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## Co-Headteachers' Message

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. We were delighted to read so many positive comments recognising the hard work our Echelford staff put into providing the very best for our children. We wanted to share some of the highlights with you:

- 94% of you agreed that Echelford encourages children to respect people from all backgrounds and to treat everyone equally.
- 93% said you would recommend Echelford to others.
- 94% felt your child is well looked after, with 92% telling us your child feels safe and happy in school.

We also appreciate the suggestions you shared. A key area we will continue to develop is making sure our communication about your child's progress is clear and helpful, so you feel confident in understanding their next steps and supporting them at home. Over the coming weeks, we will be responding to individual comments where needed.

The survey also highlighted that 91% of you feel Echelford meets your child's particular needs. This was echoed during our visit from Family Voice this week, who met with parents to hear about their experiences as part of the *Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)* programme. Our next step is to work with Family Voice to establish a SEND Parent and Carer Forum, strengthening how we communicate and work together to support children with SEND at Echelford. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

As a school, we are committed to offering children a wide range of experiences beyond the academic curriculum. One example of this is the variety of pupil leadership roles available. This week, our Sports Leaders took part in Sports Crew training with Active Surrey, developing skills in leadership, resilience, character, confidence, and how to give and receive constructive feedback. They are excited to put their learning into action.

We also welcomed Jo Roberts, LLT Chair of Directors and Parkrun ambassador, to Thursday's assembly. She spoke to the children about the benefits of taking part in Junior Parkrun on Sunday mornings. Many of our pupils already enjoy this free weekly event, and we hope others will feel inspired to give it a try. Our nearest Parkruns are in Laleham and Hanworth. You can find out more about these events and how to register at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register>

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is our annual Santa Fun Run after school more details below — a wonderful family event and perhaps the perfect warm-up for a future Parkrun!

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



### **The parent/carer Diversity forum:**

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are at the forefront of everything we do here at Echelford.

We would love for you to join us on the following dates throughout the academic year to discuss Echelford's next steps and our annual Celebration of Us week.

Please note that all the dates below start at 9am and you are welcome to bring any younger children with you, if this supports with childcare.

Friday 24th November 2025

Friday 23rd January 2026

Monday 20th April 2026

Friday 6th June 2026

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy - reminder Ballot is live**

Anyone with parental responsibility for a child at the school is entitled to a vote and we would encourage you all to use this vote. This can be done easily by completing the ballot form via this link;

<https://forms.gle/1RdMaqHxJQC1uSde9>

### **Santa Fun Run**



We look forward to welcoming you all to this event next Friday after school. Please collect your child/ren as normal and follow the signs to the field by the KS1 adventure playground corner. We encourage festive accessories and recommend participants wear trainers- it could be muddy! The event is for all members of your family and you can run, walk, hop or skip as many laps as you like. You will be able to exit the event via the gate on the KS1 playground.



## Oracy - Food For Talk

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

**Monday - Talking Points**

Food for Talk!

**If you could invent a new sandwich what would be in it?**

The sandwich I would choose is... because...

I agree because...

I couldn't disagree more because...

What would your sandwich be called?

## Vacancies within the Trust

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1517639>

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<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/early-years-teaching-assistant---reception-1517653>

### Saxon Primary School is recruiting

We are looking to recruit a part time Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (39 weeks per year) 22.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 1.15pm. This role is fixed term position to 31st August 2026. For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/fix-term-teaching-assistant-1517647>

### Darley Dene School is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a teaching assistant on a fixed term contract who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-in-the-nursery-ftc-role-1518046>

### Darley Dene School is recruiting

We are looking to appoint 2 class Teaching Assistants (1 permanent role and 1 FTC until 31st August 2026) who have a passion for creating lifelong learners, are committed to inclusion and equality and have high expectations of themselves and every child.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-x2-1-permanent-and-1-ftc-1518044>



## Sports Crew

Congratulations to our Sports Leaders who completed their Sports Crew Training this week.



## 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 Rishaan in 1CE who has been awarded 11 new Ninja skills this term. His teachers have praised him for his quick learning, his focus and consistency. Well done Rishaan on this amazing achievement.

Earlier this week, Liam in 6H brought in his lego model of the Mona Lisa to present to the class. All of his peers were very impressed and look forward to seeing what Liam can create next. Well done, Liam!



Well done to Hannah in 5P who has qualified for the London Gymnastics regional finals in both Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline. This was Hannah's first time competing in the age 11-12 category and she demonstrated superb technique and composure to win both events and receive two gold medals. Hannah has also recently earned her Level 10 proficiency award. Congratulations Hannah on this amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Naylin in 4B who was the runner-up in the Boys' U9 Cheam Junior Open Squash Tournament. He also challenged himself by competing in the U11s category, where he achieved an impressive 4th place.

We are extremely proud of Naylin for his continued dedication, excellent sportsmanship and high-level performance. Well done Naylin on this fantastic achievement.





## 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	Ashton	RG	Alfie	RO	Zora
1A	Pearl	1B	Hamdan	1CE	Erin
2A	Consent to publish name not given	2DT	Amber C	2I	Kaloyan
3B	Elsie	3O	Harry	3S	Heidi
4B	Elvy	4GB	Ellie D	4R	Vidhaan
5L	Ethan	5M	William	5P	Jonathan
6H	Dexter	6S	Millie G	6W	Soha

## Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Thea B, Aahana S, Manha N, Mikail O, Aahana S, Ayeza M, Rafi B, Shivaay P, Layla H, Alfie T, Olivia K, Rebecca Sophia S, Merryn T, Louie B, Tilly L, Rocky T, Luke N, Cooper M, Ollie R, Ivy C, Radvin H, May-Rose W, Henry H, Isha Y, Banreet J, Maddie K, Vihaan S, Arthur T, Camellia B, Oscar B, Jude T, Maya Violet B, Rohan M, Madeline B, Octavia B, Harper B, Joshua K, Bentley V, Ajus S, Jovan G, Harry E, Amber S, Louie H, James B, Nellie-Mae H, Evie S, Freya W, Amber C, Holly T, Thea Ba, Logan F, Nova D, Panav S, Arjan S, Gurmehar K, Harvinder G, Anaiya O, Shiloh M, Emilia R, Alfie M, Charlie P, Scarlett W, Liahna D, Asil E, Grayson Bi, Lerno P, Ava Y, Kanan A, Ivy K, Isla H, Shakeel M, Melody R, Lily W, Lerno P, Piper-Valentine L, Elodie P, Kamran W, Arthur A, Chloe P, Jessica P, Rehanuddin M, Arthur B, Aubrey B, Teddy J, Georgina P, Dexter O, Jaxon B, Rosie M, Brooke F, Elvy L, Erin M, Victoria N, Elia D, Aubrey B, Grace N, Sahara S, Ellis L, Swara S, Swara S, Issri R, Jasmine P, Theo B, Reggie C, Alana C, Arthur C, Connor R, Aurora J, Nova H, Thomas M, Ebony S, Henry P, Jamie P, Poppy R, Rianna D, Salaar M, Mason B, Arjan P, Jennifer M, Eeva M, Daria B, David P, Hannah P, Luna D, Aleena F, Nina P, Robyn W, Oliver G, Maaria K, Deshawn S, Jonathan B, Aidan B, Ellis B, Mia W, Kaya G, Monika T, Georgina Po, Finley M, Anaya A, Harper L, Kacper P, Mason O, Karam G, Tommy C, Bradley W, Wareez A, Billy M, Charlie C, Lexi Y and Soha M.

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



## Important Dates

November		
Monday 24th		Final week of Activity clubs
Friday 28th		Santa Fun Run
Friday 28th	3.30pm-5.30pm	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>		



## Christmas gift appeal



Every year, Home-Start brings the magic of Christmas to children throughout Spelthorne with thoughtfully curated gifts. Your donation would enable us to create personalised gift packages tailored to each family's needs. Beyond toys, your support could provide essentials like warm coats, socks, vests, and books—the possibilities are endless.

To make a difference, please visit [www.justgiving.com/campaign/spelthornexmas](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spelthornexmas)



"The christmas bag was a massive help with the stress of not being able to get things for the kids, very much appreciated and loved by the children. The smiles are worth everything!"

donate here →



**Dad Matters** is a new charity in Surrey helping new dads suffering from stress, anxiety or depression during the perinatal period (conception to second birthday). Research indicates up to one third of new dads are affected. These mental health issues not only impact the dad's wellbeing, but also his ability to support the mum and engage with the baby. There is a variety of support available for new mums, but very little for new dads – **Dad Matters** is filling this gap

**Dad Matters** (part of the Home Start Surrey charity) supports new dads with information, someone to talk to, and one-to-one counselling. Our aim is to improve bonding between dad and baby, improve mental health of the dad and to benefit the whole family – now and well into the future - by providing support during the critical perinatal period. Please use this link for more information



## 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](http://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**



## Merry Christmas!

### December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



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[www.stagecoach.co.uk/staines](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/staines)



Community Sports Trust

## Saturday Morning Bees

EVERY SATURDAY

8	15	22	29	6	13
NOV			DEC		

Children aged 5- 11

8.45 - 9.45 (Years 1, 2, 3)  
8.45 - 10.15 (Years 4, 5, 6)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,  
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

£10 = per child, per session

**Book Now**

Community Sports Trust

## Monday Night Football

EVERY MONDAY

3	10	17	24	1	8	15
NOV			DEC			

Boys & Girls | School Year 3 - 11

17.30 - 18.30 (Years 3 - 6)  
18.30 - 19.30 (Years 7 - 11)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,  
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

7 sessions = **£35**

**Book Now**

Brentford FC have a great opportunity for you to attend a game at Wheatshaf Park in Staines next Monday where the Brentford B team are playing against the Exeter B team, kick off is at 7pm. Please see link below to access tickets;

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/brentfordfc/EDP/Event/Index/866>

Premier League Cup

# TICKETS

**BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB** vs **EXETER CITY FC**

**Wheatshaf Park**  
Monday 24 November • 7pm kick-off