

Co-Headteachers' Message

Children in year 6 and 2 have enjoyed the first curriculum experience days of this term. On Monday, Year 6 immersed themselves in the world of Shakespeare for their *Macbeth* themed day, engaging in drama, design & technology, and even potion making to deepen their understanding of the play. Meanwhile, Year 2 brought history to life through a Florence Nightingale workshop, where both staff and students wore excellent costumes to help them step into their historical roles. The impact of these hands-on experiences has been clear, with many children proudly sharing impressive writing and work inspired by their activities.

The momentum continued on Wednesday as 4GB performed the first class assembly of 2026. They delivered important messages centred on inspiration and motivation—two vital skills we encourage all our children to draw upon when tackling new learning challenges.

In addition to these classroom achievements, our Forest School provision helps to enhance our curriculum by providing a creative environment for students to develop diverse learning skills. Tomorrow, Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, staff members and volunteers from Talking Tree will be working on the school field to plant new trees and whips. These trees, generously donated by Surrey County Council, will be used to create a new hedgerow to improve our Forest School area. We are still keen to welcome more volunteers to support this project; if you are available and interested in helping, please contact the school office via email.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Staff News

This week we welcomed Mrs Wijesundera to our TA team. She will be supporting in year 5 for the next few weeks and then in year 1 when Miss Lyons begins her maternity leave later this term.

Congratulations to Mr Pell who welcomed a baby boy, Cillian, this week. We know you will join us in offering congratulations to Mr Pell and his family on their news.



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We have
been
learning...

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Inclusion Insights

This week, we held our first SEND parent/carer forum, supported by Family Voice Surrey, who we have been working with through the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools project. This was an important first step towards working even more closely with our parents and carers to improve our inclusive provision.

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who joined us. It was a positive, constructive session where, over cups of tea and coffee, we discussed what a SEND parent/carer forum would look like and how it could work.

It was agreed that the purpose of the forum would be to give parents and carers a chance to:

- **Share views and experiences about SEND provision in school, helping school to understand what is working well and what could be better**
- **Find out more about SEND support in school and beyond, including diagnoses, EHCPs, both from school staff and professionals from Surrey County Council, where possible**
- **Create a supportive network for parents and carers of children with SEND**

All parents and carers are welcome to join our future sessions. We agreed to have half-termly meetings and we would like to find the best days and times for these sessions, so if this is something that may interest you, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to tell us when works best for you.

Please look out for details of our next session, which will be after the February half-term.





Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Tuesday - Which one does not belong?

A. 3

B. 18

C. i

D. 8

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

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>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Teaching Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1529364>

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.

Scarlett in 2I went to her first rugby match last weekend with her family and she was very excited to meet a few of the mascots. The match she watched was the Harlequins V Stormers in the Investec Cup Challenge. We hoped you enjoyed your very first experience of rugby and hopefully there will be many more to come.





Class Learning Awards

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

	Class: 4GB		Class: 1B
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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	Bey Aaliyah	RG	Consent to publish name not given	RO	Aria
1A	Miguel	1B	Adeola	1CE	Erin
2A	Jude	2DB	Nellie-Mae	2I	Jackson
3B	Daniela	3O	Olly	3S	Hugo
4B	Joseph	4GB	William	4R	Robyn
5L	Dev	5M	Mason	5P	Aleena
6H	Bianca	6S	Edyth	6W	Evie

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, Thea B, Oliver K, Aahana S, Rafi B, Radhya N, Vienna S, Hollie O, Louie B, Alfie T, Arabella D, Braydon H, Luke N, Roza M, Jenson G, Flynn B, Asher J, Sidney T, Poppy K, Ivy C, Harrison D, Henry H, Sidney T, Ollie J, Miguel A, Presleigh I, Ruben P, Banreet J, Oscar B, Jacob P, Arthur T, Aryana A, Orish R, Alex T, Erin P, Zack J, Romeo L, Rishaan C, Zeyad A, Ryan S, Jude B, Jenson J, Jaanvi W, Rosalee E, Noah C, Carla V, Kaloyan D, Madeline B, Amaya C, Jude T, Kaleb T, Joshua K, Rohan M, Tom B, Luna H, Zack M, Rheyra B, Beau S, Jind K, Ajus S, Holly T, Safa M, Salahdine R, Isabelle S, Daya K, Amber S, Lexi B, Liahna D, Emilia R, Harvinder G, Panav S, Jackson H, Ema F, Scarlett W, Gurmehar K, Arjan S, Asil E, Anaiya O, Bodhi M, Ava Y, Daniela A, Ivy K, Piper-Valentine L, Thomas G, Elsie Da, Inaaya Y, Theodore C, Oliver H, Elijah J, Shakeel M, Yahya M, Teddy B, Aishleen K, Emilia J, Sienna S, Emilyanna B, Aekambeer S, Amelia D, Kamran W, Arthur A, Chloe P, Olly W, Arvin K, Elliott V, Grayson B, Rayan T, Lucy B, Finley J, Joseph E, Grace N, Jason K, Georgina P, Jaxon B, Erin M, Tommy H, Sahara S, Elia D, Georgina P, Noah S, Victoria N, Brooke F, Jake T, Rehanuddin M, Jude H, Grace N, Lizwi Z, Jackson D, William G, Kesar R, Amina R, Levi-Rose M, Swara S, Max S, Nathaniel L, Vidhaan S, Josh K, Jasmine P, Jaap K, Amelia B, Maximus J, Veer A, Nainika B, Robyn C, Arthur C, Verity V, Nova H, Aurora J, Poppy R, Alana C, Dev L, James W, Connor R, Jamie P, Rianna D, James W, Mason B, Jennifer M, Jai E, Amaani A, Keira K, Eeva M, Safiyyah M, Rayan M, Daria B, Kaira S, Gurdeep B, Harley W, Deshawn S, Hallie T, Hannah P, Joseph B, Luna D, Holly W, Arhaan L, Aleena F, Archie H, James G, Elias M, Joseph H, Toby D, Liam N, Millie



C, Mia W, Navrina K, Monika T, Bianca S, Paige T, Nysha S, Rosie W, Yihui T, Jasleen B, Max K, William R, Arjun S, Tyler R, Lian Z, Millie G, April R, Samuel W, Nishaan J, Yuvraaj S, Khadija R, Soha M, Anaya A, Bradley W and Evie M.

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

Important Dates

January		
Wednesday 21st	9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 27th	2.30pm	Reception Stay and learn
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Wednesday 28th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
Thursday 29th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
February		
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th		Maths Week
Wednesday 4th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 2
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	2DT Class Assembly
Friday 6th		NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Echelford Expo Week
Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	1CE Assembly
Wed 11th to Fri 13th		Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 16th – Fri 20th Half Term		
Monday 23rd		Children return to school
Thursday 26th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 27th		Reception Popcorn Club
March		
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Book Week
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th		Year 5 Residential High Ashurst
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Level 1 Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 4th	9.00	2A Class Assembly
Thursday 5th		World Book Day & PTFA Wonky Bars
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Book Fair
Wednesday 11th	9.00	1A Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th		Young Carers Day
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 18th	9.00	2I Class Assembly
Friday 20th		Red Nose Day
Saturday 21st		Single Parents Day
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th		Year 4 Residential Henley Fort
Friday 27th	1.45 finish	End of Term
Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April Easter Break		
April		
Monday 13th		Children return to school



Monday 20th - Friday 24th		Science Week
Wednesday 22nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 22nd	9.00	3S Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd		Year 4 Bake sale
Wednesday 29th	9.00am	RO Class Assembly
May		
Monday 4th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th		RA Class Assembly
Thursday 7th May		Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th		KS2 SATs week
Friday 15th		Enterprise Day Year 6
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 20th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	3O Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term		
June		
Monday 1st		Children return to school
Monday 1st (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 3rd		Sports Day
Friday 5th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Monday 8th - Friday 12th		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 10th	9.00am	1B Class Assembly
Friday 12 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 12th		Mufti for Summer Fair
Monday 15th to Friday 19th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	RG Class Assembly
Friday 19th		PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th		Celebration of Us Week
Wednesday 24th	AM	Class photo day
Friday 26 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Wednesday 8 th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8 th	5.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 10th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 17th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Monday 20th		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21st		INSET Day 5



Support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism

On behalf of Surrey County Council's All Age Autism Strategy, the Autism Outreach Service is coordinating a series of support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey. Each programme includes six sessions of 2½ hours, delivered by experienced professionals through a mix of in-person and online formats. To book, parents must either live in Surrey or have a child who attends a Surrey-based setting. The programmes running include:

The National Autistic Society Early Bird Programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under which covers:

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Barnardo's Cygnet Programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old which covers:

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

The National Autistic Society Teen life Programme for parents of children aged 10-16 years old which covers:

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

To book on one of these programmes, parents can [register their interest here](#) to sign up to the mailing list. They will then be emailed each time a new set of courses are added and available for booking. If you have any questions please email parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk.

Improving outcomes for children with parental education - Spring term 2026



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run course that are available for families to enrol on with [a few simple clicks on the website](#). You can cut and paste this into your Parents' Bulletin or your start of term email.

FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Surrey

As part of our Family Learning Programme, we would like to introduce a new area specifically designed for parents of teenagers. Parents can enrol onto these courses and workshop.

At Surrey Family Learning, we provide a wide range of programmes designed to support families in navigating the complexities of secondary education and beyond. Our workshops and courses are tailored to help parents understand and support their children's wellbeing and educational journeys.

Surrey Family Learning Programme for Families

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- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



Our next training course starts Tuesday 29th January, sign up today!



February Holiday Activities

Make a Viking Longship
18th Feb 2026
11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm
Cost: £4.50
Come along to the museum to find out more about longships and then make your own out of card - complete with a dragon's head on the front!
Age: 5-12. (5 year olds with an adult)

Roman Mosaics
19th Feb 2025
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Cost: £4.50
Find out about Roman mosaic tiles and then make your own creation using stone mosaic pieces and grout.
Age: 5-12 (5 year olds with an adult)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
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