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Co-Headteachers' Message

It has been a vibrant week across the school, filled with the kind of hands-on learning that brings our curriculum to life. From the snowy plains of the Antarctic to the familiar streets of our local neighbourhood, the children have been fully immersed in their learning.

It was wonderful to see such a high turnout for our Reception Stay and Learn sessions. The "buzz" in the classrooms was a delight, and the children were incredibly proud to show you their environment and share their progress. On Wednesday, our Year 1 explorers took their learning outside for a geography walk. They did a fantastic job identifying local landmarks—many of them (and the staff!) were ready for a rest after such an active morning.

Meanwhile, Year 5 transformed into polar explorers today for an expedition day, showing great teamwork and problem-solving skills as they planned their journeys to the South Pole.

Looking ahead, we are all excited for Maths Week, which starts on Monday. We have a range of challenges planned, culminating in Number Day on Friday 6th February. Please refer to the parent email, sent today, for full details on how your child will be participating.

You should have received a letter today regarding changes to our school timetable starting in September; please ensure you have read the information carefully.

Finally, as we are due an Ofsted inspection this academic year, we want to ensure you are informed about significant changes to how schools are now assessed. There has been much coverage in the news about the changes. In a move away from single-word judgements (like "Good" or "Outstanding"), Ofsted has introduced Report Cards. The aim of these cards is to provide a more nuanced view, with colour-coded grades for areas such as attendance, behaviour, and inclusion. The new grading scale ranges from 'Exceptional' to 'Urgent Improvement'. The new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting. For more detail about the report cards, please see the official [Ofsted Guide for Parents](#). We are looking forward to showing our school off with pride and are hopeful that you will feel able to support us during the inspection by completing surveys and speaking to inspectors.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

We would like to share with you a video from our PINS (Partnership for Inclusivity of Neurodiversity in Schools) project partners, with an update on the project.

[PINS Video Update 4](#)

In the video, they talk about the work being done by schools with Family Voice Surrey to set up parent /carer forums. We would like to find the best days and times for our half-termly parent/carers forum 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.



We continued our journey with the PINS project this week with a staff training session. A Surrey educational psychologist led a training session for class teachers to learn more about supporting resilience in our pupils, particularly for those who are neurodivergent.

The training focused on the Resilience Ball framework, offering best practice, strategies and tools to support pupils who may be anxious or worried about aspects of school life. There are four areas that we can focus our support around, to ensure we are providing experiences that are both challenging and manageable so pupils can learn, grow and bounce back from difficulties.



Bonding- Support the forming and maintaining of relationships that are significant and give a sense of 'emotional glue'.

Mastery- Encourage the belief that we can have some control over ourselves and the events around us by setting challenges with the right level and timing of support.

Meaning- Help pupils to discover what is important and meaningful to them, and when they see themselves at their best.

Skills- Facilitate the development of skills such as emotional literacy, emotional regulation, social skills, self-compassion and problem-solving.



Girls Football Event

On Friday 6th March, we will be taking part in England Football's, girls football initiative, 'Made For This Game', hosted by JDA football. Please see all the details for this event below.

When: Friday 6th March 2026

Where: Field (weather permitting)

Who: JDA Football

What: Fun, inclusive football drills and games for all girls at the Echelford Primary School

Why: Promote love of football and provide equal opportunities for physical activity for the girls in our school community - inspire the next generation

Extra info: Girls will need to bring in trainers/football boots on this day please

For further information, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's/children's class teacher. We hope all of the girls have a fantastic afternoon of physical activity.



Sports Updates

This week, our Tag Rugby team, of Year 5 & 6 boys, demonstrated tremendous sportsmanship and resilience in their fixture against Buckland Primary School at home. A huge well done to all and thank you to the spectators that came to support them.

Results:

UKS2 Boys Tag Rugby: Echelford 20 - 11 Buckland

We are excited to hear how a team of Year 5 & 6 children get on today at a Dodgeball event over at Eclipse Leisure Centre - good luck to all involved.

Healthy Snack for Break Time

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during their break time. These should be in as little packaging as possible because we're also keen to reduce our use of plastics (e.g. no bear yoyo's or fruit winders).

These snacks are limited to:

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dried Fruit
- Plain rice cakes
- Bread sticks
- Yoghurt tube
- Plain crackers
- Pitta bread or Wraps (with no filling)

If children come into school with something that is not on the list it will be sent back home. No cutlery should be brought in. A reminder that only Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided daily fruit or vegetables as part of the Government scheme.



Plea for Tights and Socks

If you have any spare socks, both girls and boys, and tights for the younger children, we would be very grateful if you could pass them our way. If your child has had to borrow socks or tights from us, please can we ask they are washed and returned as soon as possible. With the weather being particularly wet at the moment we are unable to provide a change of socks and tights.

Pupil Data Collection

We are no longer sending home the pupil data sheet for parents to check and amend. If there are any changes to your contact details, medical or dietary requirements for your child etc please ensure you inform the school office.

Parent Survey Request about our Catering Provision

Our caterers AIP have published a survey which we would be grateful if you could complete so they know your views on the school meal provision they provide at our school. Whether your child normally has a packed lunch or school dinner please click on the link below;

Parent Survey Link: [Primary Schools Catering - Pupil Survey Term 1 2025](#)



We are a No Nut School

We would like to remind you that Echelford is a no nut school therefore we do not allow any food containing nuts to be consumed anywhere on the school grounds. Please do not give your child any food that contains nuts. This includes Nutella, pesto, cereal bars, peanut butter, chicken satay etc. If you are unsure, we would be grateful if you could check the ingredients before you pack their lunches, this will be hi-lighted in bold on the ingredient list. This is very important as there are children that have a severe nut allergy and we all need to adhere to this rule to keep everyone safe.

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



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Wednesday - Always, Sometimes, Never?

Food for Talk!

Being a child is better than being an adult.

Always
I think this is always true because...

Sometimes
This could sometimes be true because...

Never
In my opinion, this is never true because...

Vacancies within the Trust

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-1531498>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1530260>



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.

We are delighted to celebrate Holly's recent achievement at the Hollington Invitational Gymnastics Competition, held last Saturday, where she secured 1st place and won the gold medal in the Women's Club 3 Tumbling (8 years) category. Following her recent Star Award at gymnastics, where she was recognised as the Hardest Worker, Holly demonstrated that dedication and perseverance truly pay off. This outstanding result in her first competition of 2026 is a testament to her commitment. Well done Holly on this amazing achievement.



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: 2DB
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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	Ajoooni	RG	Olivia K	RO	Enzo
1A	Toby	1B	Orish	1CE	Zack
2A	Muhammad Hamza	2DB	Yuna	2I	Jimmy
3B	Oliver	3O	Ibrahim	3S	Noor
4B	Jaxon	4GB	Max	4R	Nainika
5L	Darcy	5M	Tommy	5P	Jacob
6H	Liam	6S	Jake Me	6W	Vincent



Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Ovin D, Shivaay P, Rahitya K, Aahana S, Joyce D, Remi W, Rafi B, Mikail O, Daphne T, Riley D, Jaya K, Louie B, Arshaan H, Ollie J, Henry H, Poppy K, Harrison D, Evie W, Zack J, Pollyanna D, Noah C, Rosalee E, Rohan M, Jude T, Jovan G, Zack M, Ebbenny W, Hamza F, Luna H, Daya K, Freya W, Samko C, Evie S, Blake B, James B, Elijah B, Amrit R, Nova D, Jimmy C, Saira A, Jessica J, Inaaya Y, Laksh K, Theodore C, Elsie Da, Shakeel M, Rosie-Mae D, Oliver H, Thomas G, Daniela A, Yahya M, Bodhi M, Ranveer S, Kanan A, Grayson Bi, Learno P, Piper-Valentine L, Isla H, Teddy B, Sienna S, Arvin K, Penny M, Effie A, Lucy B, Elsie D, Jessica P, Albert M, Jeshvik N, Sienna Ha, Jude H, Elvy L, Georgina P, Grace N, Brooke F, Dexter O, Lizwi Z, Nathaniel L, Own A, Ayaan H, Teeyan B, Jackson D, Ethan H, Rico P, Owen J, Theo B, Ilyas M, Darcy O, Thomas M, Abbie L, James W, Toby M, Connor R, Daniel K, Amaani A, Jennifer M, Jacob J, Joseph B, Hannah P, Arhaan L, Oliver Ke, James Bl, Musa M, Cody N, James G, Nysha S, Monika T, Liliana R, Mya A, Aaria D, Mason C, Indigo E, Amelia S, Diego A, Max K, Samuel W, April R, Lian Z, Jake Me, Arjun S, Vincent B, Harper L and Georgina Po.

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

Important Dates

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 8th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8th	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



Surrey County Council is consulting on **proposed changes to the Under-16 and Post-16 Travel Assistance policies for the 2026/27 academic year**. Young people, parents, carers, schools, colleges and other stakeholders are invited to share their views; [Have your say and help to shape future travel assistance in Surrey](#).

Information for schools and families

From 1 January 2026, children started to be offered the MMRV vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella and varicella/chickenpox) instead of the MMR vaccine as part of the routine childhood immunisation schedule. This means children will receive protection against four diseases instead of three.

Why this matters

While many people consider chickenpox to be a mild childhood illness, it can lead to serious complications including bacterial infections such as strep A, brain and lung inflammation, and stroke. In rare cases, it can be fatal. The introduction of this vaccine will help protect children from these serious complications and reduce hospital admissions.

The MMRV vaccine has been safely used for over 10 years in countries including Canada, Australia and Germany, where chickenpox cases and hospital admissions have fallen dramatically. Introducing this vaccine will also reduce missed nursery and school days for children and families.

Who is eligible

- Children born from 1 January 2025: Two doses of MMRV at 12 months and 18 months
- Children born between 1 July 2024 and 31 December 2024: MMRV doses at 18 months and 3 years 4 months
- Children born between 1 September 2022 and 30 June 2024: One MMRV dose at 3 years 4 months
- Selective catch-up programme: Children born between 1 January 2020 and 31 August 2022 will be offered a catch-up dose between November 2026 and March 2028 if they haven't already had chickenpox or two doses of chickenpox vaccine

(MMR vaccine will still be available for older children (and adults) who are ineligible for MMRV but are not yet fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella)

What families need to do

GP practices will contact parents and carers when their child is due for vaccination. They are encouraged to book their appointment when they receive their invitation.

[How the MMRV protects against 4 potentially serious illnesses, including chickenpox – UK Health Security Agency](#)



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- be working - it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- or have a job offer



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