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Co-Headteachers' Message

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is always a wonderfully busy time in school. The children are now fully settled into their year groups, enjoying their learning, and we can already feel the excitement building as we head towards December and all the festive activities it brings. We have already heard the joyful sounds of our younger pupils rehearsing for their Christmas nativity performances.

We know this is also a busy time of year for families, so please do continue to check the key dates at the end of each weekly newsletter to help plan ahead for the various events coming up.

This week, we were delighted to welcome SEND and Inclusion Consultant, Kenny Wheeler, into school for two days to work alongside the Leadership Team and staff on a SEND & Inclusion Audit. Kenny highlighted many strengths within our school, including our inclusive ethos, shared vision for ensuring progress for all pupils, and the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff. It was clear that teachers and support staff work closely together to use a range of effective strategies to meet the needs of all learners. The audit provided a really valuable opportunity to celebrate what is working well and to reflect on ways we can continue to strengthen our provision even further.

There have been lots of other exciting activities taking place this week too. Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Bedford Lakes, where they developed their fieldwork and map-reading skills, while Year 1 took part in a fascinating History Workshop with Chertsey Museum, exploring toys from across the decades. You can find more updates and photos of school life on our school Facebook page; simply click the link on the left-hand side of this newsletter to visit.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be another busy one. We'll be marking Anti-Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, and Children in Need, and our Year 6 pupils are also very excited for their residential trip to Bristol. We look forward to sharing more about these events in next week's Echo.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

September 2026 Reception Open Morning Tours

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



Southfield Park Primary School Have Joined The Trust

We are thrilled to announce that Southfield Park Primary School, found a short drive from Epsom town centre, has joined the Lumen Learning Trust family of schools. With a relentless approach to providing the very best educational opportunities within a nurturing environment for primary pupils in the Surrey area, this important step marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school communities. Bringing expertise, strong collaboration and high-quality practitioners to all of our schools, this new addition will further enrich our pupils' learning experience.

While we embark on this journey with Southfield Park, we want to reassure you that our unwavering commitment to creating a warm, inclusive and supportive environment for every child remains stronger than ever. Our core values and our dedication to your child's growth, wellbeing and success will continue to guide everything we do. We will keep you updated on developments and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have. Thank you for your continued support as we embrace these new opportunities together.

Staff News

We are pleased to share the news that Ms Egleton is expecting her second baby in the Spring next year. We know you will join us as we congratulate her on this exciting news and time for her and her family as they prepare for their new arrival.

Coats

As the weather is getting colder, please be reminded that your child will need to bring a coat to school. If your child doesn't bring a coat, they will need to stay inside during break and lunch.

Odd Socks Day - Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'.

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November

Children who are part of an affiliated organisation such as the Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are invited to wear their uniform **with school shoes** to school on Tuesday 11th November in honour of Remembrance Day. Please note this is not compulsory and the Echelford uniform must be worn by all other pupils.

Children in Need - Friday 14th November

This year, Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November. At Echelford, we understand and value the importance of wellbeing and mental health awareness within our whole school community. Raising funds for Children in Need is one way that we can show our understanding of helping those in need through a kind act. To help raise money we are inviting children, if they would like to do so, to come in wearing pyjamas instead of their school uniform. Families can donate a suggested £1 per child. We will share the Children in Need online donations page with you in due course.

Poppies

Year 6 children will be selling poppies on Monday 10th November by the KS1 and KS2 gates at the end of the school day. We have paper poppies available to purchase for a donation of your choice. There are also accessories available which are £1 each.



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Catch Up Monday

How are you feeling today?

What was the most exciting part of your half term?

Now let's talk about you.

Thank you for asking.

What has been the best part of your day so far?

Did you do anything for Halloween?

What are you looking forward to at school this half term?

What about you?

Food for Talk!

Oracy

Vacancies within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a Wrap Around Care Manager who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1515426>

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented teaching assistant on a fixed term contract with a proven record of providing high quality support to children of all abilities, including those with additional educational needs. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way. Full or part time considered for the role. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-full-or-part-time-considered-1516225>



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!





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.



Bradley in 6W and Sam in 6S had an amazing experience recently. They went to the Stoop over the holidays and met many of the women's Harlequins rugby team including Sara Svoboda who plays alongside Ellie Kildunne. Congratulations on such a fantastic opportunity and for supporting a local women's rugby team.



On Saturday 25th October Billy in 6W, AKA Billy the Bruiser, stepped into the ring as a carded boxer to start his journey under the England Boxing association. Billy fought in a skills bout for his club that he has been with since he was 4 years old - Feltham Boxing Club.

What an evening and stage it was and the support Billy had was incredible. From the minute Billy entered the ring till the final bell all his hard work had truly paid off, his show of skill, control, ability and his respectful sportsmanship was outstanding.

Billy has a big season ahead of him and is back training and awaiting a date for his next bout.

Congratulations Billy on this amazing achievement and we look forward to following your boxing adventure.



Class Learning Awards

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

	Class: 4R		Class: 2I
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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	Shivaay	RG	Rocky	RO	Thaarika
1A	Arshaan	1B	Benjamin	1CE	Teddy
2A	Tommy	2DT	Deanna	2I	Michelle
3B	Aarya	3O	Aekambeer	3S	Lucy
4B	Isla	4GB	Frankie	4R	Issri
5L	Willow	5M	Robert	5P	Robyn
6H	Aaria	6S	Sam	6W	Latia

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, Joseph D, Stanley W, Raisa D, Thea B, Layla H, Tilly L, Jaya K, Louie B, Baqir R, Arabella D, Arshaan H, Ivy C, Alex T, Viaan S, Sueno D, Phoebe P, Adeola D, Aryana A, Jasmine R, Arthur T, Zack J, Zeyad A, Carla V, Kaloyan D, Ajus S, Zack M, Jovan G, Octavia B, Tom B, Joshua K, Kaleb T, Amaya C, Amber S, Evie S, Emilia R, Nova D, Radin M, Michelle A, Learno P, Shakeel M, Laksh K, Chloe P, Grayson B, Effie A, Max S, Jayjay N, Grace E, Reggie C, Darcy O, Aurora J, Ebony S, Nova H, Thomas M, Verity V, Arthur C, Rianna D, James W, Abbie L, Salaar M, Jamie P, Arjan P, Robert A, Avni N, Jennifer M, Zachary A, Amaani A, Daria B, Gurdeep B, Hannah P, Arhaan L, Jessica W, Skylar W, Luna D, Nina P, Jesse S, Dexter D, Elias M, Monika T, Mason Ja, Mason C and Diego A.

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



Important Dates

November		
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		

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.

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