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PRINCIPAL'S VLOG
Friday 27th November, 2026

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Week 11 Principal's Update

Positive home-school communication is critical for the success of our children, and I have great pleasure in launching our new home-school partnership commitment with you this week.
I have included further details in this Ellis Echo, as well as a letter that you will receive. The commitment includes a range of opportunities for you to share your feedback with us; both via forms, but also in-person.

Additionally, you will have received communications about our Parent Governor vacancies and required nominations for those who have expressed their interest. Please do vote before the closing date at the beginning of next week.

We raised a final total of £271.45 for Children in Need! Well done to all children and staff, and thank you to all families who contributed to our bake sale.

Next week, we kick off our festive celebrations here in school with our big Christmas Lights Switch On! Exciting!

Top Guilford Gold

Congratulations to the children listed below, who are this week's top Guilford Gold earners in their year group.

We celebrated their achievement at a special party with the Principal!

Year 7	Christopher G (7I)
Year 8	Mujtaba A (8D)
Year 9	Joelene N (9D)
Year 10	Evangeline A (10J)
Year 11	Riley P (11F)

Children's Voice in Action

Every week, Miss Johnson loves sitting down with our children over a hot chocolate to hear their thoughts, ideas, and plans for making EGS even better.
This week it was the turn of some of our Year 10's. We wanted to share just a few of their brilliant comments with you too!

"Would it be possible to have a flag wall in School - representing all our nations?"

"Tutors unfortunately don't always have time to put the Daily Update on - could tutors load it up before hand so it has time to buffer please?"

"We like the golden tickets - being awarded for attending, really incentivises us!'

"The library is well stocked - we like being able to access this at break "

HOME - SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Introducing Our Home-School Partnership Information and Booklet.

At Ellis Guilford School, we know that the strongest foundations for success are built when home and school work together. We are therefore pleased to introduce our new **Home-School Partnership Booklet**, which outlines our shared commitment to supporting every child to thrive both academically and personally.

The booklet explains how we can work together to ensure children feel supported, challenged and encouraged throughout their time at school. It also highlights the important role that positive communication, mutual respect and partnership play in helping our young people achieve their very best.

As part of our Home-School Partnership Commitment, we are continuing to develop opportunities for families to engage with school life. These include our **Senior Staff Surgery**, offering weekly appointments for parents and carers who would like to discuss any questions or concerns; **Coffee & Conversation**, a half-termly opportunity to meet with the Principal, learn more about what has been happening in school, share your ideas and feedback, and enjoy a tour of the school; and our **EGS Community Hub**, which is open throughout the week and provides a range of activities and support for all members of our community.



Printed copies of the booklet are now available from Reception for any parent or carer who would like one. A digital copy will also be shared with all families via email in the coming days.
We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you and thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. Together, we can ensure that every child feels supported, valued and empowered to succeed.

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.

This weeks winners are:
Year 7 - Chrispthoper G (71),
Year 8 - Mujtaba A (8D),
Year 9 - Joelene N (9D)
Year 10 - Evangeline A (10J), Aryas K F (10J), Logan C (10I), Louie M (10E) and Natan L (10D)
Year 11 - Riley P (11F),

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CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER

Congratulations to Our Christmas Card Competition Winner!

We are delighted to announce that the winner of this year's Christmas Card Design Competition is Eniola D (7G), whose outstanding artwork has been selected as the official design for our 2026 Ellis Guilford School Christmas card.

The competition attracted a number of fantastic entries, showcasing the creativity, imagination and artistic talent of our children. To celebrate the wonderful artwork received, all competition entries will be displayed in the canteen for children, staff and visitors to enjoy in the lead-up to Christmas.

Congratulations once again to Eniola on this fantastic achievement!



THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Congratulations to this weeks attendance winners!

DON'T BREAK YOUR STREAK

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Kyreese C S (7E)	Musa A (8D)	Karla-maria A(9F)	Joshua H (10J)	George M (11A)
Nadia B (7D)	Skyla C (8G)	Ewaoluwa B (9E)	Drwd H (10B)	Justin O (11G)
Jessica D (7E)	Tamara W (8F)	Riley B R (9E)	Emmanuella I (10G)	Lilly W (11F)
Lohan C (7C)	Georgia D (8F)	Vedant D (9C)	Abie K (10D)	Tolu W (11I)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 30th November:** Interhouse sports week for year 7, 8 and 9
- **Tuesday 1st December:** The BIG EGS Light Switch On - Christmas Tree and Lights on!
- **W/C 14th December:** EGScellence EGStravaganza
- **Monday 14th December:** Christmas Family Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 15th December:** Immunisation mop-up day in school It is important you GIVE or REFUSE consent **click here**

SAFEGUARDING - The Student Voice

This week in safeguarding we have focussed on promoting our online reporting platform "The Student Voice". The Student Voice allows children to report a concern, seek support or give feedback on safe/unsafe areas of the school and local community. Importantly, there is the option to report any concern anonymously.

You can find out more here:
CLICK HERE

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



Year 9 Girls Continue to Impress in National League Action

The Year 9 girls' basketball team recently played their latest fixture in the Dynamik League, a national competition, making the long journey to Stockport to take on Priestnall High School.

Despite coming up against an experienced side and ultimately suffering defeat, the girls produced some of the best basketball they have played all season. Their teamwork, determination and growing confidence on court were evident throughout the game, and they continue to show significant improvement with every match they play.

Special mentions go to Ewa for her outstanding defensive performance, Kiah for her tireless work rate across the court, and Ula for her EGScellent dribbling and attacking drives to the basket. Ayma also made a valuable contribution with another strong performance. Well done to all of the girls for their effort, resilience and positive attitude. We look forward to seeing their continued progress in the next round of fixtures.



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.

HELPFUL LINKS...

Free School Meals

NHS Advice on Sickness

check Letters home

Our Attendance Team: 0115 9131338



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