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Co-Headteachers' Message

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children to Echelford. After their first morning, they enjoyed a wonderful Teddy Bears' Picnic with their families, kindly organised by our PTFA. It has been a real joy to watch the children begin to settle into their new routines and explore their classrooms and learning areas. They finished the week with their first full day in school, and we know there will be lots of tired children (and staff!) after such a busy few days. We are so excited to see how they grow and flourish throughout the term, the school year and, of course, their journey here at Echelford.

Our Year 6 children have also been very busy this week, putting themselves forward for the important role of Senior Prefect. After writing and presenting thoughtful speeches to their classes, the children voted for their chosen finalists. Those finalists then bravely presented their speeches once again to a panel of staff members.

Congratulations to the children who were successful in getting the important role as a Senior Prefect. They will be issued with their badges very soon.

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who put themselves forward. Staff have been so impressed by the confidence, maturity and effort shown in every single presentation. Their oracy skills really shone through as they considered their audience and used additional visuals and props to support and enhance their presentations.

There will be many more opportunities for children across the whole school to take on different leadership roles over the coming weeks. Mrs Bugembe will talk more about these opportunities with the children in assembly on Monday.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Meet the Teacher events. These will take place after school from 3:30pm to 4:00pm on the following days:

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| • Monday 14th September | 1CJ, 1B, 1I, 3A, 3B, 6W, 6GB - 6R will be in the Community Room |
| • Tuesday 15th September | 2DT, 2A, 2B, 3D, 4A, 4L, 5B, 5C, 5A - 4H will be in the Music Room |
| • Thursday 17th September | 1CJ, 1B, 1I, 3A, 3B, 6W, 6GB - 6R will be in the Community Room |
| • Friday 18th September | 2DT, 2A, 2B, 3D, 4A, 4L, 5B, 5C, 5A - 4H will be in the Music Room |

After collecting your child, please wait on the playground and we will invite you into the school.

These short sessions are a chance for you to visit your child's classroom and learn a little more about the curriculum and the day-to-day routines. Please note that these events are not the right time for in-depth discussions about individual children. If you would like a longer conversation with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a separate meeting.

As shared last week, we are reviewing our Stay on Green system to ensure that it aligns with the nurturing approach we use in school, as well as current educational research into trauma-informed and relational practice. We will be updating our behaviour policy to reflect these developments in due course.

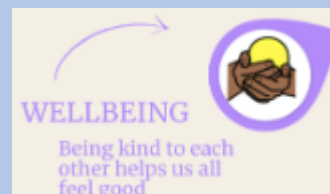
We have received lots of positive feedback from the children about the adjustments that have already been made. We wanted to share a brief summary with you so that you are aware of the changes:

- The charts are now displayed horizontally rather than vertically, so children no longer move 'up and down' the chart.
- The specific warning colours of blue, yellow and red have been removed from the visual chart.
- If a child is not making choices in line with our GREEN values, they will still be reminded of what they need to do to remain on Green, as well as the tools and strategies available to support them.
- If they do not make corrections to their behaviour choices, their name will be removed from Green on the chart. The language an adult will use is: "To get back to Green, you need to..."
- Children will be supported with appropriate restorative strategies to help them regulate, reflect and repair any harm, so that they can return to Green.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights



You may remember reading in the Echo just before the Summer holiday that we were successful in achieving the National Nurturing Schools Award. We are thrilled to share with you here a summary of the incredible feedback we received in the assessment report.

The overall assessment celebrated our richly diverse community, noting that kindness, care, and inclusion shine through everything we do. Rather than viewing individual needs or background differences as obstacles, our school actively creates an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and ready to achieve.

Nurture at Echelford is not just a short-term intervention for a few children; it is the foundation of our entire school culture. Every adult—from class teachers and teaching assistants to our office staff, lunchtime supervisors, and site team—shares the responsibility for supporting our children's emotional wellbeing.

Key strengths highlighted in the report include:

- Understanding Development: The Boxall Profile is used to understand each child's social, emotional, and developmental needs. Teachers adapt their teaching styles and classroom environments around the children, ensuring learning is accessible for everyone.
- Thoughtful Environments: Every classroom features consistent visual routines, Zones of Regulation displays, and dedicated 'Regulation Stations'. Outdoor spaces have been adapted so children feel secure and supported everywhere.
- Dedicated Nurture Spaces: Spaces like The Haven, The Nest, The Jungle, and The Lighthouse give pupils calm areas for reflection, emotional support, and restorative conversations.

When asked to describe Echelford in a single word, our pupils chose "nurturing," "inclusive," "community," "valuable," and "safe." Parents noted that Echelford is "a warm, calm, kind place to be," where children are not only cared for, but actively taught how to show kindness to others at home and in the wider world.

The report summarised:

If one word were to encapsulate the experience of the assessment visit, it would undoubtedly be kindness. More than any other word, it surfaced naturally and repeatedly in every conversation, every piece of evidence and every interaction observed throughout the day. It was not used as a slogan or aspiration, but as an authentic description of what it feels like to be part of the Echelford community.



September 2027 Reception Open Morning Tours

Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2027? Bookings for our Open Morning tours are now live via our website <https://www.echelfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Open+Day+Tours&pid=110>

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 be as small as an ant or as big as an elephant?

Food for Talk!

I would rather...

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

Building on X's idea...

Vacancies Within the Trust

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed Midday Supervisor who is passionate about making a difference when working with children. The successful candidate will be a friendly and reliable team member with an interest in working with children in a large, busy primary school. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/midday-supervisor-1572885>

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.

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.

1B	Joseph	1CJ	Consent to publish name not given	1I	Jaya
2A	Jacob	2B	Cooper	2DT	Consent to publish name not given
3A	Consent to publish name not given	3B	Reuben	3D	Consent to publish name not given
4A	Gehad	4H	Consent to publish name not given	4L	Savannah
5A	Ava S	5B	Ethan H	5C	Alfie
6GB	Consent to publish name not given	6R	Consent to publish name not given	6W	Consent to publish name not given



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, Faizaan K, George-Bailey H, Joshua O, Jenson G, Leo W, Cassie R, Arabella W, Jaya K, Ronnie N, Riley D, Poppy B, Jasmine R, Banreet J, Lillie M, Oscar B, Jacob P, Benjamin B, Teddy C, Darcie C, Ezra W, Zack J, Cody H, Meesha K, Isabelle S, Evie S, Nellie-Mae H, Lexi B, Freya A, Freya W, James B, Harry E, Elijah B, Tom B, Isaac P, Octavia B, Luna H, Madeline B, Ebbenny W, Beau S, Ajus S, Zack M, Rohan M, Jude T, Arvitha P, Davina B, Maddie M, Reuben A, Joshua K, Amaya C, Scarlett W, Logan F, Jian S, Nova D, Amber M, Leo J, Effie A, Elodie P, Daniela A, Rocco L, Eryn M, Piper-Valentine L, Shakeel M, Finley J, Luca I, Heidi D, Hugo G, Max T, Jess B, Sienna Hi, Theo H, Rory L, Ismail K, Vinisha B, Eliza S, Albert M, Elsie D, Zach H, Ava S, Reggie C, Sukhpreet T, Theo B, Ethan H, Kesar R, Swara S, Ellie D, Levi-Rose M, Teddy K, Max S, Seth C, Ayaan H, Jackson D, Saoirse M, Jayjay N, Teeyan B, Nathaniel L, Aubrey B, Joseph E, Dexter O, Erin M, Tommy H, Alfie Z, Noah S, Victoria N, Elvy L, Jaxon B, Rosie M, Jason K, Sahara S, Luna D, Abbie L, Evie G and Thomas M.

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

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Important Dates

A full list of this year's dates can be found on the school website

September		
Wednesday 16th	9.00am	6W Class Assembly
Thursday 17th	3.00pm	Year 6 PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 21st-Sunday 27th		Recycling Week
Wednesday 23rd		Flu vaccinations & measurements
Wednesday 23rd	9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Wednesday 30th	9.00am	6GB Class Assembly
October		
		Black History Month & Walk to School Month
Thursday 1st		National Poetry Day
Friday 2nd		INSET Day 3
Mon 5th - Fri 9th Oct		Feeling Good Week
Mon 5th - Fri 9th Oct		Book fair
Wednesday 7th	9.00am	5C Class Assembly
Friday 9th		Harvest Festival
Friday 9th	3.30pm	PTFA Autumn Discos
Friday 9th		Hello Yellow Day/World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 13th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 14th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 14th	9.00am	6R Class Assembly



Thursday 15th	3.00pm	Year R PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 16th		Show Racism the Red Card Day
Friday 16th		End of Half Term
Monday 19th – Friday 30th Half Term		
November		
Monday 2nd		Children return to school
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		PTFA Clothing Collection
Wednesday 11th		4H Class Assembly
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year 1 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 13th		World Kindness Day
Friday 13th		BBC Children in Need
Monday 16th – Friday 20th		Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th		Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance
Wednesday 18th	9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Wednesday 25th		Individual and Sibling Photo Day
Friday 27th		Santa Fun Run
Friday 27th		PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
December		
Wednesday 2nd	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 3rd	9.15am	Reception Nativity
Friday 4th		PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 10th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 15th	9.15am & 2.30pm	UKS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17th	9.15am & 2.30pm	LKS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 18th	1.45pm	End of Term



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Friday 9 October 2026

1.30pm - 3.30pm

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Have a question?

Chat to our Registrar, Ms Rebecca Tocknell at admissions@stjamesashford.co.uk or call 01784 266 933.



Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2026**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online
Apply on time by
31 October 2026



Is your child starting school in September 2027?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
2 November 2026
and 15 January 2027



The Magna Carta School **OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 15th September, 5pm - 8pm

The Principal will be speaking at 5:30pm and 6:30pm

We also have Open Mornings on
21st, 22nd & 30th September and 1st October

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Parents and Carers: Help shape SEND services



If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs or disabilities, we'd really like to hear from you.

By working in partnership with Surrey County Council, parents, carers, children and young people can help shape services, influence decisions, and improve outcomes for families across Surrey. We see parents and carers as equal partners. Your experience matters just as much as professional knowledge. We also work closely with other parent carer groups across Surrey to strengthen and complement the support available.

Why your voice matters

Your lived experience is invaluable. You bring:

- first-hand knowledge of SEND services
- insight into what helps your child thrive and become more independent
- understanding of your child's needs, strengths and aspirations

Your insights help us understand:

- what's working well
- what needs to improve
- how services can better support children and young people

Get involved in a way that suits you

- join a friendly parent/carer participation group
- attend discussions and workshops
- share your views online or by email

Get in touch

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Want to have a go at DJing, coding for video games, filmmaking, music technology, and more? Join us for the Surrey Youth Arts and Culture Festival 2026 taking place on Saturday 26 September 2026 at the Staines Library Hub between 11am until 3pm.



The festival, now in its fourth year, offers free workshops, performances and shows for young people aged 11 to 18. There will be lots of fun and creative activities to get stuck in with and have a go. The festival helps young people get involved in the arts and develop their creative skills.

We can't wait to see you there! Find out more here: [Surrey Youth Arts and Culture Festival - Surrey County Council](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/localoffer/youth-arts-and-culture-festival)

A trusted source of support, advice and opportunities for children with additional needs and disabilities, and their families

Surrey's Local Offer website brings together information, services, support, activities and opportunities for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities (AND), alongside practical guidance and resources for their families, all in one easy to access place.

It is designed to help parent carers and young people find trusted information quickly and confidently. The website brings together the wide range of support available through Surrey County Council and its partners. The Local Offer complements rather than replaces personalised support. It helps families understand what help is available and access it at the earliest opportunity.

Families can access information on varied topics including:

- Travel and transport advice to help save money, plan journeys and support young people to travel more independently and confidently.
- Inclusive leisure activities across Surrey designed for children with AND, from sports clubs and music groups to family-friendly events
- Support for siblings of children with additional needs and disabilities
- Preparing for adulthood covering education, employment, independent living, health and finances to help young people and their families feel confident and informed as they take their next steps.
- Families of children and young people with AND can also sign up to our AND newsletter to get the latest information and updates straight to their inbox.

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