way up ladders and hills. After that, the soldiers, evasuees and even a messenger pigeon went over to morse code cracking, where they listened to random morse codes at a certain pace and try to guess the word; it was very hard.

Year 6 had an amazing time learning in History about this time of period and they're very excited about what they are going to learn next term.  
By Archie, 6H

## Staff News

Our wrap around care manager, Mr Crowley, will sadly be leaving us at the start of December as he is relocating to Bedford. We wish him all the best in this new chapter and are grateful for the fantastic work he has done managing our breakfast and after school club provision, creating a safe and fun environment for children who attend. We will be recruiting for this position and hope to share information of a new appointment soon.



# ECHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL STAY & PLAY SESSION

Saturday 22nd November  
10am - 11am

Is your child due to start school in  
September 2026?

Echelford Primary School would love  
to meet you. Children and families  
are invited to come and explore our  
EYFS environment and meet the  
Headteacher and staff.



**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE  
CLICK HERE, SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW OR CALL OUR  
FRIENDLY OFFICE TEAM ON  
01784 253233 DURING TERM  
TIME WHO CAN ANSWER ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE**

We can't  
wait to  
meet you!





## Oracy - Food For Talk

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

**Thursday - Talking Points**

**The best halloween costume is...**

**Food for Talk!**

- The best costume would be... because...
- I agree... because...
- I respect your opinion, but I think...
- Why do you think that?

## Vacancies within the Trust

### Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting

We are looking to appoint an After School Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular After School Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1515070>

## 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.



## 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: 4R</b>		<b>Class: 2A</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	Rafi	RG	Jaya	RO	Leo
1A	Daniel	1B	Sueno	1CE	Carla
2A	Maddie	2DT	Daya	2I	Ayda
3B	Theo	3O	Elodie	3S	Michael
4B	Naylin	4GB	Jayjay	4R	Jasmine
5L	Adam	5M	Consent to publish name not given	5P	David
6H	Monika	6S	Diego	6W	Consent to publish name not given

## Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Oliver K, Aahana S, Baqir R, Poppy B, Rocky T, Kai J, Riley D, Jaya K, Merryn T, Layla H, Cassie R, Tilly L, Emily A, Arshaan H, Zaheer M, Jude B, Ryan S, Erin P, Zack J, Arabella M, Salahdine R, Mariia L, Holly T, Isabelle S, Nellie-Mae H, Daya K, Saira A, Gurmehar K, Shiloh M, Jimmy C, Anaiya O, Oliver H, Shakeel M, Jessica J, Elijah J, Ava Y, Amelia D, Amber M, Ibrahim Y, Sienna S, Effie A, Sienna Hi, Heidi D, Theo H, Dotty H, Jeet O, Noor V, Lennon F, Ismail K, Arjun P, Georgina P, Amina R, Kesar R, Own A, Nathaniel L, Saoirse M, Jayjay N, Navraj B, Jaylen M, Jackson D, Ellis L, Ayaan H, Teeyan B, Elliot P, Reggie C, Jenson W, Rico P, Vidhaan S, Maximus J, Ava S, Jenson W, Theo B, Salaar M, Ethan D, Thomas M, Evie G, Connor R, Amaani A, Robert A, Daria B, Iommi J, Alharet E, Deshawn S, Holly W, Jacob J, Joseph B, Skylar W, Mustafa A, Jessica W, Maaria K, Nina P, Ellis B, Luna D, Hallie T, Aidan B, Oliver G, Toby D, Mason C, Liliana R, Aaria D, Bianca S, Rosie W, Millie G, Jake Me, Lian Z, Edyth M, Jessica B, Samuel W, Callum O, William R, Alina R, Callum O, Arjun S, April R, Jasleen B, Harry A, Arjun S, Jasleen B, Freddie W, Rian D, Amelia S, Millie G, Isaac V, Indigo E, Lexi Y, Harper L, Grace B, Tommy C, Karam G, Khadija R, Vivaan K, Finley M, Isla B, Bradley W, Mason O, Soha M, Isabella H, Elsie-Jayne W, Wareez A and Yuvraaj S.



## Important Dates

October		
<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>		

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



# ASHFORD HOCKEY CLUB JUNIORS

## HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMP



**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025  
**Age:** 6-14 years  
**Time:** 10:00 – 15:00  
 • Drop off from 09:30  
 • Lunch 12:30-13:30

**Costs:** £20 a day  
 £50 for all 3 days per camp  
 • Discount for siblings

**Venue:** Ashford Hockey Club, Short Lane, Stanwell, Staines-upon-Thames, TW19 7BQ



**All abilities and non members welcome**

**Bring a packed lunch, water, gum shield and shin pads**

**Hockey sticks will be provided**

Please contact Peter to book:  
 07557 445692 or colts@ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk  
 or purchase through Pitchero

# junior parkrun - where everyone is welcome



junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

junior parkrun event: **Hanworth junior parkrun**

Location: Hanworth Air Park Leisure Centre & Library, Uxbridge Road, Hanworth, Feltham, Middlesex, TW13 5EG  
 Arrive for 0850 - prompt start at 0900 Time: \_\_\_\_\_



junior parkrun

## 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

