

Co-Headteachers' Message

As we approach the final week of term, things have certainly not slowed down here at school. This week has been filled with wonderful learning, celebration and community spirit.

Our KS1 children delighted us all with their fantastic nativity performance of *'The Inn-Spectors'*. The stage was full of energy, enthusiasm and confident young performers. It was clear from the smiles, applause and lovely comments from families that the show was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are incredibly proud of the hard work the children put into their rehearsals and the way they brought the story to life. As ever, we are grateful to the staff for their hard work preparing the children to ensure such successful performances.

On Thursday, the whole school took part in our Christmas and Hanukkah Pause Day. Each class spent time exploring and deepening their understanding of these two festivals, which are celebrated at this time of year. The children took part in a wide range of activities, from Oracy discussions to creative tasks and drama, designed to help them reflect on the meaning and traditions of both celebrations. We place great value on giving pupils opportunities throughout the year to learn about festivals from different faiths, helping them to build a rich and respectful understanding of the world around them.

This week we were also delighted to welcome two Oracy Consultants from Voice 21, who have been supporting us in developing our whole-school approach to oracy. Throughout the day, they visited classrooms, observed oracy in action on the playground, and joined one of our oracy assemblies. They also met with a group of pupils who spoke confidently and articulately about why oracy matters and how it supports their learning across all subjects.

Our visitors were incredibly impressed by the children's speaking and listening skills, and by their ability to initiate discussions, build on ideas and respectfully challenge one another's thinking. They also commented on how strongly our school community has embraced our oracy vision. We are delighted to share that they feel we are ready to apply to become an *Oracy Centre of Excellence*—a recognition of the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, staff and families. We are exceptionally proud of this achievement and will continue to keep you updated as we move forward with the application in the new year.

As always, thank you for your continued support at home. If you would like to learn more about our approach to oracy, further information and resources are available under the Curriculum tab on our school website.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



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Calendar

We have
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learning...

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Inclusion Insights

December can be a tricky time in school for some children. While this time of year can be exciting for many, the change to routines can be challenging for others. Rehearsals and performing in school performances can be overwhelming, as can the lights, music and noise associated with the festive period. As well as this, many of us are feeling tired after a long term but the high social expectations remain; that we are smiling, joining in and performing. At Echelford, we are aware of these feelings and how they can make this a difficult time of the year for some of our children.

Here are some of the ways we support children at Echelford



In our penultimate week of the Autumn Term, our pupils have been showing tremendous sportsmanship and resilience in many sporting fixtures. Huge well done to all.

Results:

Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball: 4th - Spelthorne Tournament

UKS2 Boys A Football: Echelford 0 - 1 Laleham

UKS2 Boys B Football: Echelford 3 - 2 Laleham

We are excited to hear how a team of Year 3 & 4 children get on today at a Kurling event over at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and how our UKS2 Girls A Football team get on in their home game this evening against St. Michaels.

Wednesday 17th December

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. This is also the day of our festive meal. We are looking forward to enjoying this time together as a community.

Booking wraparound sessions for 2026

Parents/Carers will be able to book wraparound sessions for next year on SCOPAY from 10am on Monday 15th December. Please make sure that you have topped up your SCOPAY account with the correct amount of funds. Any bookings that have not been paid for will be cancelled.



Friday 19th December

This is our final day of term and the children will be finishing slightly earlier than normal. Dismissal times are as follows:

Reception, Years 1 & 2	1.35pm
Years 3 & 4	1.40pm
Years 5 & 6	1.45pm

Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Tuesday - Talking Points

Food for Talk!

The best topping for a hot chocolate is...

What flavour would your hot chocolate be?

The toppings I would choose would be... because...

I agree because...

I couldn't disagree more because...

Vacancies within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Wraparound Care Manager (24.75 hours per week, 7:00 am - 8:45 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with an additional 1 hour per week for admin tasks during term time (38 weeks per year). 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 these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1523789>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager on a Fixed Term Contract (12 hours per week, 3pm – 6pm three afternoons per week and 7.30am - 8.30am three mornings per week, term time only (38 weeks per year). Flexibility around these hours may be considered. 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 these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wraparound-care-manager-ftc-1523795>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (32.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. 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 further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523575>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Part Time Early Years Teaching Assistant (20 hours per week, 11.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. This is a fixed term position to the 31st August 2026. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. The successful candidate will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523577>



Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will not receive a third penalty notice, however, where there is a third occurrence within the 3 year period, Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Office by contacting your local Education office as follows:

North West – Tel: 01483 518130

South West – Tel: 01483 517179

North East – Tel: 01372 833588

South East – Tel: 01737 737777

Surrey County Council consultation with parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities (AND)

Play & Leisure Short Breaks

Play & Leisure Short Breaks give children and young people the chance to participate in educational and leisure activities in community venues across Surrey, and also give parent carers a break from caring.

What is the consultation about?

There are changes being proposed to the Short Breaks programme. The proposals are to ensure the programme remains sustainable and effective, and to provide greater equity and fairness in the process, so we can prioritise resource and manage demand.

The vision for Play and Leisure Short Breaks is an offer that prioritises **inclusive access, community integration, and cost-effective support** for those with the greatest need, across both specialist and mainstream community schemes.

This sits alongside needing to identify efficiencies and cost savings as part of the council's need to achieve a balanced budget. In January 2025 the Surrey County Council Cabinet set out the budget for 2025/26, which incorporates the need to find £66 million in efficiencies across the council over the medium term. This includes £800,000 to be saved in 2026/27 from the Short Breaks budget of £2.56 million, while still meeting the council's Short Breaks statutory duties.

There are a number of proposals for the programme, which include:

- Introducing eligibility criteria
- Introducing a maximum level of provision that each child can access each year
- Focusing on inclusive mainstream provision alongside specialist provision, so that children can interact and play with a wide range of other children and feel part of the community
- Ensuring parent carer charges are consistent
- Providing flexible session lengths, and a greater proportion of sessions in the school holidays.

The consultation will run until Wednesday 4 March 2026. Find more information and respond to the consultation on our dedicated webpage: [Play and Leisure Short Breaks Consultation](#)



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 Gurdeep in 5M and Gurmukh in 3S who both passed their orange belt grading at Shentie Martial Arts. Congratulations to you both on this amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Elijah in 2DT who has completed stage 5 in his swimming lessons and has been moved up to stage 6. Well done Elijah on this fantastic achievement.



Well done to Aria in 2DT and Maddie in 2A who gained their red belts in Karate recently. Congratulations to you both on this wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to Naylin in 4B. He played exceptionally well in his second tournament of the season and finished as runner-up in the Middlesex Junior Graded Series (E Grade) Squash Tournament, held in Southgate last Sunday. Well done Naylin. Keep up the fantastic work!



Well done to Amber and Freya in 2DT, Penny in 3O, Aubrey and Sienna in 4B and Ellie in 4GB. They all flew to Paris recently to compete in "FC brings it on", cheer competition, and were awarded 3rd place. Congratulations to you all on this amazing achievement.



A huge congratulations to Theo in 3B who has been offered a contract to join Chelsea FC as an Under 9 player, this means that after an awful lot of hard work, training in the rain, playing games in the rain, all of his hard work has finally paid off. Theo was invited into Chelsea's Cobham training facility for an intimate meeting where he was formally given an offer to become a Chelsea player. After a few weeks and various discussions, Theo and his family have made the decision to accept the offer.



Theo was offered at all the clubs he was fortunate to train with, there were offers from Tottenham, Fulham, Southampton and Chelsea!

Theo will officially sign his first contract with Chelsea on the 16th May 2026 at Stamford Bridge, where he will experience an enormous celebration.

Well done Theo on this incredible achievement, we are so pleased all your hard work and dedication has paid off and we look forward to following your future football career.

Class Learning Awards

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

	Class: 30		Class: 2DT
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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	Aaima	RG	Poppy	RO	Faizaan
1A	Toby	1B	Meesha	1CE	Noah
2A	Bentley	2DT	Elijah	2I	Liahna
3B	Melody	3O	Aditya	3S	Hugo
4B	Erin M	4GB	Owais	4R	Grace
5L	Aurora	5M	Tamsin	5P	Ellis
6H	Mya	6S	Isaac	6W	Georgina



Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Mason J, Oliver K, Hollie O, Thea B, Rahitya k, Joyce D, Ashton H, Joseph D, Louie B, Sofia D, Rebecca Sophia S, Riley D, Isha Y, Sidney T, Henry H, Kai Y, Sirin B, Idrees M, Abhay B, Rishaan C, Rosalee E, Erin P, Jude B, Cody H, Zack J, Eddie T, Ryan S, Arabella M, Hamza F, Harper B, Bentley V, Deyal K, Jackson H, Harvinder G, Scarlett W, Inaaya Y, Shakeel M, Theodore C, Bodhi M, Daniela A, Kamran W, Olly W, Aditya R, Georgina P, Aubrey B, Isla R, Grace N, Jake T, Jason K, Joseph E, Brooke F, Jude H, Georgina P, Franco B, Jaylen M, Ellie P, Own A, Levi-Rose M, Zainab F, Saoirse M, Elliot P, Max S, William G, Nathaniel L, Reggie C, Vidhaan S, Maxwell T, Frazer D, Sukhpreet T, Ava S, Amelia B, Bhavik S, Nova H, Verity V, Thomas M, Connor R, Aurora J, Rianna D, Salaar M, Arthur C, Darcy O, Henry P, Arjan P, Kaira S, Mason B, Eeva M, Amaani A, Jessica W, Holly W, Oliver Ke, Nina P, Connie H, Arhaan L, Jesse S, Maaria K, Skylar W, Aidan B, Oliver G, Hannah P, Dexter D, Musa M, Toby D, James G, Archie H, Cody N, Nysha S, Yihui T, Mia W, Paige T, Liliana R, Leonard R, Vivaan K, Latia B, Vincent B, Anaya A, Tommy C, Finley M, Billy M, Kacper P, Karam G, Yuvraaj S, Nishaan J and Isla B.

Important Dates

December		
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
Friday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
Mon 22nd Dec – Fri 2nd Jan Christmas Break		

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



We have a great opportunity for you to attend the a game at Wheatsheaf Park this Sunday where we have the Brentford B team against Luton B team, kick off is at 12pm. We are offering a discount code which has a monetary value up to £30 you can claim from. Please see promo code below and link to access tickets below:

Code: BFCWHEATSHEAF25

Link: <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/brentfordfc/EDP/Event/Index/868>

We have a great opportunity for you to attend the last game of the this year at Wheatsheaf Park next Tuesday where we have the **Brentford u18s against Cheslea u18s in the FA Youth Cup, kick off is at 7pm.** We are offering of course a discount code which has a **monetary value up to £30 you can claim from.** Please see promo code below and link to access tickets below:

Code: BFCWHEATSHEAF25

Link: <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/brentfordfc/EDP/Event/Index/924>



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**



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DOES YOUR CHILD LIKE TO RUN?

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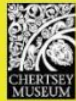
Who Can Join

- School Years 3-11
- Children who love running or want to improve fitness for other sports
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