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Our Year 6 cohort has had a monumental week, and we are immensely proud of the positive attitude they brought to their SATs. Each morning began with a shared breakfast, and it was heartening to see the children supporting and encouraging one another through every challenge. To round off the week, the children transitioned from exams to entrepreneurship, organising a fantastic enterprise event to raise funds for their end-of-year celebrations. Working in small teams, they planned, designed, and managed a variety of stalls enjoyed by the whole school this afternoon. Despite some last-minute adaptations to account for the changeable weather, the event was a resounding success and a perfect celebration of their hard work and teamwork.

Last week, we shared a flyer regarding a free workshop on "Making Reading a Habit at Home." This session is being hosted by our IT provider, Eduthing, as part of their support for the National Literacy Trust's National Year of Reading. The workshop takes place on Thursday 21st May, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, and today we have shared the sign-up details again further into the newsletter.

The National Literacy Trust's 2026 "Go All In" campaign highlights a worrying national decline in reading for pleasure, which has dropped to its lowest level since 2005. Currently, only one in three 8-to-18-year-olds enjoy reading in their spare time, with boys particularly affected; in 2025, just 25% of boys reported enjoying reading compared to 39% of girls. At Echelford, reading remains a priority in our provision. We know that reading unlocks the wider world for children, and we believe that once a child learns to read, they can then "read to learn."

In addition to our consistent approach to phonics and our daily "Reading Roundabout" sessions in class, we continue to promote a love of books through our high-quality text-based curriculum, our wonderful library, and class storytimes. Looking ahead to the next half term, all children will have the opportunity to work with a visiting author, and our Reading Ambassadors will be supporting Mrs Summersett to run some exciting reading challenges with plenty of prizes. We look forward to sharing more about these events and celebrating more about our reading opportunities with you soon.

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.



Wellbeing - The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing.

At school, the children's wellbeing is our priority. If we look after their wellbeing, children are more resilient, more creative, and more willing to "have a go" even when things are difficult.

- **The Boxall Profile:** We use this tool to look at a child's social and emotional development. It helps us see where a child might need extra support in this area.
- **Celebrating the Whole Child:** Even in SATS week, we make sure success isn't just about academic progress and test scores. Through our GREEN values, we celebrate kindness, perseverance, doing our best and looking after each other, showing children that they have value simply for who they are.
- **Checking In:** Some children have an "Emotion Check-in" at the start of the day. This gives children the chance to talk through their worries so they are ready for the day.

At home, you could try:

- **Quality Moments:** Just five minutes of "special time" where you put your phone away and follow their lead in a game or conversation can fill their "wellbeing cup" for the whole evening.
- **The Power of "I Noticed":** Instead of just saying "Well done," try: *"I noticed how you helped your sister without being asked. That was very kind."* This builds a specific, positive internal voice for the child.
- **Encouraging Autonomy:** Give them small, age-appropriate choices (e.g., *"Do you want to wear the blue socks or the red ones?"*). Feeling in control of small things builds a sense of "I can do this."

Our next **SEND parent/carer forum** will be on **Wednesday 10th June from 9-10am**

For this session, Sarah from **MHST** will join us and talk about how we can help children who are struggling with **anxiety**, whether this is related to school or not. We will also talk about what the **transition process** will look like as we enter the final few weeks of the academic year.

Everyone is welcome - just come along to the school office.



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.

Monday - Would you rather?

Would you rather be really big or really small for a day?

I would rather...

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

Building on X's idea...



Vacancies Within the Trust

No vacancies currently.

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 Indigo in 6S who completed the Guildford Inflatable 2.5K course in Stoke Park with her mum on Saturday 9th May. They have so far raised £195 plus £42.50 in gift aid for The Echelford PTFA! Thank you to Imogen and her mum for raising an amazing amount of money for The Echelford PTFA, we hope you had lots of fun in the process.

[Faith's fundraiser for Echelford PTFA
justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)



Congratulations to Naylin in 4B, as he continues on his squash journey. Last weekend he took part in a Bronze Squash Tournament at the Prestigious Queens Club. He enjoyed the experience of playing at Queens against his squash friends. Naylin finished second in the tournament. Well done Naylin 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: 2DB



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	Joseph	RC	Jenson	RG	Penny
1A	Ollie R	1B	Idrees	1CE	Noah
2A	David	2DB	Aryaa	2I	Aahana
3A	Amelia D	3B	Consent to publish name not given	3S	Theo
4B	Jason	4GB	Teeyan	4R	Veer
5L	Poppy	5M	Eeva	5P	Mustafa
6H	All of 6H	6S	All of 6S	6W	All of 6W

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Khwaish L, Raisa D, Ashton H, Joyce D, Maya S, Radhya N, Rahitya K, Oliver K, Remi W, Vienna S, Mason J, Bleu T, Shivaay P, Hollie O, Bey-Aaliyah B, Dillon D, Aria G, Flynn B, Braydon H, Leo W, Theo W, Emily K, Sylvia B, Asher J, Zora D, Daphne T, Emily A, Kai J, Baqir R, Emily A, Zalan S, Penny R, Baqir R, Kai J, Louie B, Daphne T, Alfie T, Poppy B, Ollie J, Everly H, Henry H, Ezra W, Isha Y, Miguel A, Cooper M, Presleigh I, Arshaan H, Camellia B, Idrees M, Alex T, Noah C, Sachi B, Carla V, Miles B, Romeo L, Cody H, Rosalee E, Carla V, Romeo L, Harper B, Rohan M, Madeline B, Octavia B, Saira A, Ema F, Scarlett W, Olly W, Effie A, Sienna S, Penny M, Helina M, Chloe p, Teddy B, Avaani P, Emelia J, Yahya M, Theodore C, Piper-Valentine L, Elijah J, Ivy K, Shakeel M, Piper-Valentine L, Bodhi M, Thomas G, Isla H, Theo H, Elsie D, Georgina P, Sahara S, Brooke F, Elia D, Jude H, Jaxon B, Jason K, Alfie A, Aariz M, Levi-Rose M, Ellie P, Hassan A, Owen J, Theo B, Issri R, Frazer D, Maximus J, Josh K, Ava S, Grace E, Thomas M, Connor R, Willow-Rae S, Henry P, Alana C, Darcy O, Abbie L, James W, Jai E, Daniel AM, Tommy Y, Robert A, Arjan P, Zachary A, Zack F, Amaani A, Rayan M, Ava B, Tamsin B, Naksh M, Mason B, Iona S, Keira K, Eeva M, Avni N, Jennifer M, Martha S, Kaira S, Safiyyah M, Iommi J, Jesse S, Hallie T, Skylar W, David P, Oliver G, Musa M, Toby D, Raihaan P, Edyth M, Dylan F, and Freddie W.

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

Important Dates

May		
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 20th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	30 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 12th	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		
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

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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National Year of Reading 2026

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS

MAY HALF TERM TIMETABLE

VINTAGE CHIC RELOVED, FERRY LANE, SHEPPERTON, TW17
VINTAGE CHIC RELOVED IS AN UPCYCLING STUDIO
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

ECOKIDS CRAFT CAMPS- UPCYCLE A PICTURE FRAME, MIRROR OR SMALL ITEM.

10AM FULL AND HALF DAY AVAILABLE



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Community Sports Trust

MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

Hazelwood Centre
26th May | 10.00 - 15.00 | 7 - 14 yrs

[Book Now](#)

May Half Term Football Camp

Date – Tuesday 26th May

Times – 10:00am – 15:00pm

Ages – Children aged 7-14

Location: **Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 6QU**

Price - £30 per day

Booking page - <https://pbbl.uk/3ReH9Ez>



Family Learning Courses for Parents

Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run course that are available for families to enrol on with a few [simple clicks on the website](#).

FREE Online Workshops for Parents and Carers in Surrey

Supporting Families and Education Across Surrey

As part of our Surrey Family Learning Programme, we are pleased to introduce a new area designed to support parents and carers within families of all ages.

Parents and carers can enrol free of charge onto our online courses and workshops.

At Surrey Family Learning, we offer a wide range of programmes to help families navigate education, learning, wellbeing, and life's key challenges.

Our workshops and courses are designed to support parents and carers, and our new summer programme is now available.

Surrey Family Learning: Support for Families with Teenagers

Post-Year 11 Pathways

Explore college, apprenticeships, and future options.

Building Your Teen's Resilience

A practical workshop for parents.

Help Your Teen Manage Anxiety

Parent workshop supporting young people's wellbeing.

New workshops:

Confident Transitions for Your Neurodiverse Child (Online)

Guidance for parents navigating key transitions.

Supporting Your Child in the Online World

Practical advice for keeping your child safe online.



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a holiday club in Jonah

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB
Mon 27th - Thurs 30th July 2026
10:00am-12:30pm
£25 for the four days
Games, craft and Bible stories
for Reception to Year 6
Sign up online
<https://ashfordbaptistchurch.churchsuite.com/events/fohkpcv>
Places are limited so don't delay
at Ashford Baptist Church,
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