

The Swan's Bill

Friday 21st November 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the KS1 cake sale last Friday. It was very busy which means lots of people enjoyed a Friday treat and we raised some valuable funds for the Thorpe Lea PTA; these will be put to great use. Over the coming weeks we have the PTA Winter Disco on 5th December and the KS2 Cake Sale on the 12th December – please sign up and get involved if possible!

At school we teach online safety as a vital part of our curriculum. This is an area that is always evolving and it is crucial that we all stay up-to-date, knowledgeable and vigilant to protect our children. We have added a new document to our online safety page on the school website called 'Parenting in a Digital World'. Please take the time to read it as it provides helpful guidance for supporting parents to navigate this challenge. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Finally, please note the information below about a slight change to the morning gate routine if you haven't seen it already.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – stay warm!
Mr Collin



Classroom Learning

Nursery

Next Week: We will be reading 'Five Little Reindeer Fly off on Christmas Eve'. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of number. We will also be making festive baubles and creating fun patterns!

Reception

Next week, Reception are looking at the celebration of "Hanukkah". In Phonics, we are continuing to blend our sounds and make words using our velcro boards. In Maths, we are looking at one more and one less than a number. In Science, we are going to be looking at the changing of the seasons and what winter looks like.

Year 1

Next week Year 1 will be starting subtraction in Maths. In English we will be learning about letter-writing and different features of a letter. In PSHE we will be looking at recognising and celebrating our strengths and in computing we will begin to discuss the importance of online safety.

Year 2

Next week we will be recapping addition and subtraction, with a specific focus on regrouping with tens and ones. In English we will be writing a diary entry in first person to recount the story of Wolves. We will start to organise our writing in paragraphs and will use apostrophes to show possession.

Year 3

In English, the children will explore a range of literary techniques and learn how to use them to make their writing exciting and engaging. They will be writing in the fantasy genre, where their imaginative ideas and rich descriptions will help them create captivating stories.

In Maths, the children are diving deeper into multiples, multiplication, and division. Next week, they will be focusing on the 3x, 4x and 8x tables, using these to spot number patterns and solve problems with growing confidence.

Year 4

Next week, we'll put down our journalist pens after publishing our amazing newspapers and move on to writing instructions for mummification in English. In Comprehension, we'll continue exploring The Undefeated and how one word can change meaning through different images. In Maths, we'll wrap up measuring area and dive into multiplication and division.

Year 5

Next week, Year 5 are looking forward to their Enrichment Day at Magna Carta School on Thursday 27th November. In English, we are going to be planning a prequel (what happened before the Lost Thing appeared on the City beach.) In Maths, we will be starting our new unit of work which is fractions. In Science, we are going to explore reversible and irreversible changes. In French, we are going to make comparisons of planets using the language 'bigger than' or 'smaller than' and 'hotter than' and 'colder than.'

Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be taking part in Assessment Week, where we will track progress in reading, spelling, grammar, and maths. These assessments help us adapt our planning to meet the needs of every child. We will ensure the children understand the purpose of these assessments to ease any anxiety. This week, the children have worked incredibly hard on writing and editing their non-chronological reports—we are so proud of their effort and creativity! Looking ahead, next week's writing project will be an exciting one: the children will be creating their own enemy for the Dreamgiver. We're sure they will love bringing their imaginative ideas to life!



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 286 points

2nd - Langton with 256 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 186 points

4th - Pope with 172 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 - 91.6%

Year 1 - 91.3%

Year 2 - 94.3%

Year 3 - 98.6% - This week's winners!

Year 4 - 91.8%

Year 5 - 93.3%

Year 6 - 94.8%

Overall - 93.7%



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 26th November

Reception 2026 Open afternoon

Thursday 27th November

Year 5 Enrichment Day Art & DT at
Magna Carta

Morning Gate Update

Earlier this week we sent a message on Studybugs about a slight change to the morning gate routine. It is so important for children to arrive at school on time so they are ready and settled for their learning. Accurate registration is also a safeguarding issue which must be carried out vigilantly.

08.40 – 08.50 No changes. Parents are welcome to drop children to classes as normal.

08.50 – 08.55 Families drop pupils at the main gate (not the office) and children make their way to classes independently.

08.55 onwards – Please make your way via the school office and sign in.

We know this will be a smooth transition and staff will be on hand to support children walking in to school if required.



Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery – Brodie

Reception – Ryan

Year 1 – Rudi

Year 2 – Isabelle

Year 3 – Sienna

Year 4 – Max

Year 5 – Delilah Blu

Year 6 – Coben

Value of the Week

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

Nursery – Orla

Reception – Ava

Year 1 – Kilian

Year 2 – Dennis

Year 3 – Joshua

Year 4 – Luca

Year 5 – Ahmed

Year 6 – Vienna

Phonics and Reading

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

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

[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 today, 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:

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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.

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
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

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 1st October 10-11:30am
Tuesday 1st 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 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 defiant, very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.
 go to 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.revivecoffeeshop.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



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PTA – My School Lottery

Our November Winners so far are
Kirsty C, Emma G and Jo F

Thank you to Kirsty and Emma who donated
their prize to the PTA!

Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle (or cash)
AND £500 to Thorpe Lea Primary School!

As the festive season approaches, our
November National Super Draw brings an
extra special sparkle: this month, one lucky
person will win the Ultimate Nintendo Switch
2 gaming bundle – the perfect surprise to
find underneath the tree on Christmas
morning: No gamers in your family? Opt for
the cash alternative, and spend it your way.
But we've got an extra surprise this month –
we'll also donate £500 to the winner's cause
– Now THAT'S a Christmas bonus! Get your
tickets before Saturday 29th November for
your chance to win for you AND Thorpe Lea
Primary School.

Scan the QR code or click on the posters to
sign up and to stay in the weekly draw,
ensure you sign up for direct debit.

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot
- Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

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

Every Saturday all the numbers are drawn and printed online. Winners are notified by email and sent prizes and cash into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at yourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Thorpe Lea Primary School!

- 40p goes to our school
- 20p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means:

- £30 weekly cash prizes
- £2,000 a year for our school

To start registering, visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Thorpe Lea

Enter our Super Draw

Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle
– or take the cash!

PLUS £500 for your school!

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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 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 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

Thorpe Lea School PTA

Winter Disco

FRIDAY 5TH 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 12th December 3.15 pm
Under the shelter
Donations friday morning please