

Summer Term 2026

Newsletter



**EGHAM PARK
SCHOOL**

A Message from Abby, Headteacher

It is with great pleasure that I write this at the end of a very busy, and successful Summer term. As a school, we have so many things to celebrate and the whole staff team are incredibly proud of all of our pupils' progress and achievements.

It is hard to believe that we have been at our new school building for a whole academic year and this time last year I was packing boxes of books into Adrian's car to get ready for the move! Our school has significantly expanded since September and we have been so pleased to welcome all of our new pupils. We are now also an approved Post-16 provision and sat our first Functional Skills exams! Other developments have included new furniture in the rec room, expanding our collection of herbs and plants in the garden, setting up the Waspe Farm site for Holloway class and building links with the local community.

As we finish the year, we say goodbye to Martinique, who will be moving on to a new role; we are grateful for all of her hard work over the year, especially in relation to the allotment and our Eco awards. We welcome three new members of staff; Emilie, who will be the Centre Lead for Holloway class and the Waspe Farm site, Lisa, who is joining us as a teacher and Carolina who is an LSA.

I wish pupils and parents a very restful summer holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Pupil Voice

Chessington Trip

We all really enjoyed our trip to Chessington and had fun spending time with our friends and going on the rides!

Oscar – I got to go on Vampire and Gruffalo rides!

Olly – I went on the Jumanji ride and Tiger's Rock!

Charlie – I went on the Vampire ride with Stuart who laughed the whole time!

Lily - I enjoyed seeing the animals, going on Tiger's Rock, eating a magnum and buying a new duck teddy!



Fitness – by Stanley

This term, we started a fitness programme, based on circuit training and boxercise. This helped me improve my fitness and boxing skills.

The World Cup – by Olly

Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about the World Cup; there are 48 countries participating and it takes place every four years. We each researched a different country and then shared this with the class. The winning team gets a giant gold trophy, and some pupils created their own drawings or Lego models of this!



Pupil Voice

New Friendships – by Rosie

I like the teachers and all my friends; they are all so kind and caring.

New Friendships – by Issy

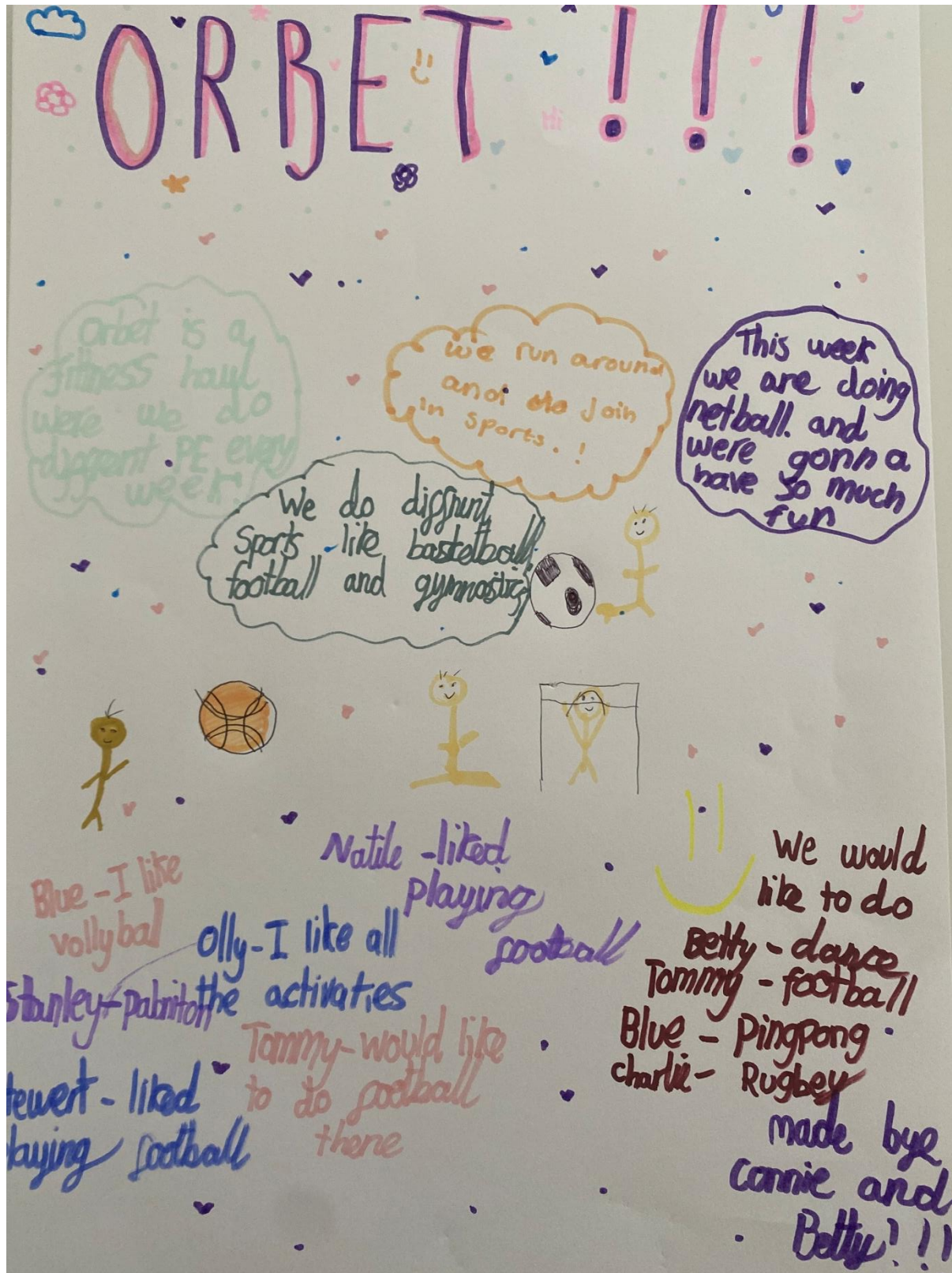
Issy – I have loved making new friends and I love how supportive this school is.

Life at Egham Park School – by Mylie

I enjoyed making new friends and finally being in a school that understands my needs and helps me. At this school, everyone's needs are important and you don't feel like you are being ignored.

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All About Egham Orbit by Betty and Connie



School News

Functional Skills

This year has seen excellent success in our Functional Skills programme. Several pupils achieved their Functional Skills Level 1 qualifications in both Maths and English, demonstrating their hard work, commitment and progress. We are also extremely proud of one pupil who sat their Level 2 examinations this term, marking an important milestone in their educational journey.

A key development this year has been the introduction of a clear Functional Skills pathway. This structured approach enables pupils to begin studying at the level most appropriate to their individual needs and abilities, before progressing through the qualifications as their skills and confidence develop. We look forward to building on these successes and supporting even more pupils to achieve their Functional Skills goals in the future.

Healthy Schools

This term, we began our Surrey Healthy Schools journey, which is an approach that helps pupils to understand the links between health, behaviour and achievement. So far, pupils have learnt about the benefits of having a sleep routine, and what it means to have a positive sleep environment, as well as ways to boost self-esteem and the importance of personal hygiene. We are looking forward to continuing to work towards becoming a Surrey Healthy School next year!



UNICEF Rights Respecting School

We are excited to begin our Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) journey. This is an important step in strengthening our inclusive school community, helping pupils understand their rights, respect the rights of others, and develop the confidence to make a positive difference. We look forward to sharing our progress with you throughout the year.



Curriculum News

Careers

Pupils have been actively exploring career opportunities this term. Some Year 10 and Year 11 students have benefited from one-to-one careers advisor interviews, and both classes have had two interesting careers talks. The first was from a British Airways pilot who discussed his role and career journey and Debbie, who has been volunteering with us, delivered the second talk about her job in the NHS. All pupils have also reflected on their skills and personal qualities, considering how these strengths can support future employment choices and career



Citizenship

In the Summer term, we introduced Citizenship as a subject within our curriculum, which develops knowledge, skills and understanding that pupils need to play a full part in democratic society, as active and informed citizens. As part of the learning this term, pupils explored the key principles of democracy, how our government is structured, and how people can make a positive difference in their communities. A highlight of the term was taking part in a live video call with a member of the House of Lords. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about the role of Parliament, ask thoughtful questions, and gain a better understanding of how decisions are made in the UK. The session inspired children to think about their rights, responsibilities, and the importance of having their voices heard.



The World Around Us

This term, pupils have continued to learn more about national and world news in our World Around Us lessons. In these, pupils discuss key aspects of the news and share their thoughts and opinions in a class discussion. We also have a weekly newspaper called First News, and a monthly magazine called Science and Nature, which pupils always enjoy reading.



Curriculum News

Egham Orbit



For Physical Wellbeing this term, pupils continued to visit Egham Orbit and participated in sessions of football and netball. In Netball, pupils developed their passing and footwork skills and in football they worked on their dribbling and positioning. Through these activities, pupils developed their communication and teamwork and learnt about the similarities and differences between the two sports.

Cooking

Pupils have shown excellent cooking skills this term and have applied their Maths skills when weighing, measuring, and checking temperatures. Pupils are always really engaged in cooking and this term they have successfully baked cookies and cupcakes and enjoyed making pizzas!



PSHE, RSE and Worldviews

This term, pupils have done some amazing work for their PSHE, RSE and Worldviews. In RSE, pupils have impressed us with their maturity and discussion skills and have handled some tricky topics extremely well. Pupils have made some wonderful pieces for the subject scrapbook to do with online safety and water safety and have learnt some key things about keeping safe over the Summer break. In Worldviews, pupils were really interested to learn about different religious pilgrimages and why they are so important to people of faith.



Outdoor and Eco Learning

Woodland Trust Schools Award

We are excited to share that we have now successfully achieved the prestigious Platinum Award, which you will be able to see in reception alongside our other achievements! One of pupils' favourite activities was learning about the flowers and plants that William Shakespeare included in his play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; they explored the different plants mentioned in the story and created beautiful drawings. Pupils also learned about extraordinary trees from different cultures around the world, including the Christmas tree, the Bodhi tree and the Cherry Blossom tree, discovering their special meanings and traditions. As part of our environmental learning, we made newspaper plant pots and planted flower seeds, helping us to understand how plants grow while reusing materials. We also created a Gratitude Tree, where we shared the things we are thankful for in nature and reflected on the importance of caring for our environment.



We were also delighted to achieve our RHS Level 4 and Level 5 Awards this term. As part of our reward, we received vouchers which we used to buy new plants for our allotment and our school garden. We also purchased some fairy decorations to make the allotment even more colourful and welcoming. We are very proud of our achievements and look forward to continuing to develop and improve our outdoor spaces.



Trips and Visits

In School Visits

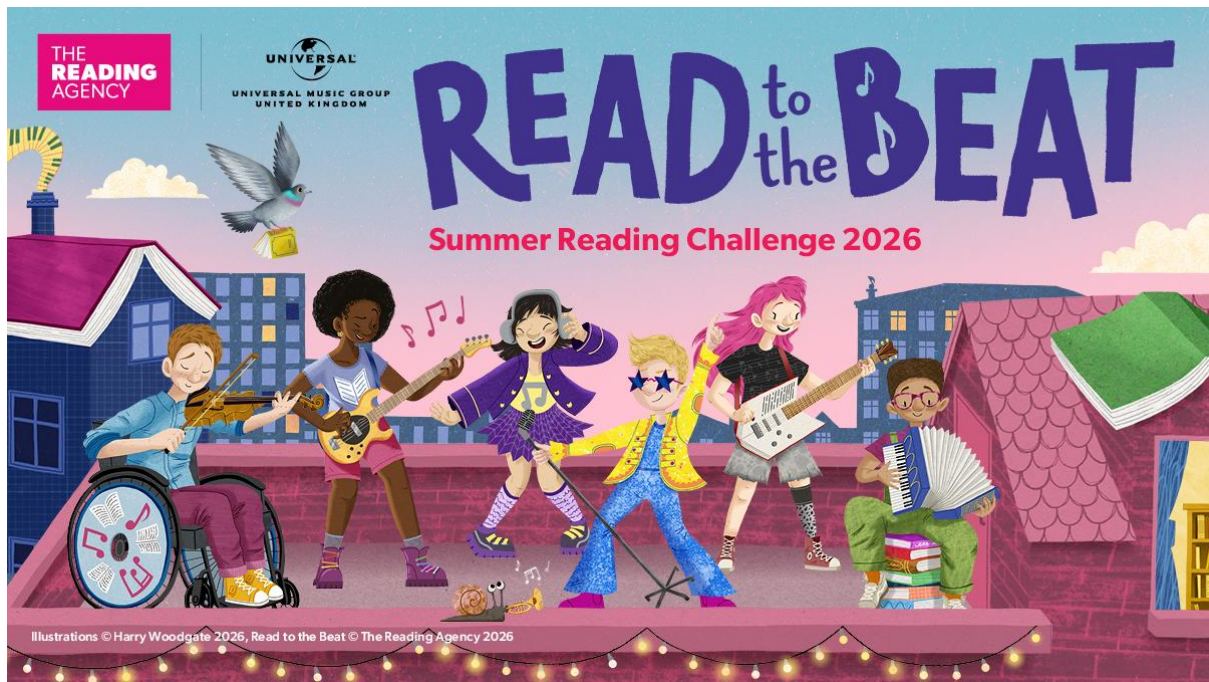
This term, we enjoyed welcoming several exciting visitors to our school. The local Police Engagement Officer delivered a session about their role in the community, and students from Strode's College, led some dance sessions in the Rec Room. We also welcomed a visitor from Wildlife Aid, who shared how they help and care for injured animals and we had a local beekeeper come and show us their hive! Another memorable visit was from a lady who told us about her experiences of being supported by a guide dog and explained how guide dogs help people with visual impairments to live more independently.



RHS Gardens Wisley

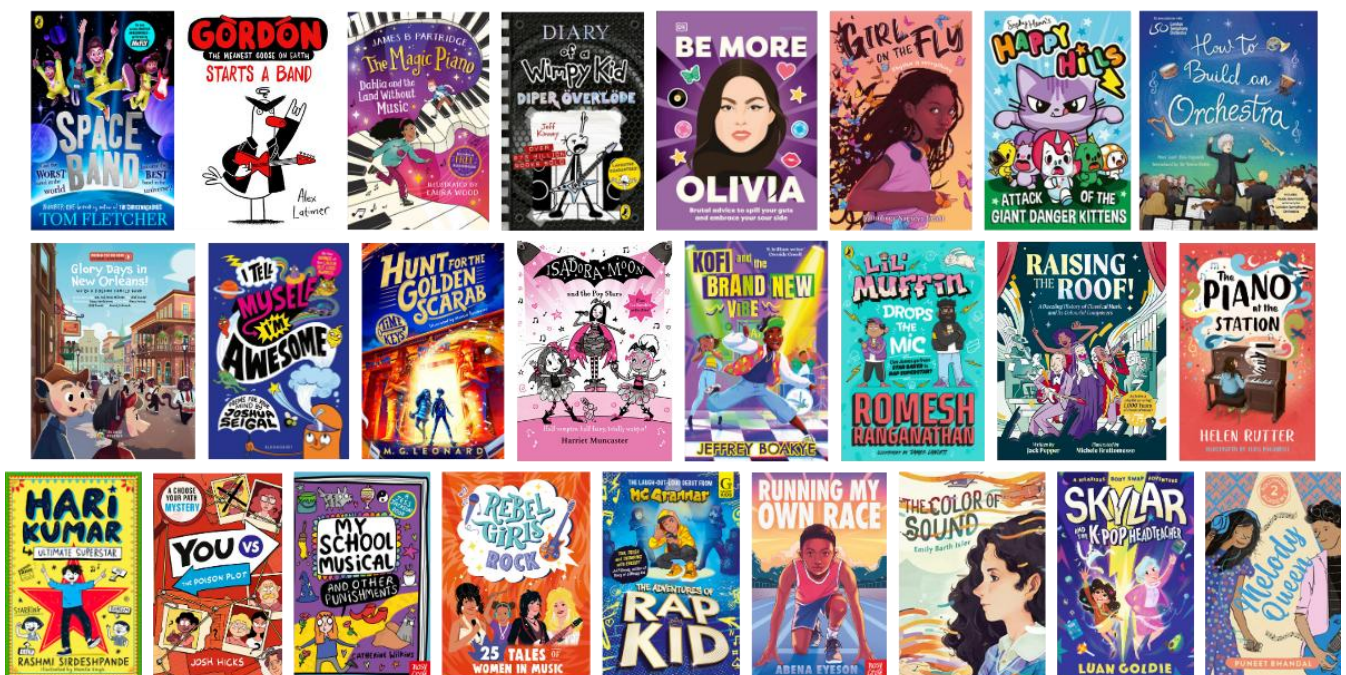
This term, pupils enjoyed an exciting educational visit to RHS Wisley Gardens. During the trip, children explored a variety of beautiful gardens, discovered different plant species, and learned about the importance of nature and conservation. The visit provided many hands-on learning opportunities and encouraged curiosity about the natural world. Pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly. It was a memorable experience that brought classroom learning to life.





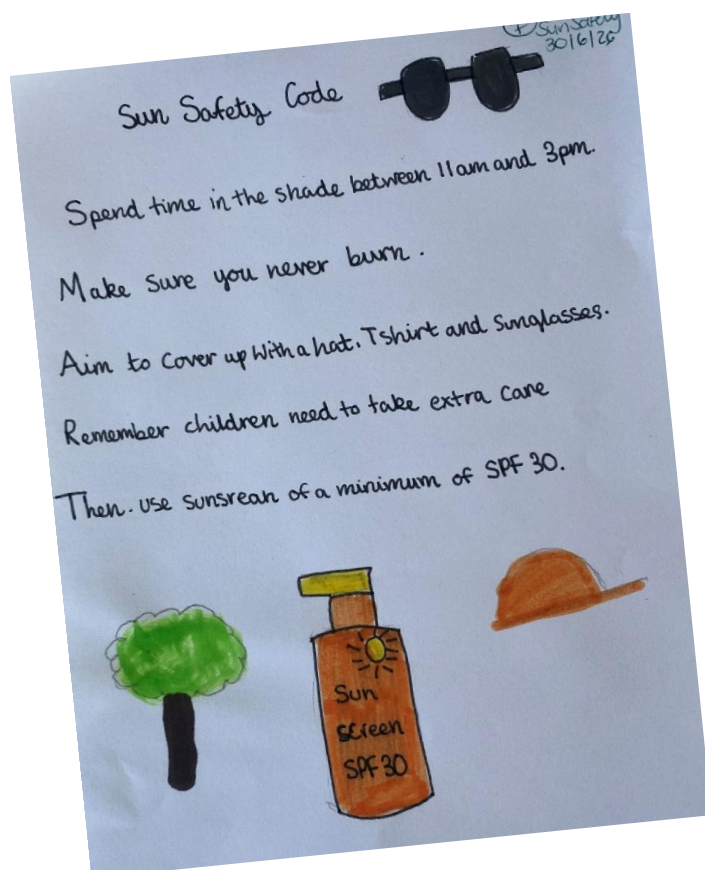
Over the holidays, pupils' can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge! It's free to take part and all children are welcome!

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.





Pupil leaflets about staying safe over the holidays.



Important Information

Absence and Sickness

For any absences, sickness or late arrivals please do contact the school on 01784 913929 or email Deby at dhampton@eghamparkschool.co.uk by 8.30am.

Changes in Personal Details

Should any of your personal details change or any of your child's medical information, please let the team know by emailing Deby at dhampton@eghamparkschool.co.uk.



Safeguarding During Summer

Over the summer holidays, we are still here to support all of our pupils and families.

If you have any concerns or questions, you can email the school on:

DSL@eghamparkschool.co.uk

Emails sent to this address will be answered as quickly as possible but may take up to 24 hours for a response.

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on: **0800 1111**.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on: **0808 800 5000**.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

In the case of an emergency, please call 999.

If you require support from the Local Authority, then please contact the Central Single Point of Access: **0300 470 9100** or cspa@surreycc.gov.uk