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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 13th February, 2026



ATTENDANCE
WELL DONE!



EGScellence EGStravaganza Special Edition

Week 20

Principal's Update

WOW! What a fantastic week of celebration we have had!

Our **EGScellence EGStravaganza** has been a true celebration of everything that makes our school community so special; hard work, team work and a shared commitment to EGScellence!

We have enjoyed Festive Hot Chocolates, Spin The Wheel, daily Christmas Countdown winners, Blue Tickets and our absolutely fantastic Christmas Family Lunch!

We were also lucky enough to hear our band playing two fantastic songs during our EGScellence Assemblies.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our children, families and staff, a really well deserved half-term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 6th January at 8.35am.



AMBITION Awards CEREMONY

A Truly EGScellent Evening: Our First Ambition Awards Ceremony.

What an EGScellent evening we enjoyed this week as we gathered to celebrate our very first Ambition Awards Ceremony. The hall was filled with EGScitement, pride, and joyful anticipation as children and their families came together for this special occasion.

The atmosphere was electric - EGScited children, proud parents, and staff beaming with admiration. Throughout the evening, we celebrated remarkable achievements, EGScellent effort, and incredible progress demonstrated by our children across the term.



SPIN THE WHEEL

Academic EGScellence Ticket.

Children who've shown EGScellence with the highest number of EGScellence cards and EGScellence Planner Stamps completed in a year group have received a special ticket and were entered into our exciting 'Spin the Wheel' event.



Every child attending received 100 Guilford Gold to celebrate their achievement.



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



The lucky children per year group drawn from the hat got the chance to spin for more prizes! Prizes included sweet treats, ear buds, Uno cards, chicken and chips, Queue jump tickets – and even a chance to be entered into the draw for a FREE iPad!

The draw for the IPAD took place this morning, please [click here](#) to see Mr McCalla Spin The Wheel to find the winner.

It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying the moment and fully supporting each other.



Well done!



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Year Group Celebration Assemblies



This week, our assemblies have been all about recognising and celebrating the incredible achievements of our children. Children have been awarded for showing EGScellence in key areas such as Ambition, Integrity, Respect, Attendance, Homework, and Head of Year Hero.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR ALL OUR WINNERS!



Loaded Waffles & Pancakes



EGScellent Week Celebration!

To finish the term on a high, we proudly celebrated EGScellence Week, recognising the children who demonstrated outstanding commitment to our school values. Every child who **achieved 100%** attendance and recorded **no behaviour logs** throughout the whole of last week received a special '**EGScellent Week**' ticket as a reward for their fantastic efforts.

These well-deserving children were invited to enjoy a delicious lunchtime treat on Friday – loaded waffles or pancakes – a fun and celebratory way to acknowledge their dedication, positivity, and consistency!

Celebrating EGScellent Attendance!

Coming to school every day matters – every single lesson helps you learn more, build confidence, and move closer to your goals. This week, we've been shining a spotlight on the children who have shown outstanding commitment to their learning through **100% attendance**.

A huge well done to everyone with perfect **half-term attendance** and those who achieved a **5-day streak**. Your dedication is fantastic, and we're really proud of you.

Keep up the amazing attendance, everyone – every day in school is a step toward success!



Year 10 Theatre Trip

Our Year 10 students had a fantastic cultural experience this week as they visited the Nottingham Theatre Royal to watch the ballet *The Red Shoes*. The performance was beautifully staged and full of emotion, leaving our children captivated from start to finish.

It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see live theatre at its best, and many left feeling truly inspired by the storytelling, music, and choreography on display. A memorable evening for everyone involved!



Safeguarding

This week in safeguarding training, we have participated in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2026 by delivering their presentation on the theme 'This is My Place' which is based around belonging, and how we can feel and help others feel like they belong.

Parents and carers can support their children by looking together at the website – [click here](#)

As we now break for a week, we wanted to remind you that if you need help during half term holiday, please visit our Safeguarding page on the school website ([link here](#)). It's there to help you stay safe and well throughout the holidays.



For any Safeguarding concerns, please email: john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

WHAT A FABULOUS WEEK!



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100% Half Term Hamper Awards:

Year 7 - Brooke G (7H) **Year 10** - Bella L (10B)

Year 8 - Truly P (8F) **Year 11** - Cara B (11A)

Year 9 - Jayden D (9D)

5 Day Streak Awards:

Year 7 - Destiny A (7B), Jude S (7C), Enora O (7A), Millie F (7D) and Justyna M (7F)

Year 8 - Catherine I (8B), Isabelle E (8B), Avinoor G (8A), Lucas M (8C) and Amme-Marie P (8H)

Year 9 - Piper W (9B), Myla E (9E), Danyal H (9H), Saymon K (9H) and Rosie S (9E)

Year 10 - Caitlan M (10E), Subhan A (10D), Blaine A (10E), Senuja W (10A) and D'Meisha R (10I)

Year 11 - Sienna M (11I), Lacey A (11H), Charlie-Jo J (11F), Arez M (11B) and Olivia H (11D)



PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL

This half term, we're celebrating a truly **EGS**cellent group of children – those who achieved **100% attendance** and had **no behaviour logs** all half term. Their commitment, positivity, and dedication to school life have earned them a special reward: **VIP Party with the Principal!**

A huge well done to all our 100% Club children – we're incredibly proud of your effort and attitude.

Year 7

Dominic A, 7A
Alexia B, 7A
Ava Rose G, 7A
Noah R, 7D
Eilidh B, 7E
Osarogie E, 7E
Adanna S, 7E
Ksenia T, 7G
Mya C, 7H
Brooke G, 7H
Alexander Z, 7H

Year 8

Oliver J, 8B
Ethan T, 8B
Sha M, 8C
Ahmad Q, 8E
Maya C, 8F
Olivia S, 8F
Zachary D, 8G
Qasim Ur R, 8G
Kye C, 8H
Anne-Marie P, 8H
Sophie R, 8H
Ewaoluwa B, 8I

Year 9

Gracie K, 9A
Maya C, 9C
Amelia S, 9C
Abdur Rafay B, 9D
Orla B, 9D
Abie K, 9D
Aleah R, 9D
Kamron L, 9F
Maisie H, 9H
Amina J, 9H
Joel V, 9H
Viktoria R, 9I
Sebastian W, 9I
Evangeline A, 9J
Aryas K, 9J
Margaret G, 9J

Year 10

Nifemi O, 10B
Sandesh T, 10B
Isaac H, 10C
Fa Masanneh S, 10C
Tara S, 10E
Deborah O, 10F
Zuzanna L, 10G
Brooke C, 10H
Deborah N, 10H
Teal A, 10J
Ranvir S, 10J

Year 11

Muizz J, 11B
Katie A, 11E
Avi S, 11G
Amina S, 11I
Uzair Z, 11J



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Year Group Celebration Assemblies.

It's been truly rewarding to share these successes across each year group — highlighting specialist achievements and celebrating the values that make our school community so strong.

Well done to all our EGScellent children — we're so proud of you!

AMBITION Certificate

Year 7: Hanna S, 7E
Year 8: Ruqayya A, 8A
Year 9: Samuel B, 9C
Year 10: Sabreena S, 10A
Year 11: Kehinde A, 11H



INTEGRITY Certificate

Year 7: Justyna M, 7F
Year 8: Alfreda A, 8I
Year 9: Rafey A, 9F
Year 10: Teejai H, 10A
Year 11: Michael A, 11A



HOMEWORK Certificate

Year 7: David E, 7G
Year 8: Olivia S, 8F
Year 9: Isla W, 9E
Year 10: Logan F, 10C
Year 11: Alana S, 11I



RESPECT Certificate

Year 7: Mirabela C, 7H
Year 8: Vedant D, 8D
Year 9: Qaasim R, 9D
Year 10: Tristan H, 10A
Year 11: Muhiba S, 11F



Guilford Gold Winner

Year 7: Ayushi S, 7G
Year 8: Evea B, 8E
Year 9: Febin V, 9C
Year 10: Dorothy A, 10F
Year 11: Jerson A, 11J



HEAD OF YEAR HERO

Year 7: Mohammad M, 7E
Year 8: Tulisa-Marie S, 8C
Year 9: Archie C, 9E
Year 10: Kacper K, 10J
Year 11: Chanelle B, 11H



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