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Co-Headteachers' Message

Today, a wonderful touch of yellow spread throughout the school as children and staff wore yellow accessories for "Hello Yellow" in recognition of World Mental Health Day. This provided a vibrant end to our "Feeling Good Week," an annual event that helps us prioritise looking after our own and each other's wellbeing. This additional boost reinforces essential learning and helps ensure healthy practices are embedded into our daily routines. This year's theme was Belonging. At Echelford, we know how vital it is for every child to feel included and experience a true sense of belonging so they feel safe, learn effectively, and flourish. Beyond the connection children feel within their classes, we nurture this sense of belonging to our whole school community through our shared GREEN values, which guide how we interact and maintain high standards of learning behaviour. Having recently reviewed our Stay on Green system, we have now finalised and updated the appendix of our Behaviour Policy; a copy is attached alongside this newsletter and is also available on our school website.

Earlier today, the whole school gathered together for our Harvest Festival. This also included some of our Reception children who joined assembly for the first time this year. Led by our Senior Prefects, the assembly reminded us of the many people involved in producing our food and invited us to reflect on all that we are grateful for. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. These will be passed on to the Manna Foodbank and The Salvation Army to support families across our local community.

It has also been an exceptionally busy week of trips and visitors designed to enrich our curriculum. Year 3 visited Wisley Gardens for hands-on workshops exploring how food is grown, while Year 4 enjoyed a local walk to bring their Geography learning to life. Year 5 experienced an immersive visit from the Wonderdome, travelling across the solar system to consolidate their Science knowledge about space. Meanwhile, Year 6 visited Watts Gallery as part of an exciting creative arts and community project. We look forward to sharing more details later this term as Year 6 begin crafting special clay tiles, which will eventually be photographed and displayed in an exhibition at the gallery.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming many of our children back to school this evening for the school disco! We are immensely grateful to the PTFA for all their hard work in organising this event, which is always a highlight of the term and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Staff News

At the end of last week we said goodbye to Mrs Prosser, one of our midday supervisors. We wish her the best of luck as she takes on a new role as a receptionist in a doctors surgery. We are pleased to welcome Miss Beamson to our staff team as our new midday supervisor.



Inclusion Insights

In next week's parent and carer consultation meetings with your child's teacher, they will be able to share with you any additional support that is in place for your child.

Once you have met with your child's class teacher, if you would like to speak further about your child's SEN provision, Mrs. Willis, our Inclusion Leader, will be available to speak to in the Main Hall. These are not bookable slots, this will just be a drop in session.

If your child has an Individual Provision Map, this will be shared with you. Below is a helpful guide so you know what to expect from your child's provision map, a document that allows class teachers and senior leaders to plan and review your child's support.

This shows if your child is on the SEND register or has an EHCP. Your child may not be on the SEND register but may still be getting additional support.

Your child's 'Needs' are the parts of school or learning that your child has difficulties with. This difficulty may be linked to a diagnosis, or not. Our provision will be planned to support these needs.

Pupil Name:			Strengths and interests:	
Class:			Needs:	
Date of birth:			Child's POV:	
SEND Status:				

Individual Provision Map		
Term	Ordinarily Available Provision	Review
Autumn	Daily reader Instructions are short, simple and straight to the point. Repeating back instructions to show his understanding. Pre-teach of vocabulary or content. Widgit/taffordtalk learning/colourful semantics in Literacy Extra time to process and respond to an instruction and repeat group instructions. Use visual aids during whole class teaching to aid understanding. Regulation tools and regulation breaks Visual timetable Regular reminders and handwriting prompts Regular, specific praise Equipment checklists tidiness/widgit spelling mats organised alphabetically My turn/your turn	

Term	Outcome (SMART target)	Outside Agency Involvement	Intervention or support	Outcome	Review
Autumn	To correctly form the curly caterpillar letters 'a', 'd', and 'g' starting in the right place and following the correct directional path in 4 out of 5 independent writing opportunities		Little Wandle letter formation intervention Fine motor activities		
Autumn	To use the following phase 5 graphemes correctly in his writing - 'x', 'ss', 'ss' - and split digraphs using a sound mat for support in 4 out of 5 independent writing opportunities		Spelling intervention		
Autumn	Formative assessment shows that xx has just met 75% of the objectives covered after six weeks with adult support (yellow)		Mats, pre-teach intervention		

Ordinarily Available Provision is part of our High Quality Teaching. This includes the reasonable adjustments and strategies used by teachers to support your child.

Your child may have additional targeted support in place to meet a specific, short-term target, linked to the teacher's assessment of their needs. This may be a group intervention or specific adult support in the classroom.

The provision will be assessed and reviewed at the end of each term and you will be sent a copy of the provision map at this stage.



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.

Also if your child is absent or you provide them with a packed lunch, please ensure you cancel their meal by 8.55am. If you do not cancel and your child is entitled to a free school meal the school will get charged for this meal.

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, Natasha 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>

Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Thursday - What would you choose...

To visit Mars or the Moon?

Food for Talk!

The place I would choose is... because...

I agree because...

I couldn't disagree more because...

Vacancies Within the Trust

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. 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 on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-part-time-1577851>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This position combines classroom-based support as an Early Years Teaching Assistant with class leadership responsibilities as a Higher-Level 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 visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/eyfs-teaching-assistant--and--higher-level-teaching-assistant-combined-role-1577885>



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For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1577977>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. 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 visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1577815>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an After School Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular After School Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. 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 visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1577842>

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.

Holly – 3A

We are delighted to celebrate Holly's fantastic success at the Milton Keynes Open Gymnastics Tumbling Competition. Holly took 1st place with a gold medal for her tumbles.

Holly's hard work, dedication and determination have truly paid off. Well done Holly on this amazing 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: 6W



Class: 1CJ



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	Riyaan	RC	Consent to publish name not given	RG	Amara
1B	Joyce	1CJ	Consent to publish name not given	1I	Rocky
2A	Pollyanna	2B	Consent to publish name not given	2DT	Meesha
3A	Louie	3B	Zack	3D	Aria
4A	Helina	4H	Consent to publish name not given	4L	Finley
5A	Consent to publish name not given	5B	Jayjay	5C	Tommy
6GB	Musti	6R	Aarav	6W	Robert

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Ivy T, Harper Rose P, Immy F, Ronnie J, Aiden P, Emmy B, Connie B, Harlow S, Kiaan J, Yunish M, Mikail O, Oliver K, Hugo W, Flynn B, Asher J, Sylvia B, Joshua O, Cameron R, George-Bailey H, Jaya K, Cassie R, Rocky T, Isha Y, Oscar B, Jasmine R, Miguel A, Darcie C, Ryan S, Banreet J, Presleigh I, Ruben P, Cooper M, Evie W, Noah C, Ollie J, Zack J, Savanna H, Safa M, Holly T, Lexi B, Yuna M, Aila E, Nellie-Mae H, Mohammad Omar S, Louie H, Samko C, Alex I, Saira A, Aekambeer S, Harry B, Arthur A, Teddy B, Arvin K, Elodie P, Chloe P, Aishleen K, Gehad A, Jaskirat D, Michael G, Albert M, Dotty H, Millie J, Vinisha B, Theo H, Jess B, Elsie D, Sienna Hi, Ava S, Kaira G, Robyn C, Grace E, Reggie C, Nathaniel L, Max S, Elia D, Elvy L, Tommy H Aidan B, Skylar W, Jasmin C, Ethan D, Abbie L, Willow-Rae S, Verity V, Ava B, Sofia W, Tamsin B, Avni N, Tommy Y, Zack F and Alex Ta.

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

Images used provided by Canva, Widgit, Times Table Rock Stars & Numbots.



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
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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NEARLY NEW SALE

Sell preloved maternity, baby and items for children age 0 to 11+ including clothes, toys, books and much more

Seller registration £3 for 100 items
£3 per additional 100 items

Sunday 15th November, 2pm - 3.30pm
The Echelford Primary School

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Seller registration £3 for 100 items
£3 per additional 100 items
Register to sell at linktr.ee/nctsa

Sunday 15th November 2026
2pm - 3.30pm
The Echelford Primary School, Ashford

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SURREY ARTS



GET PLAYING Piano

Lessons available - Book now!

- During the school day
- Weekly lessons
- Lessons from £10.40*
- Financial assistance available subject to meeting eligibility criteria
- Affordable instrument hire

* Price is for group lessons, availability varies by school



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FIND OUT MORE HERE



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Buy preloved maternity, baby and items for children age 0 to 11+ including clothes, toys, books and much more

Entry £2 per person (children free)
Cash, contactless and major credit/debit cards accepted

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Need fun, reliable childcare this holiday? Let your kids get creative the eco-friendly way through my EcoKids Craft Camps

I'm Jacqui, a Furniture Artist, a keen upcycler, former Assistant Headteacher and I love to teach. I've helped over 60 adults and nearly 40 children this year upcycle household items saving them from landfill.

Features and Benefits

- ✓ Small class sizes (max 8) so your children can learn a new skill
- ✓ A new upcycling craft is taught daily leaving with a beautifully upcycled item.
- ✓ Additional craft activities available using recycled materials
- ✓ Learn about sustainability and the circular economy
- ✓ Fully inclusive environment with an experienced SEN teacher
- ✓ 15 years teaching experience as well as development of the art curriculum in schools.
- ✓ Stunning studio on the banks of the River Thames, Shepperton.
- ✓ Half Day and Full Day Craft Camps are available with the option to extend the day to suit you (additional cost).

October Half Term Camp dates:
Week 1 - 20th to 22nd October
Week 2 - 26th to 30th October

£30 half day EcoKids Craft Camps 10am-12.30pm.
£55 full day EcoKids Craft Camps 10-3pm.
Discount available for 2 or more children.

Jacqui@vintagechicreloved.co.uk
07516 573 868

"Such a lovely class, my daughter loved it and made something sustainable to keep! Great welcome activity - thank you!" - Rachel
 vintagechicrelovedbyjacqui

Camps run on a two week timetable with a different upcycling activity every day

What's on - Week One

Tuesday 20 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Get creative with our sustainable autumn wreaths made using fabric offcuts! Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Wednesday 21 October — Trainer Glow-Ups & Shoe Upcycling

Bring your trainers back to life! Using decoupage and paint, children will give a pair of shoes a festive glow-up ready for the Christmas season. Please bring a pair of shoes to upcycle.

Thursday 22 October — Foraged Pine cone Table Decorations

A beautiful seasonal table decoration made from foraged pinecones. Children are welcome to bring a pine cone they've found themselves, but plenty will also be available on the day.

What's on - Week Two

Monday 26 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Back by popular demand! Another chance to make a beautiful autumn wreath using fabric offcuts. Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Tuesday 27 October — Preloved Jewellery Making

Turn preloved jewellery into something new! Please bring a piece of jewellery with you, ideally with larger beads that are already threaded, ready to be transformed.

Wednesday 28 October — Pencil Case Upcycling from fabric

A no-sew, no-zip pencil case made from fabric offcuts, glued together and ready to fill with pens! A fun, simple upcycling project for all ages.

Thursday 29 October — Painted Pumpkin Pots

Paint your own terracotta pot ready for mini pumpkins! Children take home pumpkin seeds to plant in spring, watch them grow and hopefully have their very own mini pumpkins by next Halloween.

Friday 30 October — Trick-or-Treat Bowl/Tin Can Upcycling

Bring a bowl or tin can from home and transform it into your very own Halloween trick-or-treat basket — ready for a night of sweet collecting!





THEIR FOOTBALL JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

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FUN, FRIENDLY, FOOTBALL THAT BUILDS CORE SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIPS FOR LIFE!

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7-WEEK BLOCK - JUST £8 PER SESSION (£56 TOTAL)



OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMP

WEEK 1: 19TH - 23RD (5 DAYS)
WEEK 2: 26TH - 29TH (4 DAYS)

BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED U5-U11 (REC. - YR 6), ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

9AM - 3PM
 (EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE)

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PER
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WEEK 2
£200
BOTH WEEKS**



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