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Co-Headteachers' Message

And just like that, we have reached half term — the midpoint of our Autumn term. Looking back over the past six weeks, we couldn't be prouder of how well the children have settled into their new year groups and fully immersed themselves in their learning. A special mention must go to our youngest children in Reception, who have made a fantastic start to their school journey.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parent-Teacher Consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you found these meetings valuable for understanding your child's progress and attainment, celebrating their successes, and identifying their next steps as we move through the academic year. Many of you also took the time to complete our Parent Survey. The link [Parent Survey](#) remains open, and we strongly encourage everyone to share their thoughts. We genuinely value your feedback to help us evaluate our provision and refine our systems, ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our children. Please ensure all submissions are completed by Wednesday 4th November.

Today, our school community came together for Wear Red Day. Wearing red is a powerful, visual reminder that at Echelford, more than ever, we stand united in our commitment to anti-racism and our mission for true equality. We know that education is vital in this fight. Rooted in our Green Values, we are committed to celebrating every child's unique identity while fostering a strong sense of self. Crucially, we teach and empower our pupils to use their voices, speak out, and challenge racist language and behaviour. Wear Red Day is all about being the change we want to see and having the courage to stand up against racism.

On a practical note, we have noticed an increased number of late arrivals this half term. Arriving at school on time gives children the best possible start to their day, allowing them to settle in calmly and build positive morning routines. Crucial learning support and intervention sessions begin right at the start of the day, and being on time ensures your child doesn't miss out on these essential opportunities.

As a direct result of these late arrivals, the Main Office has become extremely busy and crowded in the mornings. To ensure a calm, safe, and efficient start for everyone, we will be trialling a new late arrival process when we return after the break. More details about how this will work can be found further in the newsletter.

We would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable two-week half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

October is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month. We therefore wanted to share with you support available for families whose children have ADHD or are on an ADHD assessment pathway.

Practical Tips for Home

- **Establish Predictable Routines:** Visual timetables, checklists, and countdown timers help make daily transitions predictable and reduce anxiety during busy times like the morning rush or bedtime.
- **Break Down Instructions:** Give clear, step-by-step directions (one or two at a time) rather than a list of requests. Pair spoken words with a visual cue or write key tasks down.
- **Incorporate Physical Movement:** Children with ADHD often need physical outlets to help self-regulate. Short "brain breaks"—a quick stretch, a run in the garden, or a dance to a favourite song—can boost focus before sit-down tasks.
- **Focus on Strengths:** Children with ADHD are frequently creative, energetic, resilient, and passionate. Celebrate their wins and praise effort over outcome to help safeguard their self-esteem.

Local Support in Surrey

Remember, you do not need a formal diagnosis to access help in Surrey:

- **[Mindworks Surrey](#):** Surrey's emotional wellbeing and mental health service provides advice, tools, and neurodevelopmental support without needing a formal diagnosis.
- **Surrey Out-of-Hours ADHD Helpline:** Run by Barnardo's in partnership with Mindworks, this dedicated helpline offers advice to parents dealing with challenging situations at home. Call **0300 222 5755** (5 pm–11 pm, 365 days a year).
- **[Barnardo's Surrey Positive Parenting Service](#):** Offers small-group parenting programmes and strategies tailored specifically to supporting children with ADHD.
- **[Family Voice Surrey](#):** A local parent-carer forum offering peer support, information events, and a strong community for families navigating SEND

Online workshops from [Surrey Family Learning](#):

- Empowering Your Neurodiverse Child to Build Resilience, Monday 2 November, 7:30 to 9:30pm
- First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child, Wednesday 4 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
- Confident Transitions for Your Neurodiverse Child, Monday 23 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
- Develop Skills to Support your Child's Sensory Needs, Wednesday 25 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm



Procedure for children arriving late

From 2nd November the below procedure will be in place for all children who arrive after the expected time of 8.45am:

- 8:45 am - the morning bell rings and all children are expected to be in school by this time
- All children arriving after 8:45 am must enter via the KS2 gate
- A member of staff will be waiting at the blue gates (past the bike shed) to greet you and sign your child in
- Parents/carers must wait with their child at the gate until a member of staff walks them safely into the school
- Parents/carers will then exit back through the KS2 gates

Any pre-arranged agreement to enter through the Main Office will continue as normal. Please ring the bell and the Office Team will let you in, we are hopeful that the reduction in people at the office will enable a calmer, smoother transition to school for these children.

If you need to speak to the office in the morning (e.g., to drop off medication), please ring the Main Office bell as usual. We are confident this new process will allow our Office Team to assist you much more efficiently.

Plea for Tights

Now we are coming into the colder months we are in need of tights. If you are having a clear out over the half term and you find some tights you no longer need please bring them to the school office. All sizes will be gratefully received.

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.

Term Dates 2027-2028

The term dates for the next academic year are now on our website.

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>



For Sale – Another local Lumen school, Saxon, have this drum kit for sale

Complete Gear4Music drum kit in good condition - £75 (new price £279.99)

For more information please contact Saxon's school office info.saxon@lumenlearnintrust.co.uk



Oracy - Food For Talk

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

Monday - 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 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>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1579144>

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.



A Message From Our PTFA

As we begin another exciting school year, we would like to thank everyone who attended the PTFA Annual General Meeting on 17 September and for your continued support of our school community.

During the meeting, members voted in the PTFA team for the year ahead:

Co-Chairs: Maria H and Ellis N

Secretary: Gemma P

Committee Members: Mandy B and Lucy G

We are looking forward to working together with families, staff and the wider community to organise enjoyable events, create memorable experiences for our children and raise valuable funds to support the school.

Looking Ahead

Clothing Collection After Half Term

Planning a clear-out over the half-term break? Please keep hold of any unwanted clothing, shoes and accessories, as we'll be holding a clothing collection during the first week back after half term.

It's a great opportunity to declutter at home while helping to raise funds for the school. More information about what can be donated will be shared closer to the collection date.

Christmas Fair - Thursday 4 December

Our annual Christmas Fair will be returning on Thursday 4 December, and we can't wait to bring some festive cheer to the school community.

Please save the date in your diary and keep an eye out for further information in the coming weeks. We will also be looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole afternoon, every helping hand is hugely appreciated.

Donations Always Welcome

Many of our fundraising activities rely on donations from our wonderful school community, and we are always happy to receive:

- Unwanted gifts (ideal for our popular Spin to Win stalls at the Christmas and Summer Fairs)
- Christmas jumpers
- Children's costumes and dressing-up outfits

If you have any of the above items that you no longer need, please leave them at the school office labelled "PTFA".

Thank you for your continued support of the PTFA. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

The Echelford PTFA



Class Learning Awards

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



Class: 5B



Class: 1B

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	Consent to publish name not given	RC	Elsie	RG	Theo
1B	Thea	1CJ	Consent to publish name not given	1I	Consent to publish name not given
2A	Isha	2B	Sachi	2DT	Consent to publish name not given
3A	Lexi	3B	Derrick	3D	Saira
4A	Adi	4H	Consent to publish name not given	4L	Millie
5A	Frazer	5B	Consent to publish name not given	5C	Consent to publish name not given
6GB	Jonathan	6R	Daniel	6W	Mason

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Ava C, Muna N, Ronnie W, Ariana E, Momin K, Riyaan M, Connie B, Hugo J, Jasmine D, Aiden P, Emmy B, River C, Elsie A, Jaxson D, Ronnie J, Jaxon B, Harper-Rae H, Raabiya N, Clara M, Amla I, Arjan S, Logan P, Isa O, Joyce D, Sarah S, Asher J, Ivy-Rose L, Holly C, Leo W, Emily K, Haroun J, Kiyan S, Lizzie M, Cameron R, Kiyan S, Lizzie M, Asher J, Thaarika J, Baqir R, Braydon H, Jaya K, Ayeza M, Nduba A, Rishaan C, Ryan S, Daniel A, Florence-Lola B, Jacob S, Noah C, Viaan S, Ollie R, Cody H, Mariia L, Amber S, Amber C, Harry E, Elijah B, Aryaa D, Deanna S, Safa M, Aila E, Yuna M, Ajus S, Derrick B, Joshua K, Harper B, Davina B, Reuben A, Viveca S, Shakeel M, Michael G, Lennon F, Ismail K, Heidi D, Eliza S, Lucy B, Aliyah M, Owen J, Tia T, Josh K, Sahib T, Ilyas M, Vidhaan S, Reggie C, Amber J, Veer A, Ava S, Robyn C, Jasmine P, Kaira G, Teeyan B, Alfie A, Frankie C, Jayjay N, Teddy K, Max S, Sienna Ha, Victoria N, Aubrey B, Iommi J, Mustafa A, Jasmin C, Maddie B, Henry P and Abbie L.

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



Important Dates

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

October		
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**.

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.

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Apply online
between 2 November 2026 and 15 January 2027



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Contact Information:

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alice.frise1@middlesexfa.com
07826059610

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Visitor Mornings
Friday 6th & Tuesday 10th November 9 am
Register for your place at Halliford School before our Admissions deadline of Monday 16th November 2026

Independent Senior Day School | Boys 11-18 years | Girls 16-18 years

[Click to register](#)

COME AS YOU ARE.
GO AS HALLIFORD YOU CAN BE.

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for boys in Years 4, 5 and 6
Saturday 14th November 2026
Parents welcome for refreshments at 11.45 am
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