



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
Creative Education Trust

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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 5th December, 2025



Week 9 Principal's Update

Christmas has officially landed at Ellis Guilford School! Our children have been busy personalising baubles and decorating our School Community Christmas Tree which has taken pride of place in our central plaza (picture below!). We have also launched our Countdown to Christmas reward strategy this week which recognises the support of our families in EGScellent Attendance. This will continue for the month of December.

Some of our EGScellent children presented at a Nottingham City Conference this week, and represented our school and our families superbly well. They spoke with confidence regarding their recent work in developing a city-wide PSHE Charter. We're very proud of them!

I am also very proud to announce the (joint) winners of our Christmas Card Competition for 2025; Brooke and Alicja! Their Christmas Cards are superb and show real artistic flair and talent. Well done!



"Could more assistance be given for logging onto Class Charts please?"

"It would be good to have more online homework please, as paper copies are hard to keep track of"

"Would it be possible to have more music clubs?"

"The new EGScellence Centre is a great new space for us!"

Top Guilford Gold

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



Year 7	Brooke G (7H)
Year 8	Ahmad Q (8E)
Year 9	Aaliya A (9I)
Year 10	Stephanie K (10A)
Year 11	Goodluck EU (11F)

Children's Voice in Action

This week, Miss Johnson has loved sitting down again with our children over a hot chocolate to hear their thoughts, ideas, and plans for making EGS even better. We wanted to share just a few of their brilliant comments with you too!

Year 11 Geography Trip

Year 11 Geographers have spent one of three fieldwork days in Skegness this week, collecting data for their Paper 3 exam. Children worked in the town centre conducting environmental quality surveys, traffic counts, and even stepped out of their comfort zone by interviewing members of the public about tourism. On the beach, they investigated coastal management strategies by measuring groynes and using oranges to track longshore drift.

Throughout the day, our children demonstrated **EGS**cellent engagement, teamwork, and resilience in challenging weather. Their **EGS**cellent manners and responsibility were praised by members of the public and the coach company. Well done everyone! Staff were immensely impressed with their enthusiasm and determination – they have truly been a credit to themselves, their families, and the school.



Our Children's Contribution to the City's PSHE Charter

This autumn, our students have been working closely with the Achieve Well Team to deepen their understanding of PSHE good practice and legislation.

We are proud to announce that their hard work and thoughtful contributions have helped shape the City Council's new PSHE Charter. Even more exciting, our students have been named on the Achieve Well website in recognition of their efforts!

Our Personal Development Ambassadors are passionate about sharing their ideas with other schools across Nottingham City, helping to ensure that PSHE provision is and impactful for all young people. You can download the [**PSHE Charter here**](#).

AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



SPORTS

Year 10 Basketball Tournament

Last week we travelled to Bulwell to play in the Year 10 boys basketball tournament. We came up against some strong opposition and unfortunately suffered two narrow defeats and one draw. However, the results don't reflect the incredible basketball played! The team showed **EGS**cellent skills, determination, and attitude throughout every game.

Special shout-outs go to; Serjio – relentless from start to finish, scoring and blocking key points! Krishan – crafty moves and some amazing three-pointers!

Well done to the whole team for representing EGS with pride!



Celebrating our **EGS**cellent children

PARTY WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Our children who have shown **EGS**cellence 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 - Brooke G (7H), Maddie G (7H) and Lenaya-Rose B (7C)

Year 8 - Ahmad Q (8E), Ethan T (8B) and Kai S (8C)

Year 9 - Aaliya A (9I), Mary M (9F), Chioma O (9E), Maisie H (9H) and Rahul K (9F)

Year 10 - Stephanie K (10A), Antony ADH (10H), Deborah O (10F), Nifemi O (10B), Tristan H (10a), Jevan R (10C) and Renae W-B (10G)

Year 11 - Goodluck EU (11F), Malachi P (11J) and Farrah O (11J)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **W/C Monday 8th December:** is our the start of our Interhouse Sports Competition, more details can be found on our socials.
- **W/C Monday 15th December:** Link below 
EGScellence EGS^{tr}avaganza Week!!
- **Wednesday 17th December:** Year 11 Parent's evening ([Booking here](#)) and [Careers Fair](#)
- **Thursday 18th December:** Christmas jumper day, Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory with their full school uniform.
- **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term

SAFEGUARDING – HSB in Education

This week in safeguarding training, we have explored the important topic of harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) among children and young people.

The tragic case of Sarah Everard in 2021 shocked the UK and was a reminder of the wider societal issues around violence against women and girls, and why schools must play a proactive role in prevention and education.

We have trained our children to be able to identify types of harmful sexual behaviour and how to report it – in person or anonymously.

If you have any concerns regarding HSB in education, you can report to the NSPCC using the number on the image to the right.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: john.williams@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

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Countdown to Christmas

We are celebrating children who have been at school every day in December, and therefore have not broken their streak! Those children were put into a raffle, and here are this weeks winners!

Whole School Winners:

Family Hamper – Oliver F (10)

Family Christmas Dinner – Adanna S (7)



Family Year Group Winners:

Games Hampers – Lorren G (7), Zohaa H (8), Lewis C-W (9), Yumima S (10) and Ayomide S (11)

Movie Hamper – Taylen S (7), Sha M (8), Oliver H (9), Lukas G and Shakay W (11)

Chocolate Hamper – Mustafa A (7), Ishika R (8), Rahaul K (9), Ethan B (10) and Steven O (11)

Sweet Hamper – Zuzanna W (7), Karla-Maria A (8), Arnav N (9), Praise A (10) and Zeenat A (11)

Chocolate Stocking – Corbon O'H (7), Abdoulie K (8), Myles W (9), Janet D (10) and Noshewan B (11)



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