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Dear Parents,

We are writing to announce that Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy, Executive Principal and Founder of the Lumen Learning Trust, will be retiring, effective December 31st 2026, after 40 years of public service.

Mrs. McCarthy has served our Lumen school communities with distinction since she founded the Trust in 2013. We thank her for the dedication and leadership that has guided and strengthened our schools and her commitment to inclusive education and academic excellence.

While we will miss Mrs. McCarthy's exceptional leadership, we are thrilled for her as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

The Board of Directors has already begun the recruitment process for a new Executive Principal to ensure a seamless transition and continuity of leadership. News on the successful outcome of the process will be shared with families by your school leaders towards the end of the current academic year.

Jo Roberts, Chair of Directors

## Co-Headteachers' Message

It has been a truly magical Book Week, centered around our enchanting theme of "Dreaming in Stories." Our classrooms were buzzing with imagination as the children crafted their own bedtime tales, populating them with inventive characters that come to life after dark. This creativity reached a peak on Thursday, when the school was transformed by a sea of colorful book characters and cosy pyjamas. It was wonderful to see the children snuggled up in classrooms or seeking out unique reading nooks like the lighthouse and the stage to share stories. We are incredibly grateful to the volunteers who joined us to share their favourite books, and to Ms. Egleton and Mrs. Summersett for their hard work in making Book Week such a success.

We place such a high value on these events because research consistently shows that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. While our daily reading curriculum ensures pupils have the technical skills to decode and understand language, fostering a genuine love for books is what truly empowers them. Today's book swap was a perfect finale to this mission, allowing the children to refresh their home libraries and share the joy of a good story with family members at home.

Beyond our literary adventures, the week has been packed with physical and personal challenges. Our Year 5 pupils returned from their residential at High Ashurst, where they tackled climbing, orienteering, and ropes courses under the spring sunshine. They focused specifically on patience and resilience; qualities that serve them just as well in the classroom as they do on a climbing wall. We are delighted to share that the centre staff and instructors were full of praise for the children's exemplary behaviour; they were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We also extend a huge thank you to the staff who accompanied them on the trip.

Year 4 have been busy developing their confidence through Bikeability. They have worked hard on bike control and situational awareness, mastering the art of looking behind and navigating obstacles safely.

Today, our girls took part in England Football's "Made for This Game" initiative. This was a brilliant opportunity to promote both a love for the sport and equal access to physical activity within our community. Thanks go to Miss Holman, Miss Ambridge, and JDA Football for coordinating such an empowering event.

We concluded the week with a burst of energy during the "Silly Science" workshops, which served as a thrilling launch for our upcoming Science Week. These workshops, funded by the PTFA, sparked a great deal of curiosity and laughter, setting the perfect tone for the scientific explorations we have planned for next week. We look forward to sharing more of our discoveries with you in the next newsletter.

Mrs. Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Inclusion Insights

During your parent/carer consultations next Wednesday or Thursday, if your child has significant adjustments through Ordinarily Available Provision or additional support in place, their teacher will share with you their individual provision map. This is our version of what you might know as an ISP (individual support plan) or an IEP (individual education plan).

The individual provision map is an important aspect of our Graduated Approach cycle, where teachers **Assess, Plan, Do** and **Review** the support your child is receiving at school. This is the point where the provision is reviewed.

This term, we have made some improvements to our individual provision maps, following our Inclusion Review in the Autumn term:

- Where support is part of our Ordinarily Available Provision, this is now only listed within this section towards the top of the provision map. Ordinarily Available Provision is part of our everyday, high-quality teaching that is based on individual needs and enables children to learn in the way that suits them best.
- For most pupils, we have focused on no more than three targets. This will ensure that support is targeted to the most appropriate next step for your child in each short period of time.

Once you have discussed the provision in place for your child during your parent/carer consultation, if you would like to discuss their support further, you are welcome to speak with Mrs Willis, our Inclusion Lead, who will be in the main hall. This is a drop-in only, no appointment necessary.

### Upcoming support for parents and carers:

*Our next **SEND Parent/Carer forum** will be on **Wednesday 11th March at 9am**. There is no need to sign up. All parents and carers are welcome.*

In addition, there are two virtual workshops, run by Family Voice Surrey, that you are welcome to sign up for. Please note, these are run externally and not by Echelford staff.

- 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>



### Staffing News

After 12 years Madame Joshi, our French teacher, has taken the decision to leave Echelford at the end of this term. Madame Joshi has taught French to children in KS2 providing many with the foundation and their first experience of learning a modern foreign language. We are truly grateful for her commitment and hard work during her time with us and we know you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Miss Lyons on the birth of her baby boy, Archie, this week. Both are well and we look forward to meeting him soon.


### Booking wraparound sessions for after Easter


Parents/carers will be able to book wraparound sessions for after Easter on SCOPAY at 10am on Monday 9th March. 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.


### 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. 


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... 

### 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.



## 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: 4R</b>		<b>Class: 2DB</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	Ayeza	RC	Cody	RG	Nduba
1A	Ruben	1B	Arham	1CE	Rishaan
2A	Harper	2DB	Mariia	2I	Charlie
3B	Ranveer	3O	Arvin	3S	Elsie
4B	Elia	4GB	Ethan	4R	Jaap
5L	Nova	5M	William	5P	Holly
6H	Kaya	6S	Rian	6W	Consent to publish name not given

## Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Flynn B, Braydon H, Roza M, Aria G, Edith-Rose T, Arabella D, Holly C, Shrey M, Cameron R, Viyaan O, Miguel A, Poppy K, Oscar B, Cody H, Jenson J, Zeyad A, Evie S, Safa M, Blake B, Amber S, Logan F, Emilia R, Emelia J, Olly W, Sienna S, Aditya R, Arvin K, Teddy B, Elsie D, Elvy L, Tommy H, Alfie Z, Arthur B, Jaxon B, Victoria N, Erin M, Teddy J, Ethan H, Owais E, Lizwi Z, Kesar R, Saoirse M, Zainab F, Nathaniel L, Frankie C, Hassan A, Issri R, Vidhaan S, Ilyas M, Kaira G, Reggie C, Robyn C, Jaap K, Nysha S, Monika T, Rosie W, Liam N, Anaya A, Yuvraaj S, Latia B, Bradley W, Harper L and Vivaan K.

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



## Important Dates

<b>March</b>		
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	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April Easter Break</b>		
<b>April</b>		
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
<b>May</b>		
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
<b>Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term</b>		
<b>June</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
<b>July</b>		
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
<b>Friday 17th</b>		<b>End of term</b>
<b>Monday 20th</b>		<b>INSET Day 4</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>		<b>INSET Day 5</b>

**PLAYERS WANTED**  
**U12 - 26/27 Season**

With the 25/26 season coming to an end in the coming months, we are now turning our attention to strengthening our playing squad for the 26/27 season.

Please see below details relating to the team:

League: Surrey Youth League  
Training day: Thursday  
Training Time: 18:00 to 19:00  
Venue: Robert Parker Stadium, TW19 7BW  
Surface: FIFA graded 3G  
Game Day: Sunday - venues and times vary from week to week

Should your child be a current Year 6 and moving into Year 7 from September 2026 and, looking to join a new team, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Neil Mears - 07786 734637 or mearsy1983@hotmail.com  
Grant Langley - 07969 068731 or langley.grant@sky.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Charity Event

### MacMillan & Cancer Research Charity Event- 14th of March

At the Rising Sun  
108 Road, Stanwell  
Staines TW19 7 LB  
Event starts at 2pm

- \* Bouncy castle 2-3:30/4 (all children to be supervised)
- \* Raffle 4pm
- \* Alfie Shaving his head 4:30pm
- \* Live singer 5:30pm
- \* Dickos Diner

**Cash only for event please.**



Other Events to enjoy through the afternoon until they sell out:

- \* Tombola
- \* Children's Lucky Dip
- \* Cake/sweet sale
- \* Glitter Tattoos
- \* Guess the time of Alfie's marathon
- \* Guess the number of lids in a large jar

**Golf Starz**  
JUNIOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
Ages 5-11

30 March - 2 April

## KIDS EASTER CAMP

Fun, friendship and positive energy take centre stage!

- Engaging GOLF activities
- Safe and specialist equipment
- LOTS of GAMES
- TEAM challenges and relays
- CREATIVE and mind-sharpening FUN
- Relaxing side activities
- Healthy food and habits
- Rewards and certificates

**No Golf experience needed!**

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# Surrey Football Coaching Centres

**Courses For Children Of All Abilities**

Run by the No.1 F.A Coaching Company in the UK



Calling all aspiring soccer stars! Join us at our Soccer Star Camp and ignite your passion for the beautiful game. Train with the best, sharpen your skills and make unforgettable memories on the field. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shine like a true soccer star!

Children will take part in many different sessions from passing and control, dribbling, shooting and much more. All results will be processed and each child will receive a certificate at the end of the course.

**Trophies, Medals and prizes will also be awarded!**

We will finish each day with a small sided tournament.

*It's your time to shine!*

## Unbeatable Prices for an Unbeatable Service

### EASTER HOLIDAY 2026

**Date** **Venue**

- Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April • Cleves School
- Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April • Cleves School

9:30am to 3:30pm • Full Days or Half Days

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit our website

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Multi Sports Development Centres



Get in the game and unlock your potential! Join our Multisports camps and have a blast!

We are thrilled to be able to offer fun, exciting sports activities to all children ages from 4-13 years old.

## Unbeatable Prices for an Unbeatable Service

Some of the sporting activities we offer include:

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|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Dodgeball  | It's a knockout   | Athletics        | Pickleball |
| Cricket    | American football | Handball         | Basketball |
| Tennis     | Golf              | Team building    | Baseball   |
| Gladiators | Multi Game        | Capture the flag | Tchoukball |

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## Surrey Community Games 2026



A chance to learn a new activity for FREE!

Have a go at something fun, new and local to you.

We're offering some amazing activity options for complete beginners for this Spring. 6 weeks of FREE coaching in the build up to showcase events.

To be eligible, children must either live or go to school in Spelthorne.

Activities	School Years / Ages
Basketball	School years 7 - 9
Dance	School years 3 - 8
Football (Girls)	School years 4 - 6
Hockey	School years 5 - 6
Judo	Ages 8 - 12
Tennis	School years 3 - 4

For details and to sign up, visit [www.spelthorne.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames)

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