

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week we have been taking part in 'Anti-Bullying Week' here at Thorpe Lea. This annual event is vital for schools across the country to stand together in support of kindness and inclusivity. We are proud to support this and the children have been learning about this year's theme, 'Power for Good'.

This morning, over 80 of our children took part in a protest to stand up for the power of good and show solidarity together against hate. Action like this within school also help us to learn more about British Values, which form part of our curriculum. They are: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. It was incredibly moving and powerful to see children uniting together!

Many children across Key Stage 2 are now completing their homework using Learning By Questions (LBQ). This is an excellent new resource which allows children the opportunity to get live feedback on key topics within maths and English. It would be wonderful if families could support engagement with home learning for pupils and encourage them to do this as part of their weekly routine. We are setting up a lunch time club, run by Mr Turner, where children can go and use the school's Chromebooks to complete their work if there are any barriers preventing them doing it at home. We hope this will be useful.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Mr Collin



## Classroom Learning

### Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be reading 'The Snowman'. The children will be cutting and sticking their own snowman, whilst also revisiting their knowledge of 2D shapes. They will also be creating their Christmas wish lists for Santa.

### Reception

Next week, Reception will be continuing to Fred talk and read their words during word time. In Maths, the children will be finding, subitising and representing the numbers 4 and 5. In RE and Art, the children will be learning about why people celebrate Diwali and making their own salt dough diva lamp.

### Year 1

Next week in English Year 1 will be designing their own superheroes! They will plan to write a letter to their superhero who will need to save everyone from the villains Vaccum and Filth from our book 'Send for a superhero.' In Maths we will begin to look at subtraction and finding a part to help us subtract. In History we will look at how we remember events and we will look more into materials and objects.

### Year 2

Next week we will be learning about the features of a diary entry and how to use an apostrophe to show possession. In Maths we will be looking at the features of a 3D shape.

### Year 3

Next week, Year 3 will begin exploring creative writing. Using The BFG, the children will look at narrative style and how stories are shaped. Using their recent work on poetry features, they will build on this to add creative, detailed sentences to their storytelling.

In Maths, the children will continue to work on multiplication and division, focusing on the 3× and 4× tables.

### Year 4

Next week in Maths, we'll be exploring how to measure area and apply it to real-life contexts. In English, our budding journalists will be planning and writing their newspaper articles on the incredible discovery of Tutankhamun. And in French, we'll be expanding our vocabulary as we learn all about clothes. It's going to be a week full of creativity and curiosity!

### Year 5

Next week, we will be completing our multiplication and division unit of work with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In English we will be exploring the theme and tone of the story 'The Lost Thing.' We will be using drama such as freeze frame to capture the Lost Thing's thoughts and feelings about it's journey. In History, we are going to explore the journey that the Vikings took and discover the reasons why. In PSHE, we will try to understand the purpose of failure and how we build resilience.

### Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be continuing our Fractions topic by learning to add and subtract mixed numbers. In English, we will begin writing our non-chronological reports based on The Dreamgiver, which the children have been planning this week. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Junior Citizenship at Thorpe Park and represented our school brilliantly—well done to everyone!



## 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 Pope who earned the most house points this week!

1st - Pope with 393 points

2nd - Langton with 295 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 245 points

4th - King John with 221 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 - 95.8%

Year 1 - 93.8%

Year 2 - 91.2%

Year 3 - 94.5%

**Year 4 - 96.8% - This week's winners!**

Year 5 - 95.4%

Year 6 - 94.8%

Overall - 94.6%



### 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. More details will follow



# Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception 2026 Open afternoon

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 5 Enrichment Day Art & DT at  
Magna Carta



# Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

**Nursery** - Riyan

**Reception** -Gopishkaa

**Year 1** - Ava

**Year 2** - Tallulah

**Year 3** - Evie

**Year 4** - Boe

**Year 5** - Jai

**Year 6** - Cecie

# Value of the Week

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

**Nursery** - Curzari

**Reception** -Poppy

**Year 1** - Nikhil

**Year 2** - Teddie

**Year 3** - Presley

**Year 4** - Lilly

**Year 5** - Mystica

**Year 6** - Hannah

# Phonics and Reading

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

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

[Reception -Fred talk Selection of 10](#)



## 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.

## 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 Scopay 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.

## 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:

office@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk

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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](http://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.

November Timetable	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
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
<b>FREE ADHD Kids &amp; Homework</b>	<b>13 Nov 6-7pm</b>
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

Merry Christmas! December Timetable	
Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

**Supporting a Child with ADHD**



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10-11:30am**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7-8:30pm**  
 90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs  
 £24.  
 Available to book now  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**FACE**  
 Are you struggling with a defiant child?



**Facing Defiance**  
 A 90 minute course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A copy to help guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents on children aged between 5 to 12 years with disruptive and challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.  
 go to [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Book online £48  
 on the [Online Parenting Courses](#) page

**Runnymede Family Centre**  
 Every Wednesday  
 10 - 12

**Family Support at the Revive Cafe**  
 99 Guildford Street, Chertsey, England, KT16 9AS  
[www.revivecafe.co.uk](http://www.revivecafe.co.uk)

Family Support Workers from Runnymede Family centre will be available to offer support and advice on all aspects of family life.  
 Drop in, no booking required.

If you would like more information please scan the QR code or email:  
[runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)



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# 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!

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

£1 per week  
Weekly cash prizes  
£25,000 jackpot

**How it works...**

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, receive even the £250,000 jackpot (over a £1 per week) and the proceeds are donated to Thorpe Lea Primary School.

Every Saturday all 6 numbers are drawn and special prizes winners are notified by email and message sent into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for: Thorpe Lea

■ 40p goes to our school  
■ 30p goes to prizes  
■ 30p goes to admin costs  
■ 10p goes to VAT

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means:  
= £30 weekly cash prize  
= £2,000 a year for our school!

**Enter our Super Draw**  
Win an iPhone 17 Pro

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

# PTA - Upcoming Events

**Thorpe Lea School PTA**

**Volunteers NEEDED**

**FOR EVENTS**

We Need Your Help With:

- Cake Sale - Friday, 14th November at 3:00 PM Help with setting up and selling.
- Elfridges - Wednesday, 3rd December Assist with setup and help children collect their gifts. Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Winter Disco - Friday, 5th December Help with setup at 2:45 PM and support during KS1 and KS2 discos.
- Christmas Cake Sale - Friday, 12th December at 3:00 PM Help with setting up and selling.

To help please Email :TLF@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk

**Thorpe Lea School PTA K&I Cake sale**

Cakes Cookies  
Chocolates Brownies  
Cupcakes Donuts  
and so much more!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Under the Shelter  
3.15pm

**See you there!**

Donations to be brought in Friday Morning please

**THORPE LEA PTA ELFRIDGES WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER**

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY THE CHILDREN WILL BE VISITING OUR ELFRIDGES STORE TO BUY PRESENTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE A RANGE OF GIFTS FOR SALE FOR £1 EACH FOR THE CHILDREN TO CHOOSE FROM.

THEY WILL THEN BRING HOME THE WRAPPED GIFTS TO BE PLACED UNDER YOUR TREE READY FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING!

To buy gifts, we ask all parents to pay up to a maximum of £6 for each child through their [www.scopay.com](https://www.scopay.com) account marked Wrap a Gift.

**This needs to be done by Monday 1st December**

If you would like to help on the day or would like more information, please contact: [tlf@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:tlf@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk)

**Thorpe Lea School PTA**

**Winter Disco**

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
KS1 3.15 PM TILL 4.15PM  
KS2 4.30PM -TILL 5.30

TICKETS £3.50 EACH  
FOR SALE ON SCOPAY

**NOW**

Drinks and snacks, activities for all

**Thorpe Lea School PTA KS2 CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE AND MUCH MORE**

Cakes Cupcakes  
Donuts christmas  
Brownies bits

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.15 pm  
Under the shelter  
Donations friday morning please