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Co-Headteachers' Message

We are delighted to share that our formal application to become a Centre of Excellence for Oracy has been officially submitted. As part of this process, we delivered a presentation to representatives from Voice 21, showcasing the profound impact that oracy has had across our school. Our presentation focused on 'the confidence and ability our pupils now have to articulate themselves in a range of circumstances.' Through this we talked about all areas of school life, including: pupils' confidence and articulation in the classroom and the support an oracy approach provides for all pupils including those with SEND, how Oracy supports our children to become secondary school ready, the impact oracy has had on pupils confidence and success at playtimes as well as supporting pupils in their leadership roles such as playground pals and school councillors. Finally we included examples of our future plans for continuing to strengthen Oracy at Echelford. We had so much to share that the panel had very few questions to ask us! We owe a big thank you to Mrs. Smith, whose dedicated leadership has been instrumental in developing our Oracy provision. We expect to hear the results of our application toward the end of June and will keep you updated.

Democracy was truly in action on Thursday as our community room transformed into a polling station for the local elections. It was wonderful to overhear so many inquisitive conversations between children, staff, and parents about the importance of using your vote to have a voice. We would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation regarding the temporary changes to our school entrance and exit during the day; your support ensured the process ran smoothly for the whole community.

Next week, our Year 6 children will sit their Key Stage 2 National Assessments (SATs). Every single pupil in the year group has worked incredibly hard, and as a school, we are exceptionally proud of the individual progress they have made. They are truly "ready and raring to go." To ensure they start each day feeling calm and energised, the staff will be hosting a daily breakfast for the children, featuring juice and plenty of toast. We would like to thank our Year 6 staff for their tireless work in preparing the children so well in the build up to this week.

To celebrate the completion of their tests, Year 6 will host their much-anticipated Enterprise Day next Friday 15th May. This event is now a highlight of the school calendar, as pupils from across the school visit the stalls designed and managed entirely by our Year 6 entrepreneurs. We invite all children to bring in some loose change to enjoy the activities on offer. Every penny raised will go directly toward the Year 6 end-of-year celebrations, including their well-deserved trip to Chessington World of Adventures.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



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.



Language - Language is a vital means of communication

At school, this principle links closely to the way we use Oracy, meaning everyone has a voice. We live this principle by giving children the words to use to convey their feelings and thoughts and to express their views when resolving disagreements.

- **Naming the Feeling:** When we see a child struggling with their emotions, we might say, *"I can see your shoulders are hunched; I wonder if you are feeling tense?"*
- **Zones of Regulation:** Using the language of the coloured zones helps even our youngest children verbalise how they are feeling and what might help them to be ready to learn.
- **Oracy sentence stems:** Where a child may have a disagreement with a peer, they are supported by adults to use sentence stems to share what has happened and how they feel about it.

At home, you could try:

- **Scaffolding their feelings** - When a child feels overwhelmed by something, you can use language to "scaffold" their confidence - *"This looks like a lot to do. Let's just do the first one together and see how it feels."*
- **Using language to support a growth mindset** - Specific praise helps build a more detailed sense of self. - *"I noticed how carefully you used the blue paint there."*
- **Wondering aloud** - *"I wonder if your body is feeling very tired after that long day? I can see you're finding it hard to sit still."* Saying this names the feeling and tells your child it is ok to feel like this. Don't worry about wondering incorrectly; if you've got it wrong, your child may correct you, and that's ok, it starts a conversation.

Partnership for Inclusivity of Neurodiversity in Schools Project - please complete survey

Now that the PINS project has finished, please could you complete this survey from Family Voice Surrey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QHYHFLF> to help them understand the impact PINS is having within our school, as well as the difference their sessions are making for you and other families.



Staff News

Today we welcomed Miss Anstey to the teaching team. She will be teaching in Year 3 for the remainder of this academic year.

Year 6 SATS - Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May

SATs Week Timetable
Below is a reminder of the assessment time table for the week:

Day/Date	Assessment	Timings
Monday 11 th May	English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)	45 minutes
	English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)	20 minutes (approx.)
Tuesday 12 th May	English: Reading	60 minutes
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths: Arithmetic (Paper 1)	30 minutes
	Maths: Reasoning (Paper 2)	40 minutes
Thursday 14 th May	Maths: Reasoning (Paper 3)	40 minutes

To confirm, SATS breakfasts will be available on the following mornings from **8:10am**:

- Friday 8th May 2026
- Monday 11th May 2025
- Tuesday 12th May 2025
- Wednesday 13th May 2025
- Thursday 14th May 2025

Year 6 Enterprise Day - Friday 15th May 2026

Mark your calendars for the Year 6 Enterprise event on Friday 15th May 2026. The Year 6 pupils are inviting our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children to attend a fun-filled event with their classes during the school day. The children will be able to see and participate in the amazing stalls our Year 6's have created, where they will have the chance to play games, win prizes and enjoy an afternoon with their peers. For this event, children are allowed to bring in a small donation of change (no more than £3) to spend at the event on the stalls of their choice.

Sports Day - Wednesday 3rd June

Our Annual sports day is fast approaching and the children are working hard in their PE lessons to prepare for this event. All parents and carers are invited to spectate and we wanted to share a few key pieces of information to help you prepare for how this day will run this year.

Wednesday 3rd June
KS1 - 9:30am-11:00am
KS2 - 1:30pm-3pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual sports day. A few points to make the sessions run smoothly:

- All parents to enter and exit via the KS1 gate and across the KS1 playground onto the field.
- Entry to KS1 sports day will be from 9:25am-9:40am and for the KS2 sports day, entry will be from 1:25pm-1:40pm. After this time, the gates will be locked due to safety and safeguarding.
- After each session has ended, you will be required to leave the premises promptly via the KS1 gates and the children will be taken back to class by their class teacher.
- On sports day, for both KS1 and KS2 children, dismissal will be as normal and your entry back onto the school site will remain the same.
- There will be refreshments available to purchase from the PTFA for spectators only.



- Due to our safeguarding responsibilities, there will not be any toilet facilities available during the sessions and spectators are not permitted to enter the school building.
- Programmes will be available on your arrival which will indicate your child's first station; they will then move around with their class clockwise.
- At the end of the KS2 sports day, there will be the final sprint races, so please gather at the front of the track for these and the final presentation.
- All children will be required to come into school in their PE kits on Wednesday 3rd June and can remain in these for the entire school day. We invite all children to wear a t-shirt of their house colour. Please see below the coloured t-shirt required for each house:

Air - White

Fire - Red

Water - Blue

We look forward to welcoming as many of our parent/carer community to this event

Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Wellbeing Wednesday

How are you feeling today?

What do you have for lunch?

Now let's talk about you.

Thank you for asking.

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

What will you play on the playground?

What about you?

Food for Talk!

What have you learnt this morning?

The Echelford Primary School Oracy logo



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.

Last December Theo in 3B was offered a place at Chelsea Football Club. On Sunday 3rd May he officially signed his contract with the club, meaning he is now a Chelsea football player. He will now begin his journey to hopefully fulfil his dream of becoming a professional football player. Theo is 1 of only 19 extremely talented boys that Chelsea have picked and 1 of only 2 goal keepers for the U9s team. He has already been on tour with the team to Belgium where Chelsea won the tournament. Congratulations Theo on this amazing achievement.



Huge congratulations to Jude, Harry, Charlie, Arjan and Jack in Year 2 who took part in the ESF Butlins football tournament last week for Laleham FC and won the Fair play award! They showed great sportsmanship and respect to all involved. The award was presented to them by football legends Emmanuel Petite and Fran Kirby. We are so proud of them all.



Class Learning Awards

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

	Class: 5P		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	Raisa	RC	Edith-Rose	RG	Rebecca
1A	May-Rose	1B	Camellia	1CE	Sulayman
2A	Reuben	2DB	Savanna	2I	Shiloh
3B	Lily	3A	Leo	3S	Ivy
4B	Sahara	4GB	Ayaan	4R	Frazer
5L	Rianna	5M	Rayan	5P	Ethan
6H	Toby	6S	Karma	6W	Mason

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Louie B, Kai J, Alfie T, Banreet J, Isha Y, Miguel A, Lyra S, Cooper M, Sidney T, Poppy K, Ezra W, Daniel A, Vihaan S, Tharunika B, Benjamin B, Oscar B, Arham K, Arabella M, Ryan S, Zack J, Cody H, Bentley V, Harper B, Madeline B, Maya Violet B, Amaya C, Jude T, Maddie M, Jovan G, Asil E, Gurmehar K, Saira A, Ema F, Arjan S, Shiloh M, Nova D, Isaac S, Jimmy C, Aahana S, Jian S, Yahya M, Elijah J, Bodhi M, Learno P, Isla H, Inaaya Y, Helina M, Ibrahim Y, Leo J, Vinisha B, Hugo G, Georgina P, Grace N, Rehanuddin M, Rosie M, Noah S, Sahara S, Georgina P, Ayaan H, Aariz M, Ellie P, Swara S, Levi-Rose M, Ellie D, Nathaniel L, Ellis L, Teeyan B, Frankie C, Ethan H, Dylan C, Ava S, Vidhaan S, Amelia B, Nainika B, Kaira G, Rianna D, Evie G, Connor R, Henry P, Arzaan L, Alana C, Darcy O, Maddie B, Verity V, Nova H, James W, Mason B, Jennifer M, Robyn W, Jonathan B, Oliver Ke, Ethan B, Musa M, Paige T, Nysha S, Anaya A, Soha M, Artin M, Bradley W, Mason O, Harper L, Evie M, Yuvraaj S and Vincent B.

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



Important Dates

May		
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th		KS2 SATs week
Friday 15th		Year 6 Enterprise Day
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Monday 18th		Year 6 Viking Day
Wednesday 20 th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20 th		Swimming Gala
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term		
June		
Monday 1 st		Children return to school
Monday 1 st (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 2nd		Year 6 – Chessington World of Adventures
Wednesday 3 rd		Sports Day
Friday 5th		Year 1 Trip to Littlehampton
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 26th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	3A Class Assembly
Thursday 2nd		District Sports
Wednesday 8th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8th	5.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 10th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 15th		Year 6 Celebration Day & Colour Run
Friday 17th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Monday 20th		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21st		INSET Day 5



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ST JAMES

Senior School
 Ashford, Surrey

Year 5 Taster Day!

Wednesday 24 June 2026

8.40am - 3.30pm

We would be delighted to welcome girls and boys from Echelford Primary to enjoy a day in the life of a St James pupil, where they will take part in engaging lessons, fun activities and meet our dedicated teachers, while enjoying our vibrant school community.

Please book your child's place using the QR code below or this link:



For more information, please contact admissions@stjamesashford.co.uk, our Registrar, **Ms Rebecca Tocknell** will be happy to provide further details.



Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner, has asked us to share a new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture), which she would like children to complete.

Under the Children Act 2004, it is her role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and she has done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Your children should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

She would like to make sure that she hears from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country.

She is asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, she wants to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

She will be publishing her findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell her are most important to them.



May 2026

Reaching Our Goal, Changing Lives

Home-Start Surrey has now recruited the Dad Matters team, which enables the project to work across Surrey.

Lee Teideman - Project Manager

Paul Norris - Dad Matters Coordinator

Toby Edwards - Dad Matters Coordinator

Bryony Thorpe - Project Support Officer



Every Dad Matters

Fathers play a critical role in early child development, maternal wellbeing, and long-term family stability. However, many expectant and new fathers report feeling excluded from perinatal services, unsure of their role, and unsupported in managing the emotional, relational and practical challenges of early parenthood.

Dad Matters supports expectant and new fathers from pregnancy through the first two years of a child's life.

Our vision is to positively impact the lives of every family welcoming a new baby in Surrey, by ensuring dads are supported, informed and valued.

Dad Matters aims to:

- Increase engagement of fathers during pregnancy
- Support fathers during the Perinatal Period
- Strengthen father-infant bonding and attachment
- To help dads have successful, positive relationships with their families
- Support dads with their own wellbeing
- Embed father-inclusive practice across services



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NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

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CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY



MAKING READING A HABIT AT HOME
THURSDAY 21ST MAY

This family-focused session explores how simple, light-touch uses of technology can make daily reading feel easier, more enjoyable and more achievable for children of all ages. With busy routines and growing pressures on family time, many parents find it challenging to build a consistent reading habit. This session demonstrates how small digital tools can support tricky moments, spark motivation and help children connect reading with the things they already love.

THIS SESSION WILL EXPLORE

- ▶ Why small, positive reading moments make a big difference
- ▶ Simple digital supports that help with tricky words and confidence
- ▶ How audio, captions and short digital texts can help on busy days
- ▶ Ways to use your child's interests to boost motivation
- ▶ How to find personalised book suggestions based on what your child enjoys
- ▶ Fun, low-pressure family reading challenges

FAMILIES WILL GAIN

- ▶ Practical activities that can be used the same day
- ▶ Confidence to support reading without pressure or battles
- ▶ Simple, accessible ways to turn 10 minutes into a habit
- ▶ Ideas for motivating reluctant readers

PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN ALL WELCOME!



SPECIAL GUEST BEVERLY CLARKE MBE

Beverly Clarke MBE joins this session to share her expertise in digital inclusion, reading for pleasure and supporting families in using children's interests - including their love of technology - to boost motivation.



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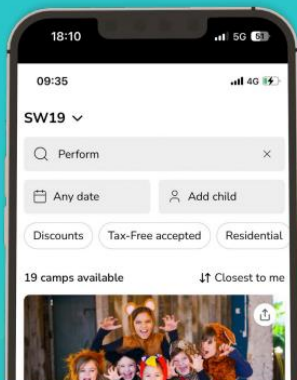
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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE FOR MAY HALF TERM AND THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.



25.5

UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING WORKSHOP

FAMILY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

10AM OR 12PM THIS IS A MINDFUL, FUN ACTIVITY FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN.



26.5

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS - SHOE UPCYCLING

10AM HALF AND FULL DAY AVAILABLE



27.5

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS - TIN CAN PLANT POT

UPCYCLING 10AM HALF AND FULL DAY AVAILABLE



28.5

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PICTURE FRAME, MIRROR OR SMALL ITEM. 10AM FULL AND HALF DAY AVAILABLE



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