

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 28th November 2025

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week's school value is collaboration and we strive to ensure that we work alongside others within our community to support our children in different ways. Last week, our teachers met up with colleagues from other local primaries to share our experience and practice, and to learn from each other as professionals. I know that the other local headteachers have been a big help to me personally over the last year in offering advice and support.

Year 5 took part in an enrichment day on Thursday at The Magna Carta School, meeting with staff and taking part in various activities. Many of our pupils will go to Magna Carta and we believe that fostering positive links can help greatly when it comes to all of the children's transition to secondary - wherever they choose to go.

Another vital link in our community is our Thorpe Lea PTA and there are some exciting events happening next week: Elfridges and the Winter Disco. We'd love to see as many people as possible taking part!

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend!  
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration

Courage

Respect



## Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Elias
Reception	Arya
Year 1	Eden
Year 2	Robyn
Year 3	Matas
Year 4	Darcie
Year 5	All of Year 5
Year 6	Violet

## Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated  
throughout their learning:

Collaboration

Nursery	Oscar
Reception	Sofia
Year 1	Jason
Year 2	Asma
Year 3	Macsen
Year 4	Vallentina
Year 5	Jasmine
Year 6	Lewis

# Classroom Learning

## Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be reading "The Stickman". The children will be making their own stickmen and making some Christmas hats for the Nursery Christmas Carol Concert.

## Reception

Next week, Reception will be learning about the topic of Christmas. The children have written their own Christmas list and we will be posting them next week to Santa. We will be putting our sewing skills to the test by making a Christmas bauble decoration!

## Year 1

Next week is Assessment Week but do not worry. It is just to check how the children are progressing. In Maths we'll be completing our unit on Addition and Subtraction, consolidating key strategies. In History we'll continue exploring Childhood in the Past, making comparisons between what life was like for children then and now.

## Year 2

Next week we will be recapping two-digit numbers and focusing on how to exchange when subtracting numbers through the next ten. For example,  $35 - 27$ . We are also in full swing for Nativity rehearsals and we are enjoying showing off how much we have practiced our lines.

## Year 3

In English, the children will continue to write their own new chapter for The BFG, using detailed descriptions of the setting and characters, as well as narrative features to build on the story. They will also begin learning how to write clear and effective instructions.

In Maths, the children are revising multiplication and division, focusing on the  $2\times$ ,  $4\times$  and  $8\times$  tables. They will use these facts to spot patterns, build fluency, and apply them confidently in problem-solving.



**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**links to help your child practice:**

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

## Year 4

Next week, our focus will be on assessments and tailoring lessons to close any gaps before the Christmas break. We'll also be practising our festive songs and revisiting the 3 times table to help us master the 6 and 9 times tables. It's going to be a productive and joyful lead-up to the holidays!

## Year 5

Next week, we will be completing Arithmetic and Reasoning papers in Maths to see what we have learnt so far. In English, we will be learning about the structure of a poem and exploring different types. In Science, we will be looking at irreversible and reversible changes. In History, we will be identifying similarities and differences between a variety of Viking Sagas.

## Year 6

Next week in English, we are excited to begin our new topic about the Christmas Truce of World War I. The children will explore what life was like in the trenches by writing diary entries and letters from the perspective of soldiers. This will help them develop empathy and historical understanding while practicing descriptive and emotive writing. In maths, we will be wrapping up our Fractions unit. The focus will be on: finding fractions of an amount and solving multi-step problems using their fractions knowledge.



## 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 354 points
- 2nd - Fitzwalter with 291 points
- 3rd - King John with 254 points
- 4th - Langton with 224 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.

### Attendance Letters

We continue to monitor our attendance figures and review them on a regular basis. The next review will take place in a couple of weeks.

### School Attendance and Mild Illness Advice

Coughs, colds and headaches are quite common at this time of year, but they don't always mean children need to stay home. If your child has mild symptoms, please feel free to give them some medication and send them in. If they start to feel worse during the day, we'll be sure to give you a call.

### This week's attendance figures are:

- Reception - 90.7%
- Year 1 - 89.4%
- Year 2 - 88%
- Year 3 - 97.9% - This week's winners!**
- Year 4 - 95.7%
- Year 5 - 93.8%
- Year 6 - 92.1%
- Overall - 92.4%



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Choir to St Paul's Christmas Tree  
Opening

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

PTA - Elfridges

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

French Sweet Shop - KS2

## Friday 5th December

PTA - Winter Disco

## Tuesday, 9th December

Nursery Christmas Carols  
Session A & 30 Hours, parents invited  
to attend 2.45pm

## Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Dinner Day

## Friday 12th December

Nursery Christmas Carols  
Session B & 30 Hours, parents invited  
to attend 2.45pm

## Friday 12th December

PTA - KS2 Cake Sale



THORPE LEA PTA

## ELFRIDGES

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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!

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

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## 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



## Book Drive

Bring in the books you've grown out of and the Children's Book Project will gift them to a child in need.

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
Morning drop off under the shelter.

We're looking for pre-loved, gently used books.  
Unfortunately, we cannot accept:

- torn, scribbled or dirty books
- foreign language books
- DVDs or CDs
- textbooks or revision books
- ex library books
- reading schemes





## 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.

## Morning Gate

Thank you to all of our families who have adapted so quickly to the change in our morning gate routine since last week. 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. A reminder of the updated details below:

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.



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:

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.



**Merry Christmas!**  
**December Timetable**  
 All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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



**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](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.revivecoffeeshop.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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 payments sent into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at [yourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://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](http://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!

Thorpe Lea Primary School logo and Your School Lottery logo.

# 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

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**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