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## Co-Headteachers' Message

This week has been filled with a wonderful range of transition activities. All of our children had the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms, getting to know the staff they will be working with from September. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. Our Year 6 pupils also spent time at their new secondary schools, returning full of stories and a real sense of readiness for the next stage of their education. Finally, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families into school for their final settling-in session. It is always a joy to see our newest, youngest learners beginning to feel part of our school community. Over the next two weeks, we will continue to support all our pupils as they prepare for their upcoming transitions, ensuring they feel confident, secure, and ready for the changes ahead.

Throughout the school year, our Year 5 children are privileged to take part in Primary Robins, where they participate in weekly singing sessions led by a professional musician from Pimlico Opera. This initiative has become a cherished and established part of our curriculum. Alongside developing our children's musical abilities, it has fostered immense confidence, enthusiasm for performance, and excellent teamwork. On Monday, a group of Year 5 children represented the school brilliantly, taking part in a special performance at the magnificent Grange Park Opera House, where they sang alongside children from two other Surrey schools. Year 5 are now very much looking forward to sharing some of the songs they have been learning this year with their own parents and carers in a special concert next Thursday.

Yesterday a contingent of pupils from Key stage 2 took part in District Sports at Xcel in Walton. The children competed against other Spelthorne schools and the team achieved 4th overall. There were also many individual success stories and medals earned. A fantastic achievement for everyone and a huge thank you to Miss Ambridge and Miss Holman who worked hard to prepare the children for this event.

Finally, we are absolutely delighted to share the incredible news that we have been officially accredited as a **Centre of Excellence for Oracy**. This major milestone recognises our sustained commitment to delivering a high-quality spoken language education for our pupils. To secure this prestigious recognition, we needed to demonstrate excellence across five key areas of school life: our vision, culture, curriculum, learning, and overall impact on students. By putting oracy at the heart of our teaching and learning across all subjects, we are supporting our students to become articulate, confident communicators. A huge thank you must go to all of our staff who have worked so hard to embed oracy into their classrooms, and a special mention to Mrs Smith, who has brilliantly led this work across the school. We look forward to continuing our own oracy journey while now supporting other schools by sharing our expertise.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Inclusion Insights





A few weeks ago, our Mental Health Support Team spoke to our SEND parent/carer forum about anxiety and how parents and carers can support their children with anxiety at home. The full presentation can be found on our [Inclusion padlet](#), on our website, however, here are some of the key messages they shared:

### What is Anxiety?

It is important to remember that anxiety is a normal human feeling and is another word for when you feel scared, worried, or panicked about something. Everyone has negative thoughts, however, when we feel anxious, we are more likely to believe them to be true. For children, this can often manifest as physical symptoms, such as tummy aches, headaches, sweating, or shaking.

### Recognising the Signs

Anxiety can look different in every child. Some common signs to look out for include:

- An excessive need for reassurance or becoming unusually clingy. 
- Avoidance of new situations, people, or activities. 
- Frequent "what if" worries (e.g., "What if I get lost?" or "What if they tell me off?"). 
- Increased irritability or frequent tearfulness 

### Practical Strategies to Try at Home

As parents, it is natural to feel worried or frustrated when your child is distressed, but your support makes a world of difference.



*The "Catch it, Check it, Change it" Tool:* When your child has an unhelpful thought (e.g., "I am failing at everything"), help them catch the thought, check for factual evidence for and against it, and change it into a more helpful perspective (e.g., "I am disappointed with this result, but I have done well in other subjects").



*Distinguish Worries:* Try to identify if a worry is practical (something they can do something about, like forgetting a pencil case) or hypothetical ("What if I fail my test?").



*Relaxation Techniques:* Simple techniques like "Hand breathing" or "Lazy breathing" can help calm the body's physical response to anxiety.



## Changes to the Free School Meal Guidelines

Earlier this week a letter was sent out to the whole school regarding the changes the Government are putting in place for free school meals from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please can we ask you to read the email and then complete the Google form or fill in the form that was attached to the email in order for us to check to see if your child is eligible for a free meal or extra funding whilst at Echelford.

<https://forms.gle/sfc1c5HNsYdtDLAx7>

## Children's Images on Social Media

In light of ongoing national conversations about children and social media, we have reviewed the use of children's images within our own social media accounts and across our online presence as a Trust. You may have noticed our accounts have not had faces on them for a little while and this is because we have chosen to adopt a 'face-free' policy for now. We will keep this decision under review and make you aware of any changes.

We have made all reasonable endeavours to remove historical images; if you come across an image from school with children clearly in it, please make the office staff aware and they will take appropriate action.

## Action required - Photographic Images & Names of Children Consents

From 1st September 2026 consent for Photographic Images & Names of Children is changing. The current consents will be removed at the end of term meaning it is important the new Photographic Images & Names of Children is completed – The consent form for all children in Year R & Y1 - Y5 is to be completed no later than Friday 10th July 2026. <https://forms.gle/fzmr2rtYrHM4aqvr5>

## Echelford Football Kit

As we approach the end of the academic year, please could all Echelford Football Kit be returned to Miss Holman by Friday 10th July please. We look forward to another fantastic year of sport when we return in September.


## National Nurturing Schools Programme – your help needed


Over the last two years, Echelford have been working with Nurture UK on their National Nurturing Schools Programme, to develop a whole school approach to nurture. On 13th July, Nurture UK will be assessing the progress we have made in order to decide if we are awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award. As part of this assessment, Nurture UK would like to speak virtually to a small group of parents about their and their children's experiences with Echelford and to talk about ways in which our approach is nurturing. If you would like to be part of this and would be available on Monday 13th July between 11.30 and 12.15, either in person or virtually, please contact the school office.


## Oracy - Food For Talk


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

**Tuesday - Which one does not belong?**

A. 


B. 


C. 


D. 

Food for Talk!

In my opinion...

I think... 

I understand your point of view but have you thought about... 

I would like to challenge this because... 



## Vacancies Within the Trust

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of part-time Early Years 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/early-years-teaching-assistant-part-time-1562503>

## 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 on our 'Sports Shout Outs' board in the gym.

### Holly - 2DB

At just 7 years old, Holly proudly achieved 3rd place in the Spelthorne Gymnastics 7–9 Years Tumbling Competition, taking her place on the podium alongside her talented 9-year-old friends.

This is a fantastic achievement Holly, your determination, hard work and willingness to always aim high continue to inspire us. Well done, Holly.

### Sachi - 1CE

Congratulations to Sachi who participated in the Spelthorne Gymnastics Club Championships and came 2nd place! She has been working very hard and has been practising gymnastics for quite some time. Well done Sachi on this fabulous achievement.

### Jen - 5M

Last weekend Jen took part in another judo tournament and managed to secure a bronze medal, drawing three of her fights and losing one. Well done Jen on this amazing achievement, your hard work is paying off.



### Class Learning Awards

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

	<b>Class: 5P</b>		<b>Class: 2I</b>
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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	Vienna	RC	Hugo	RG	Jaya
1A	Ivy	1B	Aryana	1CE	Zack
2A	Jind	2DB	Deanna	2I	Alfie
3A	Jaskirat	3B	Piper	3S	Consent to publish name not given
4B	Elvy	4GB	Jackson	4R	Kaira
5L	Verity	5M	Kaira	5P	Skylar
6H	Rosie W	6S	Jasleen	6W	Latia

### Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Maya S, Vienna S, Dillon D, Joseph D, Rafi B, Khwaish L, Raisa D, Joyce D, Hollie O, Ashton H, Radhya N, Aria G, Shrey M, Faizaan K, Roza M, Arabella D, George-Bailey H, Hugo W, Haroun J, Luke N, Asher J, Jaya K, Poppy B, Daphne T, Penny R, Arshaan H, Ollie R, Arthur T, Scarlett W, Jack E, Effie A, Olly W, Kazim Z, Amber M, Olly W, Florence G, Laksh K, Piper-Valentine L, Inaaya Y, Sahara S, Aubrey B, Erin M, Tommy H, Dexter O, Elia D, Elvy L, Ellie D, Swara S, Zainab F, Dylan C, Ayaan H, Frankie C, Elliot P, Ellis L, Teddy K, Aariz M, Nathaniel L, Aizah M, Jaap K, Vidhaan S, Bhavik S, Nainika B, Veer A, Amelia B, Amber J, Maxwell T, Alana C, Rubi W, Evie G, Dev L, Zack F, Ashreet K, Jasmin C, Oliver Ke, Joseph B, Aaria D, Rosie W, Anaya A and Vivaan K.

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

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## Important Dates

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
<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>
September		
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>		<b>INSET Day 1</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>		<b>INSET Day 2</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>		<b>Children return to school</b>

**The BIG BUZZ 26**

**BEE-LIEVE CHARITY CRICKET DAY**

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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT GUILDFORD CRICKET CLUB T20 MATCH 2PM

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<b>3pm</b> Pick up and good bye	<b>2pm-3pm</b> Games, Matches and tournaments	<b>1pm-1:45pm</b> Theme of the day	<b>12pm-1pm</b> Lunch

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## Summer Holiday Activities



**Picasso-style Cubist Faces**  
4th August 2026  
Use cardboard, scissors and paint to create a topsy-turvy masterpiece.  
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50  
Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

**Fantastic Fans**  
11th August  
Discover the history of fans and see some originals. Then decorate a wood and paper fan.  
11am-11.45am or 2pm-2.45pm Cost: £3.00  
Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

**Clay Day**  
18th August  
Discover Ancient Greek toys and explore our replicas before making your own clay creations.  
11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50  
Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

**Butterfly and Bee Noughts and Crosses**  
25th August  
Make a butterfly and bee noughts and crosses game using wood, paint and your imagination.  
11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4.00  
Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

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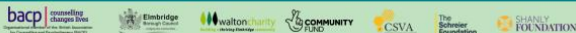


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