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Co-Headteachers' Message

For the children, the weekend started a day earlier this week as the school was closed for an INSET day. During this time, for the first time ever the entire Echelford team joined over 450 colleagues from across all seven Lumen Learning Trust schools. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff members from every school to collaborate, make connections and reaffirm our shared values to best support your children, and the 3000 plus children in Lumen.

On Wednesday, we were treated to an inspiring assembly led by 6GB to mark the start of Black History Month, which takes place throughout October. The children spoke powerfully about the importance of celebrating our differences, highlighting Black historical figures who have shaped our world alongside contemporary individuals who are making history today. This links beautifully with this year's theme, 'Honouring Communities', which encourages us to recognise and celebrate all those who enrich our everyday lives. Throughout October, pupils will explore this theme more through engaging classroom activities and assemblies, and we look forward to sharing updates with you on our Facebook page.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a busy and purposeful few days planned, starting with Feeling Good Week. Children will take part in activities promoting emotional wellbeing and positive mental health, culminating on Friday with 'Hello Yellow' day in support of World Mental Health Day. Friday will also mark our annual Harvest Festival. Thank you so much to everyone who has already sent in donations; please continue to send non-perishable items with your children next week to build our Harvest display. All items collected will be donated directly to local food banks to support families within our community.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing: How We Assess Social and Emotional Needs

Just as we track your child's progress in Reading, Writing, and Maths, it is equally important that we understand and support their social, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

To help us do this, our school uses a widely recognized tool called the **Boxall Profile®**.

Recommended by the Department for Education, it provides teachers with a precise picture of a pupil's strengths, as well as any difficulties which could affect their learning. Based on these results, the Boxall Profile® also gives guidance on practical strategies and techniques for the classroom to help children achieve their full potential.

Every child in our school has a Boxall Profile® completed by their class teacher. This gives us a complete picture of the wellbeing needs across each classroom and allows teachers to:

- Set a whole-class goal: For example, working together on *"Listening to others with interest."* Why not ask your child what their current class goal is?
- Tailor learning: Plan PSHE lessons and assemblies that focus on the specific needs of the year group.
- Provide daily support: Include regular check-ins and regulation support throughout the school day.

For children who need a bit more targeted support, our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) also runs weekly **Nurture Groups**. These small groups not only work towards a specific target, they also help pupils develop their emotional regulation skills and learn to listen to and collaborate with peers.

If you ever have any questions about how we support your child's emotional wellbeing, please feel free to get in touch!

SEND parent/carer forum – Wednesday 7th October

The first SEND parent/carer forum of the year will be next Wednesday, 7th October, at 9-10am.

These informal sessions give parents and carers a regular chance to:

- Share views and experiences about SEND provision in school.
- Work together with staff to improve support for children with SEND.
- Learn about support available and ways to support your children.

Everyone is welcome. Come along to the office at 9am.



Reminder of School Meal Orders

Please ensure you order your child their meals for next week on the Schoolgrid website. If you do not order a meal your child will only be given a plain jacket potato and if they do not want that offer you may be called to provide a packed lunch from home.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Reminder - Please return your child's Cauliflower Cards Christmas design by Friday 9th October so they are ready to be collected the following week. If they are not returned, Cauliflower Cards will not be able to print your child's art work. Please return them to your child's class teacher or hand them in to the office.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for all your kind donations and to those that joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We raised £70.20 - thank you so much.

Your kindness makes a huge difference. It could mean someone with cancer can get help with how they're feeling on Macmillan's Support Line, pay their bills during treatment or turn to a Macmillan nurse for vital medical, practical and emotional support.

Secondary School Places

We would like to remind all Year 6 parents, the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2026. Please refer to the poster further down the newsletter for further information. If you would like any support with your application please contact our Home School Link Worker, Nataha Munro.

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>



Harvest Festival

On Friday 9th of October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. As in previous years, we have asked for donations for our local food bank (Salvation Army & Manna). Please see the poster below for all perishable items that are accepted.

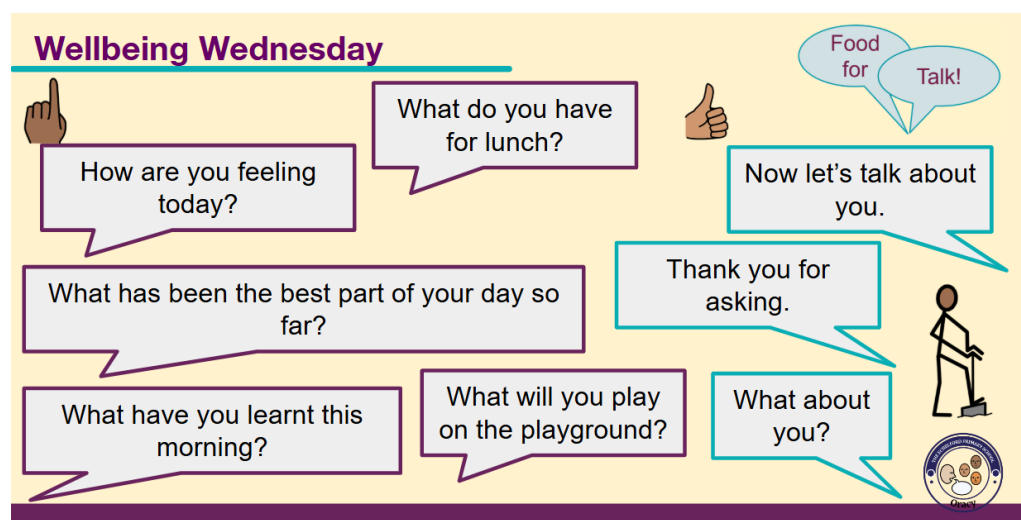


Reminder Parent Teacher Consultations

Consultations will be on Tuesday 13th October & Wednesday 14th October. These will be available to book via Scopay from 6pm on Monday 5th October.

Oracy - Food For Talk

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



Vacancies Within the Trust

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (38 weeks per year) 31.25 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.15pm.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1576030>

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.

Shiloh – 3D

Congratulations to Shiloh for moving up to stage 4 in her swimming classes! What an amazing achievement Shiloh, 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.



Class: 6R



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	Oscar	RC	Consent to publish name not given	RG	Harlow
1B	Rahitya	1CJ	Shrey	1I	Layla
2A	Oscar	2B	Zach	2DT	Everly
3A	Freya W	3B	Jude	3D	Deyal
4A	Jaskirat	4H	Piper-Valentine	4L	Eliza
5A	Reggie	5B	Franco	5C	Grace
6GB	Arhaan	6R	Consent to publish name not given	6W	Martha

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Tegh M, Ellie C, Liam B, Theo D, Isa O, Yunish M, Sarah S, Viyaan O, George-Bailey H, Layla H, Rocky T, Isha Y, Oscar B, Jasmine R, Miguel A, Presleigh I, Ryan S, Banreet J, Ruben P, Rishaan C, Savanna H, Louie H, Lexi B, Samko C, Tom B, Jovan G, Ebbenny W, Amaya C, Zack M, Davina B, Ajus S, Octavia B, Rheya B, Maya Violet B, Jian S, Alex I, Olly W, Alfie E, Theodore C, Florence G, Elijah J, Hugo G, Ismail K, Michael G, Theo H, Finley J, Jeet O, Eliza S, Noor V, Albert M, Jess B, Ava S, Robyn C, Owen J, Zach H, Tia T, Kaira G, Jaylen M, Saoirse M, Teeyan B, Ayaan H, Poppy R, Willow-Rae S, Arthur C, Abbie L, Thomas M, Toby M, Ella T, Arzaan L, Henry P, Mia B, Adam T, Ethan D, Ashreet K, Mason B, Eeva M, Tamsin B, Martha S, Alex Ta, Ava B and Rayan 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

October		
		Black History Month & Walk to School Month
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



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**.

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2 November 2026
and 15 January 2027



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Kitten Magic

DATE: 6th October to 9th October
TIME: 3:15pm
LOCATION: KS2 Playground

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DATES
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• Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October

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THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school

You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk.

More details are on our website.

Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE

Tel: 01932 219400 Email: info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Website: www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

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Courses and Workshops for Parents

FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Surrey.

Support your family's wellbeing and build your confidence to help your child thrive with our free Family Learning courses this Autumn! All courses are delivered by expert tutors and designed for parents, carers, and grandparents.

Discover practical and effective ways to help your child or young person thrive at home, in school, and beyond. Connect with other parents and carers and book your free place today.

Parenting Courses - Build your understanding of children's and young people's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, anxiety, and mental health, and learn practical ways to support them

Maths Courses- Explore the maths methods used in primary schools today and gain confidence in supporting learning at home.

Literacy and Reading Courses - Discover how reading, writing, and English are taught in schools today, and learn ways to encourage literacy and a love of reading at home.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - Improve your English skills while learning how to support your child's education and understand how the education system in England works.

Download the Family Learning Course Guide or visit the [Surrey Adult Learning](https://www.surreyadulthoodlearning.org.uk) website and enrol today!



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Open Afternoon

Friday 9 October 2026
1.30pm - 3.30pm

An exciting opportunity to explore our 32-acre site in action on a pupil-led tour, hear from our Head and senior staff, and meet our subject leads.



Book your place!
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stjamesashford.co.uk.

Have a question?

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

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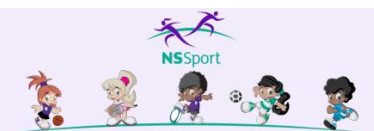


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WEEK 1: 26-30 OCTOBER

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How do I make a booking?

All bookings via our website at nssport.co.uk

If you haven't booked with us before you will need to register for an NSSport account. Registration is a one off process just to give us all the relevant information about your child as well as your contact details. Registration can be done via our website nssport.co.uk. Select the VENUE followed by the REGISTER button from the website header.

Once you have registered you will have access to our BOOKINGS area. Select the activities which you wish to book and add to your BASKET, then proceed to CHECKOUT to make payment. We accept childcare vouchers (a list can be found on our website within the FAQ section), debit and credit cards. Please ensure you select the correct CARD TYPE when entering your details and confirm your NAME and ADDRESS are filled in correctly as displayed on your card. Failure to do so may result in an unsuccessful booking. A booking confirmation email will be issued when payment has been made to confirm your child's place.

All bookings must be placed on our website and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. We are unable to reserve any places. Please make yourself familiar with our terms and conditions regarding all our policies prior to booking. We ask that when your child(ren) attends a NSSport Holiday Activities camp they are in good health. We welcome guests to all our venues and look forward to having a fun time with your child(ren) over the holiday period.

Have a question?

Should you require any further information or have some questions regarding our service, please do get in touch by email and we will be happy to assist.

[Email Us](#)

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Changed your mind? [Cancel my booking](#)

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