



# EllisEcho

**PRINCIPAL'S VLOG**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026



**Our EGScellent Attendance Winners**



## Week 32 Principal's Update

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year! We've got a busy term ahead, with lots of EGSciting opportunities to celebrate our brilliant children!

The term dates for next academic year were sent out on email to parents/carers this week - please do check these, as they detail the slightly staggered start to the academic year for different year groups.

We have firmly entered the assessment window now, for all children. We've been reminding them of the importance of revising using the materials that have been issued by their teachers.

Please keep an eye out for some communications to come next week on some slight changes to our PE kit for next academic year, and also slight changes to expected equipment. I will get these to you ASAP.

## Top Guilford Gold

Well done to the children who have been our top Guilford Gold earners in their year group over the past two weeks!



Year 7	David E (7G) Alexia B (7A)
Year 8	Evea B(8E) Ishika R (8A)
Year 9	Deborah A (9A) Mary M (9F)
Year 10	Tabitha N (10C) Ethan B (10F)
Year 11	Tristan H (11G) Aliyah B (11J)

## Children's Voice in Action

This week, our **Year 10's** shared their thoughts, opinions and ideas with Miss Johnson at **Hot Chocolate and Chat**. The children discussed important issues such as 'how much the school has changed for the better' and made some great suggestions for further improvements.

*"The revision materials are all collated and more sturdy this year"*

*"Can Year 10's have more say over what is for sale in the Swap Shop please?"*



*"Can the EGScellence Centre have extended opening times and some Desktop computers?"*

*"Would it be possible to look at some water dispensers around school?"*

*"There is a great sense of respect - we're all equal - relationships with teachers are far improved."*



# EGS Sports Leaders

**WELL DONE**

Our sports leaders play an important role in supporting the PE department and promoting physical activity across the school. They help to assist in PE lessons by setting up equipment, supporting their peers, and helping to demonstrate activities.

In addition to lessons, they are heavily involved in school sporting events. This includes helping to organise and run competitions, supporting fixtures, officiating where appropriate, and encouraging participation from other children.

They act as positive role models within the school and help to create an inclusive and enthusiastic environment for sport.



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESPECT



## Celebrating our EGScellent children



Our children who have shown EGScellence throughout the last two weeks 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** - David E (7G), Jeffrey I (7C), Max C (7H), Eduard B (7H), Alexia B (7A), Ross S (7A) and Dominic A (7A)
- Year 8** - Evea B (8E), Brax B (8E), Ishika R (8A) and Ethan T (8B)
- Year 9** - Deborah A (9A), Mary M (9F), and David O (9J)
- Year 10** - Tabitha N (10C), Kian E (10C) and Ethan B (10F)
- Year 11** - Tristan H (11G) and Aliyah B (11J)



## Under 15 Knight Stokes Cup

The first hardball national state school competition. The team got to the finals and came 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

A huge congratulations to our Under-15 cricket team for their incredible performance in the Knight Stokes Cup - the first-ever national hardball competition for state schools!

Competing at such a high level, the team showed outstanding skill, determination and teamwork to finish an amazing 2nd place in this inspiring regional tournament. ★

Well done to all the players and staff involved - an inspiring accomplishment.



Where **EGScellence** thrives, and the **EGSceptional** shine



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 7 Parents Evening [Click here](#) to book
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Parents Evening [Click here](#) to book
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** STEM on Track National Finals Day
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 11 Prom
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Sports Day
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** EGSpexperience Day. Alton Towers and Drayton Manor visits
- **End of Term:** EGScellence EGStravaganza week will be returning, so keep doing your best!



# SAMBA CLUB

Our Samba Club elective is in full swing, and the energy has been incredible! The children are absolutely loving the chance to explore rhythm, teamwork, and creativity through music – and their enthusiasm shines in every session.

They've been working hard, building confidence and mastering their beats, and are now gearing up for an EGSciting end-of-term performance. We can't wait to see – and hear – their fantastic showcase.



## SAFEGUARDING – Open Water

This week in safeguarding training, our children will explore the dangers of open water. As we enter the summer season and temperatures rise, young people can be tempted to swim in rivers, lakes and canals, but open water is extremely dangerous.

Across the UK during the May half-term break, 11 children died in water-related incidents. Even in hot weather, water is often very cold, causing cold water shock, which can lead to panic and drowning. Hidden hazards increase the risk.

Please remind your child to avoid open water, choose supervised areas, and never swim alone—hot weather does not make water safe.

**If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please email: [safeguarding@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)**

## HELPFUL LINKS...

[2026 GCSE Timetable](#)

[NHS Advice on Sickness](#)

[Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338](#)

[Free School Meals](#)



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