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Co-Headteachers' Message

We would like to begin by offering our heartfelt thanks for the many "good luck" messages and kind words shared at the gate this week. Your support meant a great deal as we welcomed the Ofsted inspection team on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are pleased with the outcome of the visit and there is much to celebrate. The inspectors were particularly struck by the strong sense of belonging our pupils demonstrate, as well as their polite and respectful nature. They also spoke highly of our bespoke, diverse curriculum and our commitment to oracy. We are immensely proud of our staff and children, who worked exceptionally hard to showcase the very best of our school community; we look forward to sharing the full report with you later this term once it is finalised.

Beyond the inspection, the week has been filled with wonderful achievements. On Wednesday, the children in RC led a fantastic assembly retelling the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. They acted, spoke, and sang with such enthusiasm, rightly wowing their family members in the audience. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children took part in an exciting Lego workshop, applying their knowledge of habitats to build a variety of impressive animals. It was a pleasure to see their creative ideas and excellent teamwork on full display.

Finally, please remember that the school will be closed this coming Monday for the bank holiday. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend, and we have our fingers crossed that this beautiful sunny weather continues.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Thursday 7th May- Elections

Next Thursday, the West Surrey County Elections will be taking place and our community room will be used as one of the polling stations. We are still open as normal, however entry onto the site will be via the staff car park gates and through to the playground. There is no change for entry to the office or the Year 1 classrooms.

Staff News

This week we said goodbye to Mr Smith, we thank him for his work this year and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Mr Glynne will be leaving us in a few weeks. He has made the decision to leave ahead of starting his SCITT training to become a teacher which begins in September. We are grateful for all his work as a T.A. in school and as Deputy Wrap Around Care Manager and wish him all the best as he embarks on his future teaching career.

Year 1 Construction Resources

Year 1 would greatly appreciate any donations of Lego, Duplo, or other construction and building materials to enhance our outdoor learning. Donations can be dropped off at the Year 1 classrooms. Thank you for your support.



Inclusion Insights

Each week this half term, we are looking at one of our Principles of Nurture to understand how it is lived at Echelford and how you can support at home.



Behaviour - All behaviour is communication

At **school**, we live this principle by being “professionally curious”. Instead of simply asking *what* a child is doing, we ask *why* they may be doing it.

- **Co-Regulation:** When a child is upset, we stay calm with them. We provide the "calm" to help them lower their "stress."
- **Curious Not Furious:** Staff use a "curious" approach. We might say, *"I wonder if you're feeling a bit frustrated because that task felt too big?"* This helps the child connect their feelings to their actions.
- **Restorative Conversations:** Once a child is calm, we talk about what happened. We focus on repair and learning for next time.

Think of behaviour like an iceberg. The part we see above the water is the shouting or the hitting. But beneath the water is the **feeling** (tiredness, hunger, anxiety, or sadness) that your child may be trying to communicate. If we support the feeling underneath, the behaviour may change on its own.

At **home**, you could try:

- Providing a quiet space and offering a snack. Big emotions often need a "cool down" before words.
- Giving the child space - "I'm just going to sit here with you for a bit. You don't have to talk, but I'm here."
- Scaffolding their big emotions - "This looks like a lot to do. Let's just do the first one together and see how it feels."

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined our SEND parent/carer forum this week. We heard from the Surrey SEND team who shared information about SEND support, when a child may need an EHCP and the process involved in applying for an EHCP.

If you would like information about this, their slides can be found in the [Echelford Inclusion padlet](#) within our website.



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Monday - Would you rather?

Would you rather be able to run really fast for a day or be able to fly for a day?

Food for Talk!

I would rather...

I agree/disagree and would like to add...

Building on X's idea...

Vacancies Within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager (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). 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-1547435>

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 Finley in 3S who took part in his first rugby tournament last weekend. The team worked really well together and Finley even managed to score a few tries! Congratulations Finley on this wonderful achievement, we hope you and the rest of the Staines RFC team enjoyed the day.





Congratulations to Aarya in 3B who achieved her green belt in Karate last weekend. Well done Aarya on this fantastic achievement and all the effort you have put into your lessons.

Congratulations to Harrison in 1A who received his Junior Parkrun bracelet for running his 21st Parkrun. Each Parkrun is a distance of 2km, so in total he has now run the equivalent of a marathon. Well done Harrison on this amazing achievement.



On Sunday 26th April, Harry's dad took part in the London Marathon in honour of Harry's grandad and in support of Princess Alice Hospice. Harry showed incredible determination and kindness by joining his dad to run the final leg of the race, in loving memory of his Grandad, Mark.

Not only did Harry take part in this meaningful moment, but he also played a part in raising an amazing £7,688.55 (and counting) for Princess Alice Hospice. Well done Harry and dad, your compassion, effort, and contribution to such a worthwhile cause is amazing and you both should be very proud of what you have achieved.

Well done to Louie in RG who has been working hard to improve his swimming skills. This week, his perseverance paid off as he moved up to orange hats! Congratulations Louie on this superb 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: 1CE
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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	Rahitya	RC	Holly C	RG	Ruby-Lee
1A	Zaheer	1B	Arthur	1CE	Miles
2A	Rohan	2DB	Aria	2I	Scarlett
3B	Eryn	3O	Jaskirat	3S	Ismail
4B	Sienna	4GB	Dylan	4R	Amelia
5L	Alana	5M	Safiyah	5P	Oliver G
6H	Mia	6S	Alina	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.

Aahana S, Aahana S, Ashton H, Dillon D, Khwaish L, Stanley W, Maya S, Remi W, Rafi B, Raisa D, Radhya N, Oliver K, Mason J, Arabella D, Aria G, Asher J, Barney C, Braydon H, Cameron R, Cody W, Edith-Rose T, Lizzie M, Emily K, Enzo V, Faizaan K, Flynn B, George-Bailey H, Haroun J, Holly C, Hugo W, Jenson G, Kiyan S, Leo W, Luke N, Roza M, Shrey M, Sylvia B, Thaarika J, Theo W, Viyaan O, Zora D, Baqir R, Daphne T, Alfie T, Isha Y, Ivy C, Cooper M, Florence-lola B, Arshaan H, Radvin H, Ollie R, Lyra S, Harrison D, Banreet J, Henry H, Everly H, Evie W, Poppy K, Daniel A, Arthur T, Viaan S, Oscar B, Camellia B, Benjamin B, Cody H, Zack J, Noah C, Sachi B, Zeyad A, Jenson J, Madeline B, Derrick B, Davina B, Jovan G, Bentley V, Joshua K, Logan F, Panav S, Ema F, Charlie P, Scarlett W, Emilia R, Thomas G, Lily W, Shakeel M, Piper-Valentine L, Isla H, Ivy K, Helina M, Elodie P, Penny M, Olly W, Rayan T, Amelia D, Amber M, Oliwier O, Aekambeer S, Arthur A, Alfie E, Jaskirat D, Grayson B, Chloe P, Aishleen K, Emilyanna B, Amber M, Elodie P, Sienna S, Elliott V, Effie A, Harry B, Gurmukh B, Sienna Hi, Max T, Arjun P, Rory L, Lennon F, Sahara S, Brooke F, Grace N, Noah S, Elia D, Rehanuddin M, Elvy L, Sahara S, Erin M, Isla R, Jaxon B, Brooke F, Jason K, Victoria N, Jake T, Dexter O, Jude H, Henry C, Swara S, Nathaniel L, Zainab F, Ethan H, Aizah M, Ellie D, Ava S, Amelia B, Issri R, Rico P, Jasmine P, Zach H, Jenson W, Robyn C, Ilyas M, Reggie C, Maximus J, Rubi W, Abbie L, Willow-Rae S, Henry P, Evie G, Darcy O, Nova H, Maddie B, Alana C, Daniel AM, Robert A, Tommy Y, Harley W, Rayan M, Tamsin B, Avni N, Amaani A, Keira K, Kaira S, Jennifer M, Jai E, Mason B, Iona S, Maiya W, Sofia W, Ava B, Daria B, Aidan B, Hannah P, Nina P,



Jonathan B, Maaria K, Ellis B, Jasmin C, Jasmine W, Elias M, Liliana R, Monika T, Paige T, Mya A, Rosie W, Liam N, James G, Soha M, Harper L, Kacper P, Karam G, Anaya A, Yuvraaj S, Lexi Y, Isabella H, Elsie-Jayne W and Vivaan K.

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

Important Dates

May		
Monday 4th		May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th		Year 6 Sweet Sale
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



May Half-term Holiday Activities

Lighthouse-Style Bird House
26 May 2026
Assemble and decorate a wooden bird house shaped like a lighthouse.
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £4.50
Booking is essential
Age: 6-12 (5 year olds with adult)

Weave a Bowl
28 May 2026
Learn to weave with recycled fabrics and create a woven bowl.
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £3.50
Booking is essential
Age: 7-12 (6 year olds with adult)

To book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>
Or phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE DROP IN SESSION

Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org



Dads & Tots

Wednesday 3rd June

Clarendon Family Centre, 1pm - 2.30pm
Knapp Road, Ashford, TW15 2HZ

Dads – bring your little ones along to drop in and join us for a FREE stay'n'play session! Open to all dads and their kids under 5 – It's a relaxed and friendly space for games, activities and bonding time. A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

This session is only open to residents of Spelthorne, however Dad Matters Surrey regularly runs other events for new dads, so please follow us for other opportunities.



homestartsurrey.org/dad-matters
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Dear Parent or Carer

The government's ambition is that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children (5 to 11 years old) who need it will have access to wraparound childcare in their local area. Wraparound childcare provides families with care for children before and after the school day during term time. In most cases this is paid for by parents/carers.

This childcare should be available from 8:00am to 6:00pm (or similar hours that meet the needs of the local families and community). There is also an increased focus on care available during the school holidays.

To help us better understand the needs of Surrey families when it comes to wraparound and holiday childcare provision for children who are at school, we would like to invite you to complete a survey.

Specific aspects that we would welcome your views on are:

- how you use childcare
- your experiences of provision for children with additional needs and disabilities
- how access to wraparound and holiday childcare provision impacts your family

You can access the survey using the QR code or the link below:



<https://eyandchildcare.commonplace.is/proposals/v3/wraparound-and-holiday-childcare-for-school-agechildren-parent-survey1>

Thank you for taking the time to share your views and experiences. Your answers will help give us a clearer picture of childcare needs in Surrey so we can plan future support for wraparound and holiday providers.

Yours sincerely,

Early Years and Wraparound Expansion Team