

The Swan's Bill

Friday 24th October 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

It is hard to believe how quickly we have arrived at the end of this eight week half term. As always, I like to reflect on our values and I have seen first hand so many wonderful examples of creativity, courage, collaboration and respect throughout this half term. The children are demonstrating these values as part of their school experience and learning to be valuable members of our community.

In line with two of the particular values: collaboration and respect, I must reiterate how important it is that families are acting safely at school drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, we continue to see repeated examples of illegal parking and we have had a few risky incidents that endanger our students and their families. I implore you to ensure that you are considering this when driving and parking around the school site. We will be speaking to individuals directly after half term if we do not see an improvement.

On a much more positive note - today is our talent showcase - 'Thorpe Lea's Got Talent'. As I write this, I have not yet seen it (we start after lunch) - but I have to say how excited I am about seeing the array of talents, and how proud I am of the courageous children who are taking part!

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful half term break - thank you for your continued support.

Mr Collin



Classroom Learning

Nursery

After half term - Our main topic for next term is called 'Celebration'. The children will be learning about bonfire night and on Wednesday 5th November the children are invited to come into school wearing party clothes as we are having our WOW day where the children will play a range of party games, learn about different types of celebrations and decorate their own cupcakes.

Reception

After half term, Reception will be continuing to learn their single sounds and practising making cvc words during word time. In Maths, we will be looking at numbers that our one more or one less to 5. In Art, we will be learning about Bonfire Night and creating some firework pictures.

Year 1

After half term Year 1 will be starting a new book in writing lessons called 'Send for a superhero.'

In Maths we will be continuing with addition and subtraction, focusing on number bonds within and to 10.

We are looking forward to starting our History unit called 'how I am making History.' In Science we will start learning about materials and their properties. Wishing you a lovely half term break.

Year 2

After the half term, we will be looking at how to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. In English we will be looking at techniques to use in persuasive writing.

Year 3

Next half term, Year 3 will start to look at the book 'Mr Penguin' in our Comprehension lessons. In Maths, we will be moving to looking at multiplication. Practicing your 2,5,10,3 and 4 times tables will get you really prepared!

Year 4

Thank you for a wonderful first half term Year 4, we smashed it! So happy to end the term on our courage and bravery for those who entered Thorpe Lea's Got Talent. Next half term we will start learning energy in Science, Ancient Maya in History, we move on to reading Undefeated in Comprehension and we dive into the Story of Tutankhamun in English. We wish you a restful and exciting half term and hope we all return in the Christmas Spirit as we will be jumping straight into practising for our celebrations!

Year 5

After half term, we are excited to start reading our new book called 'Mythologica' which are based on myths. In English, we are going to read 'The Lost Happy Endings' and create a newspaper article. In Maths, we will be starting our new unit of work 'Multiplication and division.' In Science, we will be investigating materials. In Design and Technology, we will be making our very own Pop-Up book. In PSHE, we will focus on health and wellbeing. In PE, we are going to be practising our football and fitness skills. Finally, in History we will be learning about the Vikings.

Year 6

After the half-term break, Year 6 will be continuing their exciting poetry topic. The children will begin crafting their own mythical poems, drawing inspiration from fictional characters. In Maths, we'll be starting a brand-new topic on fractions, exploring concepts such as equivalent fractions, simplifying, and operations with fractions. For Comprehension, we'll continue reading Holes by Louis Sachar - a story the children are thoroughly enjoying. We'll delve deeper into the plot and characters, encouraging thoughtful discussion and analysis.



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 Langton who earned the most house points this week!

1st - Langton with 200 points

2nd - King John with 180 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 170 points

4th - Pope with 129 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.

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.

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Absence - Reminder

If your child(ren) is(are) absent from school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception - 92.1%

Year 1 - 91.6%

Year 2 - 88.6%

Year 3 - 94.8% - This week's winners!

Year 4 - 86.2%

Year 5 - 90.4%

Year 6 - 87.1%

Overall - 90.1%



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

Monday, 3rd November

Year 5 - Fire Safety

Wednesday 5th November

Nursery WOW Day - Celebration -
Nursery children can come into
school wearing their party clothes

Our New Wellbeing Team



Congratulations to:

Year 2: Jax M and Maddie
(Deputy Hero) Olivia

Year 3: Shiv and Isla
(Deputy Hero) Sienna

Year 4: Isla and Ellis
(Deputy Hero) Sebastian

Year 5: Delilah Bedford and Alex
(Deputy Hero) Rivon

Year 6: Alice and Senna
(Deputy Hero) Alex

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery - Archie R

Reception - Teja

Year 1 - Theo

Year 2 - Lora

Year 3 - Effie

Year 4 - Delaram

Year 5 - Natalya

Year 6 - Tommy

Value of the Week

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

Nursery - Autumn and Ralph

Reception - Alyssia

Year 1 - James-Dean

Year 2 - Aria, Cali-Marie & Larosa

Year 3 - Maisie

Year 4 - Dhanuj

Year 5 - Rivon

Year 6 - Macy & Daniel

Phonics and Reading



Below are a couple of links to help your child practice:

Reception - **Fred's house - toybox**

Reception - **Fred's adventures - farm**

Reception - **Fred says - colours**

Christmas Dinner Day



On Wednesday, 10th December, we will be celebrating our school Christmas dinner day. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like one on this day, please ensure you order it via their Scoopy account by Friday, 21st November. This applies to all children, including those who usually have a school dinner. On this day there is no third option available.

PTA – My School Lottery

At Thorpe Lea Primary School we are part of the 'My School Lottery' weekly draws. We raise money for the PTA, while everyone who enters has the chance to win a weekly prize.

Each week your £1 line of numbers (you can buy multiple lines), is entered into a

Thorpe Lea School draw and also a national draw for £25,000. There is also a 'Super Draw' which changes each month.

This month it is for an iPhone 17 Pro.

Anyone can enter the draws over the age of 18. Encourage your family, friends and neighbours to join. The more people in the lottery from our school, the larger the weekly Thorpe Lea School draw gets and more money is then raised for our children.

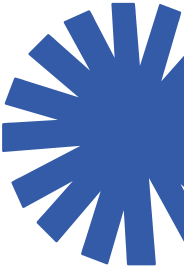
To make life easier for yourselves, sign up for the direct debit option. Then you can sit back, relax, and wait for your numbers to come up!



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 & November Timetable

Please see attached the October and November 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 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. 90 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

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Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

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

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 line by line 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 YDA.
 go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 (Book online £48)
 on the Online Parenting Courses page



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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THORPE LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

ENRICHMENT CALENDAR - AUTUMN 2025

Friday, 24 th October	Thorpe Lea's Got Talent
Monday, 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half term
Monday, 3 rd November	Year 5 – Fire Safety
Wednesday, 5 th November	Nursery WOW Day – Celebration - Children can come into school wearing their party clothes
Tuesday, 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday, 11 th November	PTA - Christmas Panto (children only PM)
Wednesday, 12 th November	Year 6 to Junior Citizen
Friday, 14 th November	SEND Coffee Morning – School hall 9am – 10am
Friday, 14 th November	PTA – General Cake Sale, please hand donations of cakes to your class teacher
Wednesday, 27 th November	Year 5 Art & IT Enrichment Day at Magna Carta – Details to follow
Wednesday, 3 rd December	PTA – Elfridges – Details to follow
Wednesday, 3 rd December	KS2 French Sweet Shop
Friday, 5 th December	PTA – Winter Disco – Details to follow
W/C 8 th December	Last week of after school clubs
Tuesday, 9 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols Session A & 30 Hours – Parents invited to attend from 2.45pm in the Nursery building – Nursery children can wear their Christmas jumpers
Wednesday, 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday, 12 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols Session B & 30 Hours – Parents invited to attend from 2.45pm in the Nursery building – Nursery children can wear their Christmas jumpers
Tuesday, 16 th December	Rehearsal for Christmas Concert at St Paul's Church Nursery children to meet the Nursery team at the church at 9.30am
Wednesday, 17 th December	Christmas Concert at St Paul's Church all children to wear their Christmas jumpers Doors will open at 9.50am for parents – concert will start at 10am Nursery children to meet the Nursery team at the church at 9.30am
Thursday, 18 th December	Year 2 Nativity performance to parents – door will open at 1.25pm for a 1.30pm start.
Friday, 19 th December	Last Day of term – school will finish at 2.15pm
Monday, 5 th January	Whole School Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday, 6 th January	School will re-open (for Reception – Year 6)
Tuesday 6 th – Thursday, 8 th January	Nursery Inset Days – Nursery Closed
Wednesday, 21 st January	Young Voices at the O2