

## Co-Headteachers' Message

At the time of writing, final preparations are underway for the Christmas Fair, organised and run by the PTFA. We owe a massive thank you to our volunteers for their hard work and time. It is their dedication that allows events such as these to take place. We are particularly grateful for their flexibility and problem-solving skills as we negotiate the changeable weather forecast! We hope that everyone has fun as we raise valuable funds for the school.

Last week, we shared our first "Inclusion Insights" section in the newsletter and were delighted to receive lots of positive feedback from parents. We have planned different themes to share each week to communicate the ongoing work and development regarding inclusive practice in school. This week, we undertook further training and support through the PINS project (details below). If there are any specific themes in this area you would like more information on, please let us know.

We are incredibly proud of all our Reception children who performed their nativity, *"The Very Hopeless Camel"* to the school, friends, and family this week. Performing to a large hall can certainly be overwhelming, but they really rose to the challenge. Any nerves were quickly overcome to ensure a confident and polished performance. Next week is the turn of our KS1 children, and we are very much looking forward to their performances.

Finally, we have had great success in our recent sporting fixtures. Congratulations to our Boys' Football team, who won the Premier League Primary Star Football tournament last Friday. They now progress to the next regional stage, which takes place at Chelsea's training ground in Cobham.

As well as celebrating the children's achievements, it is important to acknowledge the hard work and support provided by the staff. A particular thank you goes to Miss Ambridge and Miss Holman, who regularly give up their lunchtimes to run training and stay after school to attend fixtures, giving our children the opportunity to participate in these fantastic events.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

### Staff News

This week we welcomed Mrs Housni to our staffing team who will be working in Reception as a teaching assistant.

### Parent Governor

Thank you to all parents who voted in our recent parent governor elections. We are pleased to share with you that Jonathon Woolman will be the new parent governor. Johnathan is a parent to a child in Reception. His experience as a teacher in the secondary sector will bring a strong skill set to our governing body and we look forward to working with him in his new role as a governor.

### Christmas Card Post Box

The Echelford Christmas post box will open from next week and the Echelford Elves will then sort and distribute the cards to the relevant classes. Please ensure you put the **name and class** on the envelopes. Last posting date will be Wednesday 17th December



School Calendar

We have been learning...

Curriculum

Our Facebook page

PTFA

Online forms

Pastoral Support

A career with Lumen



## Inclusion Insights

This week, as part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme, we had a visit from our local Autism Outreach Service, who are based at Freemantles School. This visit was one that we selected from the PINS menu of support and it included an audit of our lunchtime provision and playtime, and training for our support staff.

We know that some children who are neurodivergent find this part of the day challenging and that this can also be true for other children as well. While the size of our school and site comes with lots of benefits, we also understand it can be busy and overwhelming for some children.

We took away lots of fantastic ideas and strategies that might help children feel more calm and supported over this less structured time of the day. These changes will not only help children enjoy this social time but also start their afternoon feeling more ready to learn.

The advisor spoke positively about the range of activities and spaces available and how our support staff engage with the children. In particular, they were impressed with the Haven Club, which is a calm, inside space where some children spend their lunchtimes in a quieter environment, supported by our ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and our playground Regulation Station.

### Oracy - Food For Talk

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

## Monday - Which one does not belong?

A.



B.



C.



D.



Food for Talk!

In my opinion...

I think...



I understand your point of view but have you thought about...



I would like to challenge this because...





## Vacancies within the Trust

### The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? Are you highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

We are looking to appoint someone 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 on this role, please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1519381>

### 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 Holly in 2DT who won the Hardest Worker Star award 2025 from Spelthorne Gymnastics. This award is presented only once each year and is highly competitive, making Holly's achievement especially impressive. Holly's determination and passion for the sport has grown and she is always eager to learn and improve. Congratulations Holly on this amazing achievement, you must be very proud.

Words from Holly's coaches:

*"Holly never misses training and always arrives with a smile on her face and a story to tell. She puts effort in to all of her skills and conditioning exercises. She has a lot of fun and is very popular within the group."*

Congratulations to Max in 6S who took part in grading with Shentie Marital Arts recently. He passed and was awarded his blue stripe and blue belt. Well done Max on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Yuvraaj in 6W who was recently awarded his brown and white stripe belt and well done to Arjan in 2I who was awarded his blue and white stripe and his blue belt in M.M.A. Congratulations boys 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: 6H</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	Remi	RG	Olivia V	RO	Sylvia
1A	Banreet	1B	Shanzay	1CE	Mia
2A	Davina	2DT	Amber S	2I	Arjan
3B	Thomas	3O	Teddy	3S	Lennon
4B	Consent to publish name not given	4GB	Navraj	4R	Kaira
5L	Connor	5M	Zachary	5P	Nina
6H	Cody	6S	Jessica	6W	Isla

## Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Bey-Aaliyah B, Oliver K, Ayeza M, Yuvi O, Raisa D, Maya S, Remi W, Shivaay P, Aaima H, Olivia V, Louie B, Flynn B, Sylvia B, Holly C, Zora D, Arabella D, Jenson G, Aria G, Braydon H, Haroun J, Thaarika J, Asher J, Faizaan K, Emily K, Lizzie M, Shrey M, Scarlett-Rose M, Luke N, Viyaan O, Cameron R, Kiyana S, Mustafa S, Edith-Rose T, Enzo V, Hugo W, Leo W, Kai Y, Banreet J, Henry H, Ollie J, Pearl C, Poppy K, Sirin B, Harrison D, Vihaan S, Cody H, Carla V, Arabella M, Erin P, Madeline B, Amaya C, Maya Violet B, Harper B, Bentley V, Ajus S, Jude T, Kaloyan D, Isaac S, Jian S, Ayda W, Radin M, Asil E, Arjan S, Inaaya Y, Elijah J, Florence G, Theodore C, Laksh K, Rosie-Mae D, Jessica J, Ivy K, Thomas G, Theo H, Dotty H, Elsie D, Hugo G, Sienna Hi, Jeet O, Vinisha B, Lennon F, Luca I, Logan M, Michael G, Lucy B, Heidi D, Jess B, Ismail K, Albert M, Millie J, Arjun P, Noor V, Dexter O, Teddy J, Elvy L, Victoria N, Elia D, Rosie M, Swara S, Kesar R, Navraj B, Zainab F, Ellie P, Ellie D, Amina R, Jasmine P, Ava S, Frazer D, Issri R, Owen J, Jaap K, Ilyas M, Grace E, Robyn C, Rico P, Amber J, Maximus J, Kaira G, Mohan Veer A, Thomas M, Ebony S, Connor R, Henry P, Nova H, Arthur C, Aurora J, Verity V, Abbie L, Rianna D, Jai E, Ava B, Avni N, Tamsin B, Amaani A, Daria B, Jennifer M, Nina P, Jessica W, Holly W, Oliver Ke, Connie H, Arhaan L, Maaria K, Jonathan B, Skylar W, Deshawn S, David P, Mia W, Cody N, Yihui T, Max K, Freddie W, Millie G, Raihaan P, Karma T, Indigo E, Arjun S, Alina R, Jessica B, Karam G, Charlie C, Tommy C, Latia B and Khadija R.



## Important Dates

December		
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
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.

## 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  
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3 November 2025  
and 15 January 2026





Five brass band

# This Christmas we're bringing The Snowman to life

**Saturday 13 December**  
Salesian School, 1:30pm  
Guildford Rd, Chertsey, KT16 9LU

**3** showings

**Sunday 14 December**  
St. Michael Catholic Primary Sch, 3 & 5pm  
Feltham Hill Rd, Ashford, TW15 2DG

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staines-brass-band](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/staines-brass-band)    £12 adult, £6 child  
£30 family of four

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# FREE Discovery Day

**New class**    Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Thomas Knyvett College, TW15 3DU

**Main Stages**  
ages 6-18 yrs  
split into age appropriate groups  
10.15am - 1.15pm

**Early Stages**  
ages 4-6 yrs  
2.30-4pm

To register your child's **free** place, email [staines@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:staines@stagecoach.co.uk)

[www.stagecoach.co.uk/staines](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/staines)    **07802 800633**



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