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## Co-Headteachers' Message

The weather this week hasn't quite matched the heat and sunshine that everyone enjoyed during the half-term break, and we were naturally disappointed to postpone our Sports Day on Wednesday. However, as shared with you all, we have set a new date for **next Friday, 12th June**. This ensures our children will still have the wonderful opportunity to compete in their sporting events and earn those all-important points for their houses. All timings and arrangements remain exactly as previously shared, and we very much look forward to welcoming many of you there to cheer the children on.

So much has taken place this week that it hardly feels like we have only been back for five days! On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a thrilling day at Chessington World of Adventures, funded by the impressive profits from their recent enterprise event. Even with some heavy rain at the start and end of the day, their spirits remained high. Alongside this excitement, Year 6 also began rehearsals this week for their upcoming school production. They are already working incredibly hard and are eagerly preparing to showcase their talents in the coming weeks.

Today, Year 1 took full advantage of the brighter weather as they embarked on a delightful trip to Littlehampton beach. As part of their 'Beside the Seaside' topic, the children explored and observed various human and physical geographical features. Of course, no beach outing is complete without a sweet treat, and the children beautifully demonstrated their practical maths skills by purchasing their own ice creams. We are certain there will be many tired children (and staff) tonight after such a busy and successful day.

It has also been a fantastic week for collaboration, as we have worked closely with staff and children from across our fellow Lumen Learning Trust schools. On Tuesday evening, we had the absolute pleasure of hosting the Lumen Luminaries Choir Performance right here at Echelford. We welcomed 90 children from five Lumen schools, who came together to perform to a packed hall of incredibly proud family members and friends. A huge well done to all our Key Stage 2 pupils who represented Echelford so brilliantly. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Bacon for her immense hard work in preparing the children. Opportunities like this are invaluable, helping to boost confidence, nurture creativity, and develop vital life skills in our young performers.

Our collaboration continued on Wednesday, as the Echelford staff met with teachers from across the Trust to share excellent practice and review the learning provision for each year group. This professional collaboration allows our teachers to learn from one another and share a wealth of experience, which in turn strengthens the learning opportunities we provide for our own children.

Finally, earlier this week we shared our latest Ofsted report with you all. We hope you have had the opportunity to read it in full, and we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Inclusion Insights

We have been working with Family Voice Surrey over the last year and they have asked us to share the following event that may be of interest to you:



### Neurodivergence and Nutrition Webinar

Nourishing Neurodivergent Children and Young People: Practical Nutrition Support for Calm, Focus and General Wellbeing

Tuesday 23 June | 7:30pm | Online

Join Family Voice Surrey and Sandrine Olmi for an insightful and practical webinar exploring how nutrition can support neurodivergent children, young people, and their families. Sandrine will share evidence-informed guidance on how nutrition can help support:

- ✓ Mood and emotional wellbeing
- ✓ Focus and concentration
- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Digestion and gut health
- ✓ Emotional regulation

Parents and carers will also learn:

- Simple, realistic strategies to make mealtimes feel more manageable
- Practical approaches to supporting gut health
- Ways to encourage positive relationships with food
- How parents can better nourish themselves to maintain energy, resilience and patience while caring for their families

This session is designed to leave families feeling reassured, empowered and supported, with practical ideas they can begin using straight away.

Book your place:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/edcd3ea7-41d2-44cc-9728-206b9731e604@47850cc7-0029-456e-a39f-868909baf60b>

Our next **SEND parent/carers 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.



## Appointment of a New Chief Executive Officer of Lumen Learning Trust

Following a rigorous and highly competitive recruitment process, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Sarah Kober as the new Chief Executive Officer of Lumen Learning Trust. As a Board, our priority was to find an exceptional leader who embodies our values, understands the unique needs of our primary schools and possesses the vision to drive our next chapter of growth. After an intensive series of interviews and presentations, Ms. Kober emerged as the outstanding candidate to lead our Trust forward.

Ms. Kober will already be familiar to many of you having dedicated 18 years of service to our Trust in various leadership roles. She has taught at Saxon Primary School and served as Headteacher at The Echelford Primary School and Darley Dene Primary School.

Her success against a strong field of external applicants is a testament to her exceptional leadership skills, deep expertise in primary education and unwavering commitment to our pupils and staff. She will officially step into the role of CEO on January 1st 2027 but prior to that will be working alongside our current CEO, Mary Ellen McCarthy until her retirement in December 2026, ensuring a seamless transition and continuity for our schools, children and communities.

Please join us in offering our warmest congratulations to Ms. Kober on her well-deserved appointment.

Kind regards,  
Jo Roberts  
Chair of Directors  
Lumen Learning Trust

## Mufti for Summer Fair

Due to postponing Sports Day, our Mufti Day for the Summer Fair has been moved to Thursday 11th June. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day in exchange for a donation towards the Summer Fair.  
EYFS/KS1 – Bottles (shampoo, shower gels, washing up liquid etc)  
KS2 – Sweets (No chocolate please as this may melt)

## Open Day

We are holding an open morning on Saturday 11th July which is the perfect opportunity for anyone who will be looking for a Reception place in September 2027 to visit and experience our Reception areas. We also have a limited number of spaces still for this September 2026. If you know anyone with preschool aged children who might be interested please let them know.

## House Competition - Walk to School

A huge well done to Water for topping the leaderboard and winning the walk-to-school competition before the half-term break! It's fantastic to see so many of you choosing a healthy, active, and eco-friendly way to get to school. Well done to everyone who participated.

## Tesco's Blue Token Scheme

The Echelford PTFA have kindly applied for funding for a mud kitchen at Echelford so if you are shopping at Tesco's in Sunbury please ensure you put a blue token (or a few) in the box to vote for The Echelford PTFA Mud Kitchen.

Tesco's "blue token" scheme is part of the Tesco community grants program. It allows shoppers to choose which local good causes receive funding simply by casting a vote in-store.

## Price Increases

Please be advised of the following price increases. This will take place from September.

Breakfast Club	£5.75
After School Club, short session	£7.25
After School Club, long session	£13.50
Activity Clubs	£4.50



## Update to SEND communication arrangements from June 2026

From 1 June 2026, the SEND Service has introduced a new way of working designed to make communication clearer, more consistent and more reliable for schools, education settings, families, and professionals.

Each child or young person will continue to have a named EHCP Coordination Officer (ECO), who will remain the key point of relationship and oversight. However, instead of relying on individual email inboxes, all enquiries will be received and managed through dedicated area SEND inboxes.

We recognise that changes to familiar ways of working can feel unsettling, particularly for families who value having a direct and personal contact. During the early stages of implementation, there may be some uncertainty or adjustment, and we appreciate the patience and understanding of schools, families, and partners as everyone becomes used to the new approach.

This change has been carefully considered in response to feedback from families, schools and settings, which highlighted that communication can sometimes be delayed when it depends on an individual's availability. The new shared inbox model introduces a more joined-up, team-based approach, enabling EHCP Coordination Officers, EHCP Coordination Managers and Area SEND Managers to view, track and respond to messages more efficiently.

Once fully embedded, we expect this approach to:

- Support more timely and reliable responses
- Reduce the risk of missed or delayed communication
- Provide greater consistency for children and young people with SEND and their families
- Strengthen collaboration across teams

Please use this link for dedicated information

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/news/categories/families-and-young-people/changes-to-send-service-contact-information>

Area inbox contact routes from 1 June 2026 - For families and young people:

[nesend@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:nesend@surreycc.gov.uk)

## 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?**

**Would you rather have rainbow-coloured hair or glow-in-the-dark skin?**

Food for Talk!

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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### 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 Thomas in 5L and Albert in 3S who ran the Windsor 3K Race for Life on Saturday. They managed to raise an incredible £90 for Cancer Research. Congratulations boys on this fantastic achievement.



Congratulations to Zack in 5M who took part in the Race For Life again this year in memory of his grandad and his grandma's husband who is currently going through radiotherapy. Zack and his mum managed to raise an amazing £550. Zack completed the 3K in under half an hour. Well done Zack on this incredible achievement.



On Saturday 30th May Billy in 6W and Rosie in 4B took part in the Race For Life pretty muddy 5K run at Windsor race course. They did absolutely fantastic and got covered from head to toe in mud as they took on each obstacle all to raise awareness and money for cancer research. Together they raised an amazing £850. Well done Billy and Rosie on this wonderful achievement.



Congratulations to Jian in 2I who has recently moved up to Stage 3 in his swimming lessons. Well done Jian on this amazing achievement.





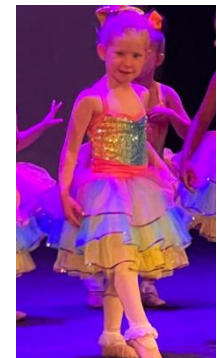
Well done to Ajooni in RA who has recently passed her level 1 in her swimming lessons. Congratulations Ajooni on this fabulous achievement.



Congratulations to Arjan in 2I who achieved his brown belt and to Yuvraaj in 6W who achieved his brown belt two stripes in Shentie. Well done boys on this fantastic achievement.



Congratulations to Louie in 2DB for completing his first novice BMX race finishing in fourth place and to Layla in RG who took part in her first ever ballet show in front of a huge audience. Well done to you both on these wonderful achievements.



Well done to Holly in 2DB who had an amazing time at the Gladiators Experience in Birmingham, where she took part in some of the iconic events from the TV series, including Duel, Unleash and the Eliminator. The highlight of the day was meeting Diamond and Apollo. Holly has been lucky enough to meet some of the Gladiators before, but she missed the opportunity to meet Diamond on a previous occasion, making this meeting extra special. Holly showed Diamond her round off flick.

She has made some fantastic memories from the day, and earned a medal for taking part. It was a truly memorable adventure and a day she will never forget.





## 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	Ashlen	RC	Luke	RG	Daphne
1A	Cooper	1B	Orish	1CE	Erin
2A	Derrick	2DB	Ahmed	2I	Alex
3A	Arthur	3B	Rosie	3S	Eliza
4B	Teddy	4GB	Teddy	4R	Sahib
5L	Ebony	5M	Zack	5P	Arhaan
6H	Alex	6S	Consent to publish name not given	6W	Soha

## Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Rahitya K, Remi W, Stanley W, Oliver K, Mikail O, Thea B, Khwaish L, Aahana S, Arabella D, Aria G, Flynn B, Theo W, Zora D, Viyaan O, Cody W, Enzo V, Noah C, Jovan G, Zack M, Ajus S, Isaac P, Jack E, Radin M, Gurmehar K, Michelle A, Anaiya O, Alfie M, Asil E, Jimmy C, Arjan S, Isaac S, Olly W, Amber M, Helina M, Teddy B, Effie A, Elodie P, Ava Y, Ivy K, Shakeel M, Jessica J, Daniela A, Ranveer S, Yahya M, Grayson Bi, Elvy L, Sahara S, Max S, Ava S, Robyn C, Connor R, James W, Henry P, Evie G, Harley W, Robert A, Ashreet K, Daria B, Oliver G, Aidan B, James Bl, Toby D, Archie H, Bianca S, Max K, Freddie W, Jessica B, Millie G, Arjun S, Rian D, Arjun D, Isla B, Tommy C and Kacper P.

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

## Important Dates

June		
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 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Celebration of Us Week
Wednesday 24th	AM	Class photo day



Friday 26th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
<b>July</b>		
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
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>

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**Dates & Locations**  
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 3rd-7th August 2026- Echelford Primary School, TW15 1EX

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🕒 From 11:00am

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