

The Swan's Bill

Friday 10th October 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week I had the privilege of joining our Year 5 and 6 pupils on the STEAM trip at Thorpe Park, organised by our colleagues at ACS. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage with a range of providers, particularly those from the worlds of science and technology - not to mention a chance to go on some of the epic rides! We had a wonderful day and you'll see from some of the photos that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know I talk a lot about our values, but there was certainly a lot of COURAGE displayed that day. For the record, I got completely soaked on Tidal Wave and felt very queasy after going on Vortex. It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it!

Next week we have our parents' evening consultations on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October. We look forward to welcoming many of you to school to meet with staff, have a look through children's books and see the wonderful learning that has been taking place this term so far.

Finally, we are delighted to see such a colourful display of yellow throughout school as we mark World Mental Health Day. Throughout the day, children learn more about emotional wellbeing, kindness, and self-care. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a nurturing and inclusive environment for all.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mr Collin



Classroom Learning

Nursery

Next week we will be reading the story 'FunnyBones'. We will be learning the skeleton dance song and learning about the different bones in our body.

Reception

Next week, Reception will be learning the sounds "l, h, r and j" in Phonics. We will continue to practise segmenting and blending our sounds for reading. In maths, we will be comparing size, mass and capacity and also making our own simple patterns. In PSED, we will be using different adjectives to describe our feelings. In RE, we are looking at who helps us in the community.

Year 1

In English this week we collaborated as a class to create our own alien character based on Beegu. Next week we will be writing our own short sentence narrative on this character following the story sequence we have been learning. In Maths we will begin to look at the part-whole model as we progress into our addition and subtraction unit. In Science we will look at how daylight hours change across the 4 seasons. In Art we will look at how lines connect to form shapes

Year 2

Next week we will be writing our own fact files about bears after using the Internet to research facts. In maths we will be looking at what happens when you add 10 to a two-digit number.

Year 3

Next week, Year 3 will be looking at writing an information text. They will continue to use 'Heart in a Bottle' as inspiration but will write information about what they themselves are curious about. This can be anything from spiders to trains or a country of interest. In Maths, they will continue to look at subtraction.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will be diving into a fascinating Science experiment - what happens when eggs sit in different liquids for three days? We'll be linking our findings to dental hygiene and learning how to keep our teeth healthy and strong. In English, we'll begin writing letters of advice to the farmers who thought trapping the Iron Man was a good idea. In Maths, we'll wrap up rounding and put our place value skills into action with practical addition and subtraction. It's shaping up to be a week full of discovery, creativity, and real-world learning!

Year 5

Next week, we will be writing a setting description about mysterious forest or an abandoned fairground. In Maths, we will be solving missing number problems, comparing calculations and finishing off our addition and subtraction unit of work. In PSHE, we will be discussing scenarios that involve bullying and how children can get help. In Geography, the children will be designing a tourist brochure to visit a region in the Alps.

Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will continue working on their suspense story Francis, focusing on crafting their own alternative endings. In maths, we'll be learning the formal method for long division and deepening our understanding of fractions. We are very proud of the children for sitting their mocks SATs papers this week and managing this under test conditions. Well done! I look forward to meeting with you all to discuss the children's progress at parents evening next week.



House points

The pupils here are awarded house points for all manner of things that they do well.

Each week they are counted up by our House Captains and the winning house announced in assembly.

Congratulations go to King John who earned the most house points this week!

1st - King John with 169 points

2nd - Pope with 157 points

3rd - Langton with 139 points

4th - Fitzwalter with 113 points

Weekly House
Points

Attendance

Attendance is very important to us. Under the Education Act (1996), parents in England have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school, to get a full-time education between the school term after their 5th birthday and the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16.

Penalty notices will be issued by Surrey County Council if there are 10 unauthorised absences within 10 weeks, or if attendance does not improve once a 'Notice to Improve' has been issued by the school.

Following a meeting with the Surrey Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer (AAIO) we will be reviewing attendance on a regular basis and letters/meetings will be arranged as necessary to ensure this happens in a timely manner.

You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school everyday.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance then please do come and speak to the office, or alternatively Mr Turner or Miss Nickless.

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception - 97.1%

Year 1 - 89.7%

Year 2 - 94.5%

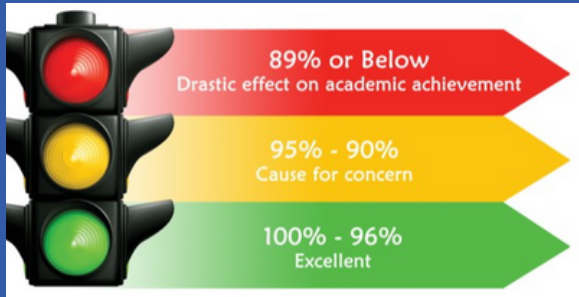
Year 3 - 94.3%

Year 4 - 92.1%

Year 5 - 97.9% - This week's winners!

Year 6 - 94.8%

Overall - 94.2%



Changes to 2026-2027 Term Dates

Surrey have announced that from September 2026, community and voluntary controlled schools in Surrey will have a two-week autumn half term. To make this change, five days will be taken from the summer holiday in July 2027.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 15th October

Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 17th October

Author Visit Year 5 & 6

David Barker is the author of the PAX series, and children will have the opportunity to meet him and hear about his latest book, Pax & The Secret Swarm.



Mini Parliament

Congratulations
to our new Members of Mini Parliament:

Y2: Harvey and Larosa

Y3: Amber and Josh

Y4: Gwen and Finley

Y5: Stevie and Alexandra

Y6: Evie and Lewis

We look forward to having our first meeting this afternoon to discuss our next steps!

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery - Louie

Reception - Harley-Del

Year 1 - Tommy

Year 2 - Elsie

Year 3 - Isla

Year 4 - Sebastian

Year 5 - Mystica

Year 6 - Jake

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated **RESPECT** throughout their learning:

Nursery - Oliver

Reception - Sena-Marie

Year 1 - Opie

Year 2 - Larosa

Year 3 - Nancy

Year 4 - Charlotte

Year 5 - Alexandra

Year 6 - Eleni

Twelve15 Catering

Following the Surrey County Council Cabinet meeting on 23 September, a decision was made to enter a period of consultation and engagement to gain input from staff and schools on the proposal to close catering and equipment maintenance services, provided by Twelve15. Surrey County Council plan to start the consultation on 1 October, in line with necessary guidance for Cabinet decision-making processes and the consultation will run until 15 November 2025. It is important to reiterate that no final decision will be made until after the consultation. Once the consultation has closed all feedback will be reviewed prior to a final decision. Another update will be shared once the consultation has finished and a final decision has been made. If you have any questions or comments about this, please email: SCCTwelve15Updates.Stakeholders@surreycc.gov.uk



What's On

Following requests from parents this page is going to be specifically aimed at sharing information or parental courses that you may find useful for your families. We will also include local events that might interest you. Some weeks we may not have anything to share but do keep checking.



This week we wanted to make you aware of the new 'parenting courses and advice page' on the Family Information Service website. There is a new 'Upcoming Courses' tab which has the names/dates and contact details of parenting courses and support in Surrey.

Contact Us

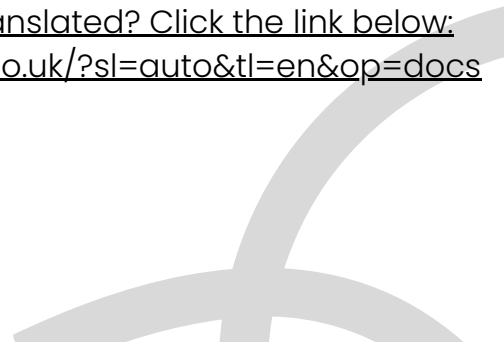
The School Office is available 8am -4pm, Monday to Friday. If you require assistance, please message via the Studybugs App or contact us on:

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FACE October Timetable

Please see attached the October timetable for FACE.

This code grants all Madeup parents unlimited access to all FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each) for the next 12 months.

The talks are on a four-weekly rotation and from February will be available as morning sessions (10:00-11:30) as well as the regular evening sessions (19:00-20:30).

The code cannot be used for any other FACE services or shared with parents or staff from other schools.

How to Use the Code:

Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) to view the 16 regular talks for parents.

Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

At the payment stage of booking, enter the code TL270325 where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0.

****Note:**** Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

Important:

Please avoid booking the FREE sessions for parents, as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. They are shortened versions of the regular talks which you now have free access to.

The code can only be used for Parent Talks and cannot be shared with parents from different schools. Improper use can result in immediate code cancellation for the whole school.

FACE October Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 30 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm

FACE

Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Book online £48
on the **Online Parenting Courses** page

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help
Monday 13th October 10-11:30am
Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm
90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs
£24.
Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Runnymede Family Centre

Family Centres offer one to one family support where family circumstances are impacting on health, development, or well-being of a child/children. We will support families to find solutions to the parenting and relationship challenges they face and to grow in confidence to manage future difficulties. Our aim is to help families build their own resilience and self resilience.

We also offer the following:
SEN Drop in Cafe's
Parenting Puzzle Course
Keeping Your Child in Mind Course
Parent/Carer advice drop ins

Please scan the QR code below for further information on locations and times. You can also regularly check our Family Centre website www.barnardosfamilycentresurrey.org.uk/what-we-do-at-runymede or Email: runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



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