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Co-Headteachers' Message

It has been an incredibly busy and active week across the school as we approach the half-term break. Our House Captains have been leading the charge for Walk to School Week, encouraging everyone to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, or 'park and stride' to school. This initiative has been combined with a house competition, and the children have been excited each morning to drop their tokens into their house collection boxes. As a school, we champion active travel because of the brilliant boost it gives to our children's physical and mental well-being. With the weather finally improving, we hope you will continue to choose these sustainable travel options throughout the summer term. Even if you need to travel by car, choosing to park just a short distance away and walking the final stretch makes a massive difference by reducing congestion and air pollution at our school gates, ensuring a much safer environment for all our families.

Safety has been a major theme this week, starting with our first group of Year 6 pupils who successfully completed their Bikeability training. Under the expert supervision of their Surrey instructors, they took to quiet, local residential roads to master essential life skills like starting and stopping safely, passing parked vehicles, and navigating junctions and crossroads. The children conducted themselves brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of their responsible attitude. Meanwhile, our Year 2 and Year 5 classes took part in some vital workshops led by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. The children learned about the common causes of fire, essential home safety rules, and exactly what to do in an emergency, equipping them with knowledge that keeps our whole community safer.

Looking ahead, our pupils have been working incredibly hard on their athletics skills during PE lessons this half term, and they are raring to showcase their sporting talents at our upcoming Sports Day on the first Wednesday after the half term break. We have included the event logistics again below to refresh your memory; please do take a moment to familiarise yourself with these details so we can ensure the day runs as smoothly as possible for our young athletes. Furthermore, we are delighted to be hosting our annual Celebration of Us week next half term. To help shape this wonderful event, our final Parent and Carer Diversity Forum will take place at 9:00 am on Friday 5th June. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible to join this discussion, so please do ensure this date is marked in your diaries.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast. Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating during the half term break. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school, refreshed and ready to learn, on Monday 1st June.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

This week is the final week of looking at one of our Principles of Nurture to understand how it is lived at Echelford and how you can support at home.



Transitions - The importance of transitions in children's lives

At school, we recognise that changes can trigger anxiety, and we work hard to make these shifts, whether it's a big transition (like moving to a new class or school) or a small micro-transition (like putting a favorite toy away), feel manageable and safe.

- **Transition into school:** Children who find the transition from their parents and carers into school difficult are able to come to our 'Colouring Club', which is a calm space led by one of our ELSAs. We also hold two sensory circuit sessions at 8.30am and 9am for those pupils who benefit from physical, grounding movement.
- **Transition between lessons:** Every classroom has a visual timetable with a Now and Next board. If something changes last minute, the teacher will use a Whoops card to remove the anxiety of the unknown. Between most lessons, children will have a regulation break, which may be energising or calming, depending on the children's needs, to reset their minds for their next activity.
- **Transition to a new year group:** For children who need extra support over this key transition point, this will include additional sessions with their new teacher, a booklet with visual reminders they can refer to over the summer or a social story to help children understand the change.

At home, you could try:

- **The Morning Drop-Off :** Create a Goodbye Ritual - a special handshake, a pocket heart, or a consistent phrase ("*I always come back*") provides a predictable end-point to the goodbye.
- **Stopping Screen Time:** Give a 5-minute and a 1-minute warning. Acknowledge how hard it is: "*I know it's tough to turn this off, you were having so much fun.*"
- **Heading to Bed :** Have a simple, picture-based checklist for teeth, PJs, and a story. Let your child tick them off so they feel in control of the change.

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

In this session, we will share what **additional transition support** is available for pupils with SEND, as well as hearing from Sarah from the Mental Health Support Team, who will talk about how we can help children who are struggling with **anxiety**, whether this is related to school or not. Everyone is welcome - just come along to the school office.



Staff News

Mrs Aylett will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to begin a new role in a SEND school. We are grateful for everything she has done during her time at Echelford and wish her the best of luck as she expands her teaching experience within the specialist SEND setting. We know the children and staff she will be working with will benefit from her many creative ideas.

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.

Parking Reminders

We would like to remind you to park and drive considerately in the roads near the school to ensure the safety of our children and the wider community. This includes making sure you are not obstructing neighbours' driveways or stopping on the zig zag lines. Can we remind you to treat our neighbours with respect at all times, especially in the presence of children. Please do not turn in the road directly outside the school as this causes extra congestion and makes it unsafe for pedestrians to cross. It has also been brought to our attention that cars are pulling up onto the pathway without consideration for pedestrians, we must all be vigilant and careful in order to keep our children safe. Many thanks for your support with this matter.



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Tuesday - Would you rather?

Food for Talk!

Would you rather time travel into the future or back to the past?



I would rather...



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



Building on X's idea...



Vacancies Within the Trust

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1554520>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager who is highly motivated, proactive and passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wraparound-care-manager-1554544>

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented part time Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover maternity leave with a proven record of providing high quality support to children of all abilities, including those with additional educational needs. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way. Full or part time considered for the role. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1554693>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint two highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of part-time Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-part-time-1554713>



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For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1555952>

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 Jenson in RC who competed in his very first tennis tournament last weekend. The competition was for children in Years 2 & 3 and Jenson, even though he was much younger than some of his peers, managed to make it all the way to the semi-finals. Congratulations Jenson on this amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Hugo in 3S who had a fantastic weekend competing in a cricket tournament with the Kempton Tigers. The team won by 87 runs, and Hugo scored lots of 4's and 6's while batting. Well done Hugo on this terrific achievement.



Well done to Oliver in RA who took part in grading for his yellow and white belt last week at Shentie Karate. He was delighted he passed and received his belt. Congratulations Oliver on this splendid achievement.

Congratulations to Saoirse in 4GB who gained an Honours for her Disco Freestyle dance exam. Well done Saoirse on this fabulous achievement.





Well done to Grace in 4R who also gained an Honours in her latest dance exam. Congratulations Grace on this wonderful 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: 2A

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	Manha	RC	Ivy Rose	RG	Baqir
1A	Kai	1B	Hamdan	1CE	Consent to publish name not given
2A	Tommy	2DB	Samko	2I	Saira
3A	Avaani	3B	Alex	3S	Gurmukh
4B	Arthur	4GB	Kesar	4R	Ilyas
5L	Ella	5M	Iona	5P	Iommi
6H	Millie	6S	Isaac	6W	Grace



Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Rafi B, Radhya N, Manha N, Stanley W, Ajooni J, Maya S, Remi W, Thea B, Dillon D, Khwaish L, Raisa D, Joseph D, Thaarika J, Aria G, Cameron R, Flynn B, Faizaan K, Isja F, Jaya K, Tilly L, Merryn T, Louie B, Cassie R, Lyra S, Diyana P, Banreet J, Kai Y, Zaheer M, Sidney T, Ezra W, Orish R, Arham K, Phoebe P, Alex T, Oscar B, Benjamin B, Jacob S, Jaanvi W, Arabella M, Erin P, Carla V, Mia M, Pollyanna D, Rishaan C, Noah C, Cody H, Isaac P, Jovan G, Harper B, Ayda W, Charlie P, Gurmehar K, Alfie M, Jack E, Scarlett W, Emilia R, Teddy B, Amelia D, Elodie P, Sienna S, Chloe P, Bodhi M, Alexander B, Oliver H, Inaaya Y, Shakeel M, Elsie Da, Millie J, Sienna Hi, Noor V, Dotty H, Theo H, Jess B, Lucy B, Jessica P, Jeet O, Logan M, Noah S, Jake T, Jaxon B, Aubrey B, Sahara S, Elia D, Sahara S, Elvy L, Erin M, Sienna Ha, Victoria N, Jayjay N, Zainab F, Teeyan B, Ellis L, Nathaniel L, Saoirse M, Aizah M, Swara S, Aizah M, Owen J, Jaap K, Amber J, Darcy O, Connor R, Thomas M, Alana C, Verity V, Willow-Rae S, Nova H, Abbie L, Dev L, Jamie P, Evie G, James W, Mason B, Arjan P, Jai E, Robert A, Amaani A, Kaira S, Tommy Y, Avni N, Martha S, Ava B, Iona S, Daria B, Hannah P, Robyn W, Luna D, James Bl, Elias M, Navrina K, Yihui T, Bianca S, Nysha S, Harley C, Millie C, Kaya G, Dexter D, Joseph H, Musa M, Mason C, Mason Ja, Alex S, Mia W, Mya A, Paige T, Liliana R, Aaria D, Monika T, Toby D and Elsie-Jayne W.

Important Dates

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



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

Spelthorne Borough Council

Survey Multi-Use Games Area, Memorial Gardens, Staines

11 May - 21 June 2026

Spelthorne Borough Council is exploring the potential redevelopment of part of Memorial Gardens in Staines-upon-Thames, with plans to install a multi-use games area on the green next to the Riverside Car Park.

Your feedback is important to help us design an area that meets the needs of the community and enhances the park for everyone. Please take a few minutes to share your views.

The survey is open from 11 May - 21 June 2026.

To take part, visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/1/gamesarea or use the QR Code.

For a printed survey, email **communications.marketing@spelthorne.gov.uk** or call **01784 444260**.

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<https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/news/2026/share-your-views-proposed-new-multi-use-games-area-memorial-gardens>



junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

junior parkrun event: _____

Location: _____

Time: _____



junior parkrun

ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) HOCKEY CLUB



HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMP

- ✂ 27th, 28th & 29th of May 2026
- ✂ Girls & Boys Ages 6 - 14
- ✂ All abilities welcome!
- ✂ 10:00 - 15:00 (Lunch 12:30 - 13:30)
Drop-Off from 09:30
- ✂ £20.00 per day (3 days for £50.00)
Discount for siblings
- ✂ Ashford Sports Club - Short Lane
Stanwell - Middlesex - TW19 7BQ

Bring water, a packed lunch, a gum shield and shin pads. Hockey Sticks can be provided.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER:

- 📞 07557 445 692
- ✉ colts@ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk
- 🌐 www.ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk






POWER UP

POWER UP CLUB HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY MAY 26TH
9:30AM-2:30PM

FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-11 YEARS OLD

ADMISSION £30

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Fun games & team challenges
- ✓ Structured movement sessions
- ✓ Safe & supportive environment
- ✓ Confidence & mindset activities
- ✓ Opportunities to build friendships

LOCATION
THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW ASHFORD, CHURCH RD, ASHFORD TW15 2NY

HOW TO REGISTER INTEREST
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK!



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