



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all our children.



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The weather might have been quite miserable this week but that hasn't dampened the Christmas spirit in school! The children have been busy rehearsing for their performances to families next week. See the dates to the right and how to book if you haven't already.

SSA Update

Christmas Market & Fireworks

A huge thank you to the SSA, parent helpers and all the staff volunteers who helped out at the Christmas Market on Friday afternoon. It was a lovely event and raised £2272.53. Special thanks to the SSA Committee: Mrs Hopper, Mrs Carman, Miss Neaves, Mr Venning & Miss Piddington.

Happy Bags Recycling

Make space for those gifts from Santa by clearing out the wardrobes this weekend for a Happy Bags collection on Tuesday! What you can donate is below.

Discos

Thank you to everyone who helped run the discos this week, the children had a wonderful time. These raised £2016.51

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Remembrance Day item. We raised a brilliant £752.17 for the Royal British Legion!

Big Tree Night

Big Tree Night is next Wednesday evening and we look forward to seeing everyone on our stall at the Grotto. Don't forget to support the choir when they sing on the stage too. See below for the running order.

January Panto

Our traditional annual Panto performance to the children (R-6) from M&M productions is booked for

Wednesday 14th January and this year, it's Sleeping Beauty. To support this event going ahead, we kindly request families make a £3 donation towards the cost. We have been able to use the Curriculum donations made at the start of the year to bring the cost down but any additional support will be very welcome. This has been added to Scopay. Thank you.

Times Tables Rockstars

Thank you for your patience this week whilst we had some technical difficulties. All children with a log in should now be able to access the website.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Wednesday 17th December in support of the charity Save the Children. Children are asked to bring in a £1 donation for wearing a Christmas jumper over the rest of their usual school uniform. If children don't want to wear a Christmas jumper, they don't have to, it can be any jumper, but still bring in £1 please.

KS2 Christmas Market & Concert

A reminder that this starts at 2:30pm and families can enter from both gates. You will have approx. 15minutes to purchase the Christmas craft your child has made and then the children will commence singing. This should finish around 3:15pm when children will need to return to class to get their things, and can then be dismissed. Families can wait in the playground after the event for their child. Please send your child in with a Christmas accessory to wear and ensure they have their coat.

Key Dates

Dec

Tues 9th

Happy Bags Collection

9:30 Y1 Christmas Concert (*bookable via Ticket Tailor*)

2:30pm Woodpeckers (Nursery) Christmas Sing-a-long (*bookable via Ticket Tailor*)

Weds 10th

9:30 Reception Nativity (*bookable via Ticket Tailor*)
5pm Big Tree Night

Thurs 11th

9:30 Y2 Nativity (*bookable via Ticket Tailor*)
2:30pm KS2 Christmas Market & Carols

Fri 12th

2:30pm Kingfishers (Nursery) Christmas Sing-a-long (*bookable via Ticket Tailor*)

Weds 17th

9:00am Ks1 Celebration Assembly (*invited families only*)
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Thurs 18th

9:00am KS2 Celebration assembly (*invited families only*)

Fri 19th

1:45pm End of Term for all

School Council's Christmas Decoration Project

Our School Councillors have a Christmas challenge for all our families. Coming home today is a decoration template for you to design at home, write an act of kindness on the back and then send back in to put on the tree. At the end of term, children can take them home and try and complete the challenge! See below for all the details.

Achievement Certificates

Certificates of Achievement for demonstrating one of our values (Kindness, Respect, Teamwork, Belonging & Achieving) were awarded to:

KS1

RL Molly (T) & Ruben (A)
RM Amy (K) & Holly (T)
1B Finn (K) & Jacob (A)
1S Bobbi (A) & Patrick (K)
2A Aadhi (T) & Sanmeet (A)
2P

KS2

3B Noah (A) & Owen (K)
3T Ella Y (R) & Thomas (A)
4B Alberto (T) & Harley (K)
4M Fadey (A) & Conor (R)
5D Ruby (R) & Layla D (A)
5W Keev (T) & Carla (R)
6A Honey (A) & Harry (A)
6S Scarlett (R) & Peter (R)

- Annie (6A) for recently passing stages 9 & 10 in her swimming class

Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group

Monday 15th December is our final meeting of 2025 and it will be our privilege to be praying for you, your children and their teachers, also all the other vital members of the Saxon Primary School community.

We have seen marvellous answers to our prayers over the year, and continue to press on in prayer for longstanding issues, trusting God is working out His purposes in His perfect way and time.

If there is anything specific you would value prayer for, and feel comfortable in sharing, please do contact me via the email address below and rest assured it will be kept in strict confidence.

With the time of celebrating Christmas just around the corner, and the start of a New Year waiting in the wings, we pray you may know the joy of this special season and sense a perfect peace with you and your children throughout 2026.

Val Edwards: info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Ruben, Bill & Isla-Rose (RL); Bluebell (1S); Myles, April & Noah (3B); Reyhan (3T); Beau, Jaylen & Henry (4M); Leighton & Tayton (5D); Lily (6A) and Eddie, Isabelle, Scarlett, Freddie, Iyla, Jackson & Leah (6S) well done to all of these children!

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Zaydan (1B) for achieving his Level 5 in swimming and is the youngest child in his class
- Imogen (4M) competed and came 3rd with her cheerleading team in Paris at the weekend
- Daisy (5D) for competing in three dance shows in one weekend
- Ella (5D) for performing in her first big dance show

Vacancies Across the Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? Are you highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are looking to appoint someone who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative.

For more information on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1519381>

Happy Bags Recycling



What we collect 

We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
- ✓ Toiletries, perfumes,
- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days. Thank you

If unsure about anything, please call us on 0170 868 5071

We do not accept: 

- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD's
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes

The poster features a grid of icons. The 'We accept' section shows a red t-shirt, blue shorts, a pink handbag, a pair of blue jeans, a pair of sneakers, and a blue beanie. The 'We do not accept' section shows icons for a uniform, a DVD, a book, a pillow, and a wet orange jacket, each with a red 'no' symbol over it.

Term Dates 2025-2026

These are the days children are expected in school. Please refer to these dates when booking holidays:

Autumn Term 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY 2
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY 3
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Tuesday 21 st July	INSET DAY 5

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	INSET Day 2
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Children return to school
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026	Half term (two weeks)
Friday 18 th December 2026	End of Term (day finishes early)
Spring Term 2027	
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	INSET Day 3
Wednesday 6 th January 2027	Children return to school
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2027	Half term (one week)
Thursday 25 th March 2027	End of Term (day finishes early)
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 th April 2027	Children return to school
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027	Half term (one week)
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	End of Term (day finishes early)
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET Day 4
Thursday 22 nd July 2027	INSET Day 5

School Kindness Decoration Project

The School Council invites all families to get crafty and share acts of kindness by creating a unique Christmas decoration.

Here is what you need to do:

1. Design and Create Your Decoration

Write a kindness pledge or activity for another family to do.
Decorate the bauble.

2. Return the Decoration to School
Cut out and add string to hang on the School tree.
Bring back by Tuesday 9th December.

3. The Christmas Swap & Activity

At the end of the term, each child will get to choose a different decoration from the tree to take home.

The goal is to take home someone else's "Kindness Pledge" and complete that act of kindness or activity with your own family over the Christmas holidays.

4. Share Your Success!

Take a photo of your family completing the act of kindness written on the decoration you took home.

Send the photo to the school so we can see all the kindness spreading throughout the community!

Big Tree Night

Running Order 2025

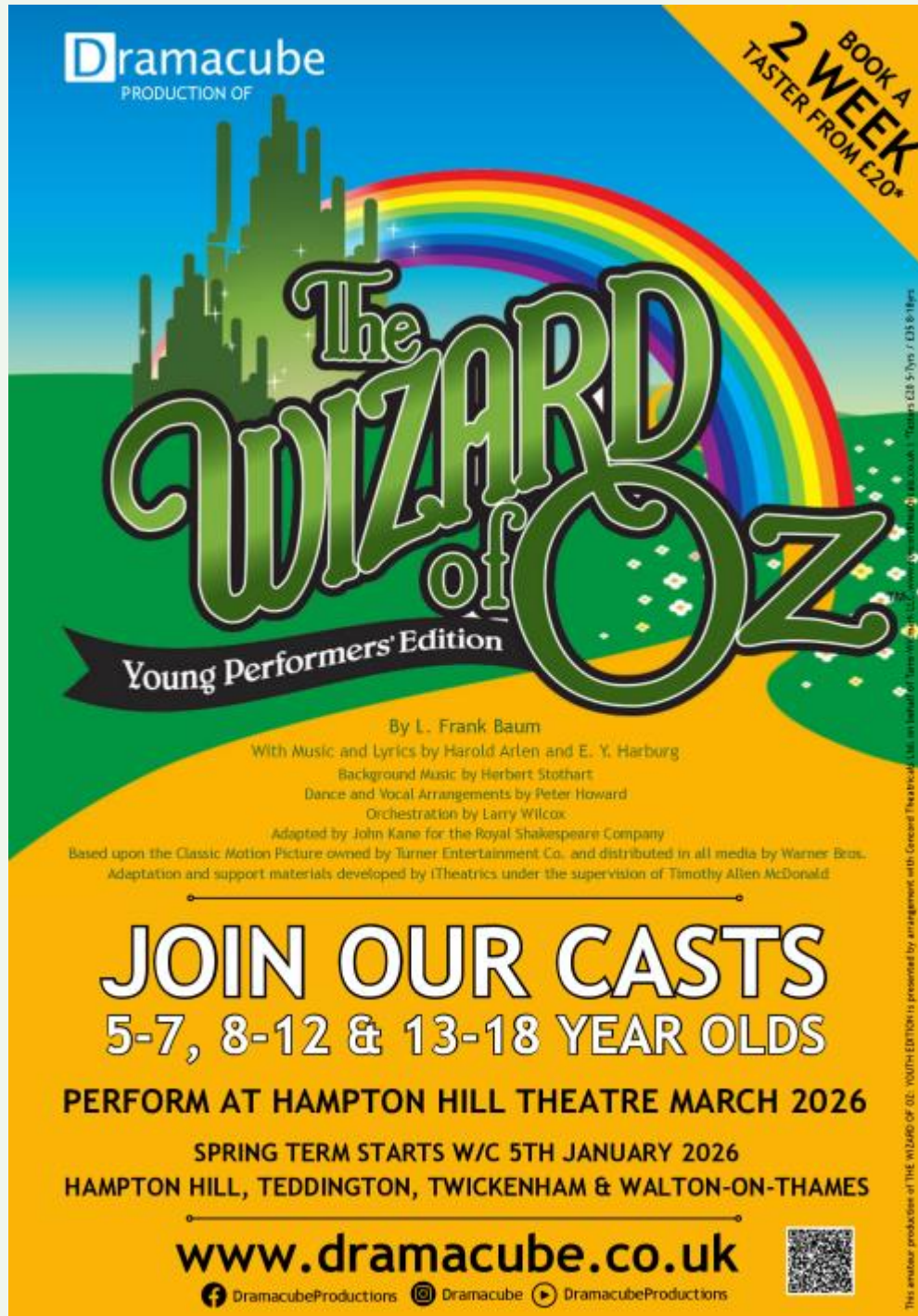
- 4.00pm** High Street closes
- 5.00pm** Stalls open
- 6.15pm** A few words by our Chair, Chantal Mitchell, Maureen Attewell SBC/SCC, Lincoln Jopp MC MP and introducing our Mayor of Spelthorne
- 6.25pm** The Mayor opens Big Tree Night 2025
- 6.30pm** Santa arrives on stage and presents the poster winners (St Nicholas School) with their prizes.
- 6.35pm** Santa makes his way to his grotto and reindeer by Shepperton Library
- 6.40pm** Carol singing with St Nicholas school choir
- 6.55pm** Dancing performance by Burge School of Dance
- 7.10pm** Saxon school choir
- 7.25pm** Thamesmead school band
- 7.45pm** The Stewart Academy Choir
- 8.30pm** Santa and his reindeer leave for Lapland
- 10.00pm** High Street re-opens



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