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Co-Headteachers' Message

It has been a joy to welcome the children back after the half-term break, and the appearance of some spring sunshine this week has certainly added a sense of renewed energy to our playground and classrooms.

Leaders regularly carry out monitoring in order to evaluate progress in the school development plan and priorities. This week leaders worked alongside Ms Kober, Deputy Principal of Lumen Learning Trust, to review the provision in place for children across the school. It is always a privilege to share the strong teaching and learning taking place at Echelford and while we focused on Maths and Literacy teaching, she was particularly impressed to consistently see evidence of excellent learning behaviours from the children, inclusive practice and skilled adult support from teachers and teaching assistants to ensure that all children are engaged, supported and challenged appropriately.

Our Year 1 pupils have already had an out-of-this-world experience today during their Space workshop, where they honed their astronaut skills and learned about the inspiring Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel into space. Our year 6 pupils enjoyed their Ancient Maya day discovering knowledge about this early civilization through a variety of activities - the flavoured chocolate was a particular highlight!

Looking ahead to next week, the excitement continues as we celebrate World Book Day with a variety of literary activities, and we are eagerly anticipating the creative costumes on display next Thursday. We also wish our Year 5 children the best of luck as they prepare for their residential trip to High Ashurst, where they will dive into a range of adventurous outdoor pursuits. To round off an action-packed week, next Friday will also mark the start of Science Week with a "Silly Science" workshop, and we look forward to sharing more updates on these adventures in the next edition of the Echo.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Staff News

This week we welcomed Mrs Carter to the teaching team. She will be teaching in Reception and covering Mrs Oktay's maternity leave which begins today. Miss Lyons has now also started her maternity leave and we look forward to sharing baby news with you all soon.

Safeguarding

Please remain vigilant about your child's use of social media and messaging apps. Be aware of the age restrictions for platforms such as WhatsApp and Snapchat as these limits are in place to help keep children safe. Social media and group chats should be closely monitored at home by parents to ensure appropriate and safe use. We are continuing to see trends originating outside of school, including the current "Red vs Blue" trend, which may present safeguarding concerns within our community. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping children safe online.



Inclusion Insights

On Monday, the government published its new Schools White Paper, ***Every Child Achieving and Thriving*** which aims to transform how children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are supported.

The White Paper outlines the Government's intention to strengthen early intervention, introduce a new layered model of SEND support, and reserve EHCPs for the most complex cases over time. It also proposes the introduction of new Individual Support Plans for children whose needs can be met without a statutory plan. Importantly, current EHCPs will remain in place until pupils reach key transition points in the coming years.

Whilst these changes may lead to uncertainty, we are committed to navigating these new proposals with you. At Echelford, we already have an inclusive approach and we will continue to ensure your child has the right support in place.

Throughout this 12-week consultation, the government is asking for feedback from parents and carers. Visit GOV.UK and search for "*SEND reform: putting children and young people first*" to find the parent-friendly feedback form, by May 18, 2026.

Our next **SEND Parent/Carer forum** will be on **Wednesday 11th March at 9am**. There is no need to sign up. Please come to the school office to sign in.

Our agenda will include:

- hearing your views on how we communicate with you about your child's needs and the support in place.
- explaining how we support children with regulation in school.

All parents and carers are welcome.

Through the PINS (Partnership for Inclusivity of Neurodiversity in Schools) project, you are invited to join a number of workshops set up by Family Voice Surrey:

- 10 March, 12.30–2pm – **Masking Workshop**
Hosted by Leanne Henderson (Family Voice) and Jane Gupta (All Age Autism Strategy, SCC).
To sign up, follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982506976735?aff=oddtcreator>
- 17 March, 7pm – **Dyslexia Workshop**
Hosted by Kate Goode (Family Voice) and the Helen Arkell Charity
Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982967952526?aff=oddtcreator>



Huge Thanks

We would like to thank the company Structural & Surface Repair Ltd for their very kind donation of £100 for football equipment for our girls football team. We have managed to buy 12 footballs, 20 bibs and 4 corner markers and cones. Many thanks to them for their generosity.



Understanding Parents' Experiences of Accessing and Using Funded Childcare Entitlements

Following the expansion to funded entitlements, Surrey County Council have created this short online survey to help us understand the experiences of families with children between 0-5 years in accessing childcare and applying for, and using, the funded childcare entitlements.

[Have Your Say Today - Childcare and funding - parent survey 2026 - Surrey Early Years And Childcare](#)

They are looking to better understand what factors are most important to parents when they are considering childcare places, as well as finding out how informed parents are about funded entitlements that are available. They are really interested in parent feedback and hope that they will be able to use this to continue to offer support to the early years sector around sufficiency and sustainability.

Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Catch Up Monday

How are you feeling today?

What was the most exciting part of your half term?

Now let's talk about you.

Thank you for asking.

What has been the best part of your day so far?

What are you looking forward to at school this half term?

What about you?

Did you have any pancakes?

Food for Talk!



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 Emilia in 2I who went up to the next level in her Kumon lessons and won an award. Emilia has a love of textiles, fashion and design so was very excited to have the opportunity to visit London Fashion Week last week. Congratulations Emilia on your award and what an amazing experience you must have had at the fashion show.



Congratulations to Lily in 1B and Ivy in 3B who received an award for Maths from Kumon. Well done girls on this fantastic achievement.



Congratulations to Oliver in RA who was awarded his Stage 1 swimming certificate and received his orange hat to start Stage 2 swimming. Well done Oliver on this terrific achievement.



Well done to Hugo in 3S who has achieved his Stage 5 badge and certificate in swimming and has now moved up to Stage 6. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.



Well done to Toby in 1A who has recently become a Beaver at 8th Ashford Scout Group. We look forward to seeing you in your smart uniform on St George's Day.



Class Learning Awards

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

	Class: 5M		Class: 2A
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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	Mikail	RG	ViraaJ	RO	Cameron
1A	Lyra	1B	Brandon	1CE	Arabella
2A	Maya Violet	2DB	Ibrahim	2I	Isaac
3B	Ava	3O	Emelia	3S	Rory
4B	Alfie	4GB	Amina	4R	Maxwell
5L	Poppy	5M	Avni	5P	Alharet
6H	Idris	6S	Arjun D	6W	Yuvraaj

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Ashton H, Oliver K, Mason J, Vienna S, Raisa D, Khwaish L, Dillon D, Luke N, Jenson G, Asher J, Faizaan K, Flynn B, Arabella D, Sidney T, Lyra S, Oscar B, Benjamin B, Meesha K, Tharunika B, Noah C, Bentley V, Jude T, Joshua K, Elijah B, Isabelle S, Jack E, Ava Y, Inaaya Y, Laksh K, Eryn M, Rosie-Mae D, Learno P, Finley J, Georgina P, Victoria N, Isla R, Teddy J, Jaxon B, Sahara S, Jason K, Brooke F, Aubrey B, Noah S, Grace N, Jake T, Sienna Ha, Myles S, Brooke F, Noah S, Rosie M, Elia D, Grace N, Georgina P, Franco B, Swara S, Ali S, Teeyan B, Ayaan H, Rico P, Maximus J, Kaira G, Jasmine P, Frazer D, Sahib T, Poppy R, Dev L, Alana C, Zack F, Robert A, Kaira S, Tamsin B, Daria B, Amaani A, Deshawn S, Nina P, Jonathan B, Hannah P, Robyn W, Alharet E, Musa M, Elias M, Paige T, Bianca S, Edyth M, April R, Samuel W, Indigo E, Rian D, Alina R, Jake Me, Karma T, Arjun S, Yuvraaj S, Latia B, Khadija R, Anaya A and Harper L.



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

Important Dates

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

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- A good standard of education and IT skills
- An understanding of the needs of children and families
- A good understanding of the importance of safeguarding and confidentiality
- Confidence working independently in a busy environment
- Excellent interpersonal skills for 1-1 and group work
- Use of own car to travel between venues (expenses will be paid)

The successful candidate will receive a full induction and ongoing training

If you are interested in applying for this role an application form, job description and person specification can be obtained by contacting Home-Start Spelthorne on telephone no. 01784 463200 or by email to info@home-startspelthorne.org or visit our website: www.home-startspelthorne.org

Closing date for applications: Thursday 12th March 2026 (midnight)

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