



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust

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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 17th July, 2026



ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Week 38 Principal's Update

As we race towards the end of term, this week has been full of joyous moments here in school. We celebrated our final awards evening, our EGScellence awards, and spent time congratulating our very worthy winners!

More than 50% of our children also enjoyed a trip to Alton Towers or Drayton Manor which they'd been saving hard for, since the beginning of the academic year, and purchased tickets using their Guilford Gold.

I was lucky enough to get my very own guided tour of our new allotment which has been developed by a group of dedicated and very talented children, with the help and support of Stacey (our Community Hub Leader) and Mrs Chambers. They very kindly gave me a courgette and asked me to make a rataouille which I shall do this weekend and report back!

Looking ahead to next week, we have our final EGScellence EGStravaganza of the year, which will include a visit from the Ice Cream van (my favourite!), as well as our Achievement Day and Culture Day.

I will be writing to parents with the details of the end of term shortly, so please keep an eye out for that.

Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the below children who are our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group this week.



Year 7	Sara B (7E)
Year 8	Tauheed I (8D)
Year 9	Samuel B-T (9C)
Year 10	Kinga A (10D)

Children's Voice in Action

Over the course of this year Miss Johnson has sat weekly with children, over a cup of hot chocolate, and discussed everything from new Ellis Electives, and the family lunch menu to taking new school trips. As the summer term is drawing to a close, we wanted to share some of the children's comments that we have actioned already this year....



- We have new outdoor games equipment ready to go out in September
- The much loved brownies are back in the canteen
- Drinks are now on sale for our Year 11s at lunchtime
- We have increased our afterschool sports electives and included our Nottingham Hoods Basketball Academy!

SEED TO SUPPER



We are thrilled to share that, back in March, our Community Hub successfully secured funding from the Nottingham City Achieve Well Team to launch our exciting new "Seed to Supper" programme! This initiative is centred around empowering our school community to grow their own fruits and vegetables and transform them into nutritious, home-cooked meals.

Beyond the garden, our goal is to inspire wider engagement by sharing our journey, tips, and recipes through social media and a dedicated page on the school website—making it accessible for anyone to take part at home.

Since April, we've embraced every opportunity to bring this vision to life. From sowing our very first tomato seeds at our Easter Family Day, to establishing the Seed to Supper Ellis Elective after-school club for a group of enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 children, the momentum has been incredible.

What makes this journey even more special is that everything we've grown so far has been cultivated from seed. Along the way, we've been experimenting with different methods, learning what works best, and building valuable, hands-on skills.

We're incredibly proud of the progress so far and excited for what's to come. Follow our journey on Instagram and join us as we grow, cook, and share.

Nottinghamshire Summer Games



Last week we took some year seven's to the Nottinghamshire Summer Games. We came 2nd in the Nottingham City group! The children took part in indoor golf, kurling, dodgeball, rowing and athletics. They were absolutely EGScellent and represented the school with pride.

A huge 'well done' to all involved - what a result!

20,000
GUILDFORD
GOLDS!



A huge congratulations to our 15 children who are the very first to achieve 20,000 Guilford Golds - an incredible milestone.

This morning, they proudly received their Diamond Badge Award from Miss Johnson, completing their full set of achievement badges. They look fantastic wearing their badges with pride on their blazers. What an amazing accomplishment - well done to you all. Your hard work, effort and perseverance throughout the year have been EGSemplary.

Well done to all involved.



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



Celebrating our EGScellent children

PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Our children who have shown EGScellence throughout the week or demonstrated our values or pledges have enjoyed a Party with the Principal today. More detail of their achievements will be shared on our socials.

This weeks winners were:

Year 7 - Sara B (7E), Alexia B (7A), Justyna M (7F), Owen A (7F) and Israel J (7F)

Year 8 - Kaylan F (8F) and Tauheed I (8D)

Year 9 - Samuel B-T (9C)

Year 10 - Kinga A (10D)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Term Dates for 26/27 are LIVE.** [Click here](#)
- **W/C Monday 20th July:**
EGScellence EGStravaganza Week!! 
- **Tuesday 21st July;** Community Hub half termly Quiz is also on Tuesday, 4.30–6.30 
- **Wednesday 22nd July:** Culture day in school
- **Thursday 24th July:** Last day of term
- **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- Year 7s return to school on **Wed 2nd Sept**
- All Years are in school on **Thurs 3rd Sept**



SAFEGUARDING – Child Voice

During the summer holiday, a range of support is available for families, including activities for young people, advice services, childcare information, mental health support, and help with food and financial wellbeing.

Parents and carers can find local services, holiday programmes, and family support by visiting Your Nottinghamshire at www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk. This website provides up-to-date information to help families access the support they need throughout the school break.

Parents and carers can also find links to support services at <https://www.ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing-safety>.

Use
your
Voice



Parent/Carer Voice: I really value feedback from Parents/Carers, and use this regularly to improve our school offer. Feedback can be given via [this link](#) or by scanning this QR Code.



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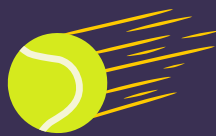
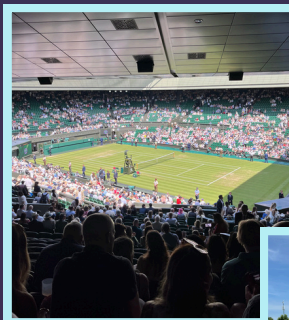


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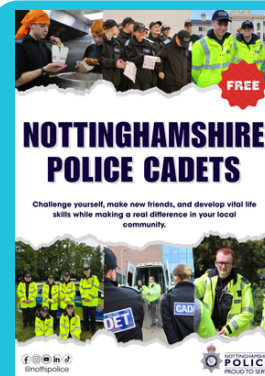
WIMBLEDON

We had the most wonderful opportunity to take some of our children to Wimbledon for the day.

The day was absolutely fantastic; we got to watch Djokovic, one of the best ever tennis players, play on Center court and win his match.



We explored the grounds and the smaller courts and had a lot of fun! We also got to spot some other celebrities including Usain Bolt. This opportunity is extremely rare, so we are very proud to be able to offer some of our EGScellent children to experience this.



An exciting and inclusive youth programme. [Please see here](#) for more details

HELPFUL LINKS...



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