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Co-Headteachers' Message

Our penultimate week of the school year has been filled with wonderful performances, starting with our Rocksteady concerts. Each of our bands did a fantastic job performing to their peers and parents, setting a brilliant tone for the week.

We were also treated to a superb production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits by our Year 6 children. It was a joy to watch their hard work come together, and they clearly thoroughly enjoyed entertaining their audiences with their witty, well-delivered lines and spectacular singing. A huge well done goes to each of the performers. We are also incredibly grateful to the Year 6 staff team who worked tirelessly rehearsing, choreographing, and creating the props and scenery. It was a magnificent team effort.

Yesterday, our Year 5 children performed a selection of the songs they have been learning in their weekly Primary Robins sessions to their parents. Today, it was the turn of the pupils who have weekly drumming lessons in school to showcase their talents to their family members and the children in Years 1 to 6. It has been clear throughout all the performances this week that we have a wealth of musical talent within our pupils, and we are pleased to provide opportunities for them to develop their creativity in this way.

Today, the children will bring home their end-of-year reports, which capture their academic achievements across the whole curriculum this year. For year groups where national assessments take place, your child's report will also include information relating to these outcomes, with the exception of Year 6 parents, whom we have written to separately.

We know many families will be looking forward to watching the football this weekend, fingers crossed for a positive result which will carry us into the start of the week. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday for our final week of the academic year. Please see below for a reminder of the times we close on the final day of term.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

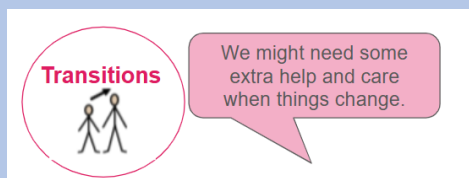
End of term Friday 17th July

This will be our final day of term and the children will be finishing slightly earlier than normal. Dismissal times are as follows:

Reception, Years 1 & 2	1.35pm
Years 3 & 4	1.40pm
Years 5 & 6	1.45pm

Inclusion Insights

As we are coming up to the Summer holidays, here are some tips from the National Autistic Society for supporting children who may be neurodivergent, when going away or for days out.



Prepare your child for change

Autistic people can find change difficult. This may lead to high anxiety, meltdowns or distressed behaviour. By preparing them for change, you can help to reduce anxiety and stress.

Here are some things you could try:

- Spend time with them looking at photographs online, in a brochure or on the holiday company's website.
- Compile a visual guide such as a booklet with photos, to help them remember where they are going and what it will look like when they get there.
- Prepare a timetable in advance, taking into consideration any intense interests, repetitive behaviour or routines your child has.
- Think about what situations they may need to understand (such as delays or unavoidable changes to travel plans) and how you can use social stories to help them prepare.

Social stories can help a child cope with changes to routine and structure, unexpected events, unplanned changes due to weather and planned trips away from home.

They are a short description of an event or situation that describes what will happen and why, in a literal way that can help understanding.

Social stories should:

- be written in the first person (e.g. "I am...", not "They are..." or "You are...")
- contain lots of pictures to make them easier to process
- include the difficulties your child might face in this situation

By giving your child information about what may happen and allowing them to 'practise and prepare', you can help to reduce anxious feelings when they start to struggle with their emotions.

[This link](#) shows an example of a social story for a day out.



School Meals Update: Keep an Eye on Your Inbox!

Following up on our exciting news about our new school caterer, Dolce Ltd, and the SchoolGrid portal launching this September, we wanted to give you a quick heads-up to look out for further information.

As mentioned, you don't need to take any action just yet. However, behind the scenes, we are preparing to share the priority 1 contact email addresses with SchoolGrid so your accounts can be created.

What to look out for next:

- School Office: will be sending an email containing a Welcome letter from Dolce along with detailed instructions to set up your school grid account.
- The Activation Email: coming next week, priority 1 parents/carers will receive an email directly from SchoolGrid containing a unique activation link and step-by-step instructions.
- Action Required: please ensure you look out for this email and complete the setup within 24 hours of receiving the link otherwise it will expire, after the account is activated a second parent/carer can be added. Once the account set up is complete you will be able to pre-order meals, manage payments, and log crucial allergen information.

If you have any urgent questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the school office.

Warm Weather

As the warmer weather is set to continue next week children are welcome to continue to wear their Echelford PE kits into school if they wish. Please make sure that this is in line with our PE kit expectations and not football/sports wear.

Bringing home books

Please can all children bring in a 'bag for life' from Monday so that finished exercise books and learning can be sent home.

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 1st 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>

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>

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.

Pupil Data Collection

We are no longer sending home the pupil data sheet for parents to check and amend. If there are any changes to your contact details, medical or dietary requirements for your child etc please ensure you inform the school office.



Wraparound Care Sessions 26-27

As you are aware there will be an increase to the cost of our Wraparound Sessions from September. Due to this increase we are unable to open 26-27 sessions for bookings until the last day of this term.

Booking sessions will go live on SCOPAY on **17th July at 10am**. Please ensure that your account has enough credit in order for you to book. If you use childcare vouchers, please transfer your payment through your provider and complete the childcare voucher notification form on the Echelford website.



We are a No Nut School

We would like to remind you that Echelford is a no nut school therefore we do not allow any food containing nuts to be consumed anywhere on the school grounds. Please do not give your child any food that contains nuts. This includes Nutella, pesto, cereal bars, peanut butter, chicken satay etc. If you are unsure, we would be grateful if you could check the ingredients before you pack their lunches, this will be hi-lighted in bold on the ingredient list. This is very important as there are children that have a severe nut allergy and we all need to adhere to this rule to keep everyone safe.

Healthy Snack for Break Time

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during their break time. These should be in as little packaging as possible because we're also keen to reduce our use of plastics (e.g. no bear yoyo's or fruit winders).

These snacks are limited to:

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dried Fruit
- Plain rice cakes
- Bread sticks
- Yoghurt tube
- Plain crackers
- Pitta bread or Wraps (with no filling)

If children come into school with something that is not on the list it will be sent back home. No cutlery should be brought in. A reminder that only Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided daily fruit or vegetables as part of the Government scheme.

Wraparound Club and Activity Club Price Increases

The prices for the 2026-27 academic year are as follows per session:

Breakfast Club - £5.75

After School Club 4.30pm - £7.25

After School Club 6pm - £13.50

After School Activity Clubs - £4.50



Surrey Safer Travel Survey

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are asking parents to complete the Active Travel to School Survey. Please complete the survey on behalf of your child to help make sure they can travel safely to school, and to support walking and cycling to school, with all the benefits that brings for the climate, the environment and our children's health.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey. We have now streamlined the survey and updated the mobile interface. We are keen to see responses from as many parents and carers as possible in order to build a full picture of travel to school.

Your participation in the survey will help Surrey County Council to give us the best possible support to improve our School Travel Plan and support the journeys your children make to school. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and your information will be strictly confidential. Please complete the survey today - and no later than 22nd July – on behalf of your child.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ATTS-Parents-Carers-Summer2026>

Thank you for taking part.



Active Travel to School Parents Survey

Scan the QR code and let us know what you think about your journey to school.



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust are working with Surrey County Council to support safe and active journeys. Complete the survey to tell us about your views and help shape the journey to school.

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is the charity making it possible for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle.

To find out more, please contact:
e: toby.hopkins@walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk
w: www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk

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Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Friday - Talking Points

Summer is better than Winter. Discuss.

Food for Talk!

I would like to start by saying...

I agree with your point and would like to add...

I understand your points of view, but have you thought about...

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

Alfie - 4B

Congratulations to Alfie who ran the 5K Pretty Muddy Kids on Saturday 4th July. He ran in honour of his late grandparents and managed to raise over £650 for Cancer Research UK. Alfie completed the 5K in 51 minutes 30 seconds and is extremely proud of himself. Well done Alfie on this amazing achievement.

Ava – 5M

Well done to Ava who took part in the Spelthorne Gymnastics Club Championships on Sunday 28th June and proudly came away with a silver medal. She was really pleased with her performance. Congratulations Ava on this fantastic achievement.

Willow – 5L

Congratulations to Willow and her dance team Redz Rizers who represented England in a street dance competition in Spain. M.O.D. (Masters of Dance). They were placed 3rd out of all of the European countries. Well done Willow and your dance team 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: 5P



Class: 1CE

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	Hollie	RC	Arabella	RG	Kai
1A	Evie	1B	Benjamin	1CE	Jacob
2A	Consent to publish name not given	2DB	Mariia	2I	Aahana
3A	Ibrahim	3B	Eli	3S	Dotty
4B	Erin M	4GB	Nathaniel	4R	Reggie
5L	Arthur	5M	Robert	5P	Jacob
6H	Consent to publish name not given	6S	Millie G	6W	Artin

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Cameron R, Thaarika J, Enzo V, Braydon H, Holly C, Arabella D, Edith-Rose T, Asher J, Flynn B, Viyaan O, Leo W, Sofia D, Riley D, Daphne T, Isja F, Viraaj S, Isha Y, Radvin H, May-Rose W, Banreet J, Sidney T, Presleigh I, Pearl C, Ivy C, Harrison D, Henry H, Daniel A, Jasmine R, Jaanvi W, Cody H, Mia M, Erin P, Rishaan C, Carla V, Ryan S, Jude B, Teddy C, Eddie T, Riley J, Zeyad A, Rosalee E, Jacob S, Isaac P, Madeline B, Jovan G, Joshua K, Bentley V, Alex I, Jack E, Frankie h, Ibrahim Y, Sienna S, Emilyanna B, Chloe P, Aishleen K, Amelia D, Avaani P, Olly W, Jessica J, Inaaya Y, Florence G, Learno P, Grayson Bi, Eryn M, Lily W, Arjun P, Logan M, Millie J, Vinisha B, Dotty H, Ismail K, Sienna Hi, Albert M, Jasmine D, Elsie D, Sienna Ha, Brooke F, Jaxon B, Victoria N, Sahara S, Jake T, Myles S, Grace N, Jason K, Rosie M, Dexter O, Noah S, Georgina P, Joseph E, Rosie M, Elia D, Elvy L, Rehanuddin M, Erin M, Georgina P, Sahara S, Noah S, Sienna Ha, Jude H, Aubrey B, Myles S, Levi-Rose M, Ellie D, Ellie P, Dylan C, Franco B, Kesar R, Teeyan B, Jayjay N, Zainab F, Aizah M, Kaira G, Frazer D, Grace E, Owen J, Robyn C, Reggie C, Ilyas M, Ava S, Rico P, Jenson W, Zach H, Amelia B, Maxwell T, Rubi W, James W, Arthur C, Thomas M, Henry P, Ethan D, Ashreet K, Eeva M, Avni N, Daria B, Amaani A, Oliver Ke, Connie H, Jessica W, David P, Evie H, Cody N, James Bl, Rosie W, Aaria D, Nysha S, Harper L, Grace B, Isabella H, Anaya A and Vivaan K.



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

Important Dates

July	
Monday 20th	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21st	INSET Day 5
September	
Tuesday 1st	INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2nd	INSET Day 2
Thursday 3rd	Children return to school

MEET THE ROMANS!

In support of the Festival of British Archaeology



A Family Activity Day

dress as a Roman soldier,
follow the teddy trail,
artefact handling,
play Roman games,
make a mosaic,
design jewellery,
and more!



Hosted by Spelthorne Museum
Staines Library Hub
18th July 2026
11am to 3.30pm
Admission Free



Ashford Wide



POSTER COMPETITION

Ashford Wide Summer Fair
THE THEME IS

community, storytelling, and art

age
categories 6-8 8-10 10-12

hand your poster in at Elle & Fee or email a copy
add your name, age, & family contact info
all posters to be displayed at the summer fair!

Competition end:
31st July

Fair date:
31st August

community@ashfordwide.com

[@ashfordwide](https://www.ashfordwide.com)




SUMMER Camp

Join Us for Our Exciting Summer Gymnastics Camp!

Looking for a fun and active way to keep your child entertained this summer? At Spelthorne Gymnastics Summer Camp, children will have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, build confidence, make new friends and enjoy a variety of exciting activities in a safe and supportive environment.

Whether your child is a complete beginner or already loves gymnastics, our camps are packed with fun, challenges and plenty of opportunities to develop new skills.

Come and flip, jump, balance and have fun with us this summer at Spelthorne Gymnastics! All led by our experienced coaching team.

Book your place today and join the summer fun!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

PLAY FUN GAMES

BUILD CONFIDENCE

Open to both members and non-members. Suitable for primary school children. All abilities welcome! Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and wear suitable clothing.

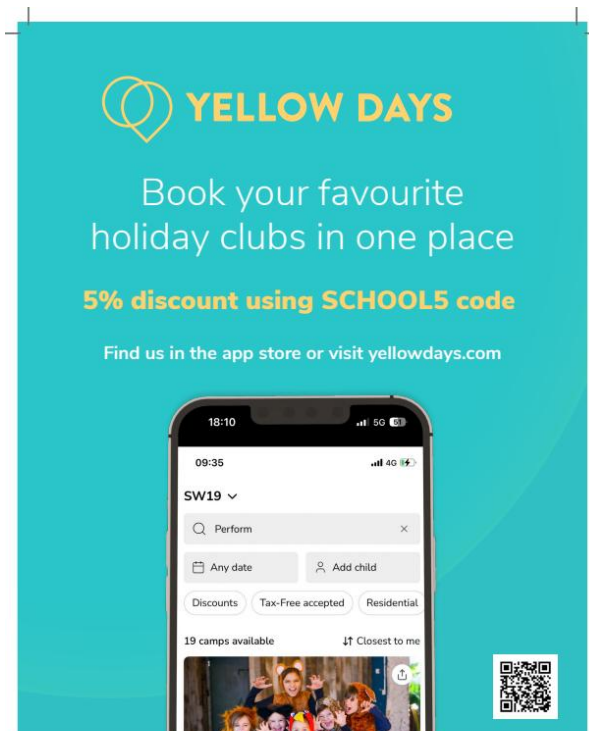
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST

£45 PER PERSON **09:30AM - 3.00PM** **SUNBURY-ON-THAMES**

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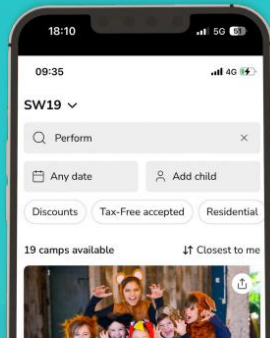


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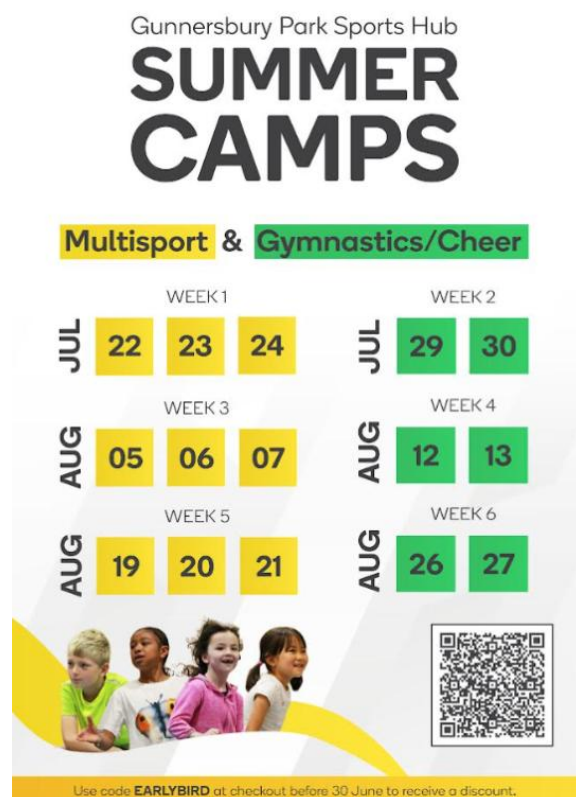
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Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub SUMMER CAMPS

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	WEEK 1			WEEK 2	
JUL	22	23	24	JUL 29	30
	WEEK 3			WEEK 4	
AUG	05	06	07	AUG 12	13
	WEEK 5			WEEK 6	
AUG	19	20	21	AUG 26	27



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Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start volunteer you could make a BIG difference to a local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times. And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Problems such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



Our next training course starts Tuesday 15th September, enquire today!

Contact for more info
info@home-startspelthorne.org
01784 463200

What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories. Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I've loved my time with Home-Start since the first day on the course. The team are so welcoming and help provide all the relevant info. Working with families has been so rewarding. Seeing parents and children grow in confidence with a little help with signposting or getting to know the area if they are new is so lovely to be a part of.

Feedback from a home-visiting volunteer



"My volunteer's kindness and support made me feel less alone, more confident and allowed me to be able to care for my children. I am truly grateful for the help I received, it had a positive impact on me and my children."

Feedback from a supported parent

Contact us to find out more!
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Saxon Primary School

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Week 2: Monday 27th - Friday 31st July
Week 3: Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August
Week 4: Monday 10th - Friday 14th August
Week 5: Monday 17th - Friday 21st August

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