

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 5th December 2025

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

With just two weeks to go until our winter break, it is hard to believe how quickly this term is passing us by. The elves are busy, both at school and at home, keeping a close eye on things I am sure!

Our wonderful choir took part in the opening of this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's church this week. They had the opportunity to sing alongside other choirs from local schools and engage with members of our community on this lovely occasion. A special mention must go to Senna, Maisie, Eleni-May and Jasmine, who courageously sang duets in front of the entire audience. More information about the [here](#).

We look forward to seeing lots of our children at the Winter Disco later and hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Collin



## Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Bobby-Joe
Reception	Vinnie
Year 1	Blake
Year 2	Polly
Year 3	Roshal
Year 4	Ariona
Year 5	Charlie
Year 6	Monty

## Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated  
throughout their learning:

 Courage

Nursery	Charles
Reception	Irha
Year 1	Emmi
Year 2	Olivia
Year 3	Aran
Year 4	Flo
Year 5	Albie
Year 6	Leo

# Classroom Learning

## Nursery

In Nursery next week we are reading the story "Jingle Bells". The children are going to be making paper chains to make the Nursery even more Christmasy! We will continue to develop our counting skills through different counting nursery rhymes.

## Reception

Next week, Reception will be continuing to orally blend words, writing some cvc words and learning their special friends. We will be continuing with our sewing and in History they will be looking at toys from the past.

## Year 1

Next week in Maths we will begin our learning on 2D and 3D shapes. In Writing we will write a simple sentence narrative of our text: Send for a superhero. We will be comparing present childhood to childhood from the past in History and in PSHE we will continue to look at health and wellbeing.

## Year 2

Next week we will be recapping the features of 3-D shapes and identifying the 3-D shape by its net. In English we will be looking at chronological reports using adverbs to indicate the order of events. We are preparing for our nativity every afternoon and thank you to those families who have taken the time to practise their child's lines!

## Year 3

In English, Year 3 will be learning about instructional texts and how to write their own. They will explore the features that make instructions clear, precise, and engaging – from sequencing steps to using bossy verbs – and will create their own practical and fun instruction pieces.

In Maths, the children will be consolidating their knowledge of times-table and division facts. They'll revisit key number patterns to strengthen recall and build confidence when applying these skills in problem-solving.



**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**links to help your child practice:**

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

## Year 4

Next week in Year 4 will be full of excitement! We'll continue mastering our 3, 6, and 9 multiplication and division facts, complete our mummification instructions in English, and enjoy the staff panto. With Christmas just around the corner, our cheeky elf will hopefully sprinkle some festive magic to keep our learning shining bright!

## Year 5

Next week, we will be writing a poem inspired on The Lost Thing. In Maths, we will focus on comparing and ordering fractions. In Science, we will observe burning and carry out an experiment to investigate what causes a nail to rust. In PSHE, we will discuss what makes a balanced diet and revisit the main food groups, exploring how each group helps our bodies.

## Year 6

The children have been super engaged in our Christmas Truce writing topic so far. Next Week, we will be finishing our descriptive narrative of this historic event and writing letters from the perspective of a WWI soldier. Following on from our fractions unit, we are moving on to decimals in maths. The children will be bringing home their SATs mock papers today so that you are aware of their current progress. We are proud of the children for their maturity in completing these and have reiterated to them that these scores do not reflect their complete learning journey in Year 6 as we have not yet taught everything on the curriculum. We use these results as practitioners to guide our planning and intervention groups going forward.

# 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 371 points

2nd - Langton with 271 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 246 points

4th - King John with 230 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.

Green COME TO SCHOOL	Amber TAKE ADVICE	Red STAY AT HOME
Mild cough Mild cold Mild stomach ache / headache Sore throat (unless accompanied by a raised temperature) Feeling tired Headlice (treatment should be applied outside of school hours)	If the headache is more severe or accompanied by other symptoms such as a raised temperature or drowsiness, consult your GP A rash can be the first sign of an infectious illness such as chicken pax or measles, consult your GP	Raised temperature (over 37.5) infectious illness such as chicken pax (until spots have crusted over) or measles (4 days after the onset of rash) A sickness bug i.e. vomiting and diarrhoea. Stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.

## This week's attendance figures are:

Reception - 87.1%

Year 1 - 88.7%

Year 2 - 90.8%

Year 3 - 90.5%

Year 4 - 92.4%

Year 5 - 88.5%

**Year 6 - 93.1% - This week's winners!**

Overall - 90.2%



## 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. More details will follow



# Upcoming Events

## Tuesday, 9th December

Nursery Christmas Carols  
Session A & 30 Hours, parents invited to attend 2.45pm, Nursery children can wear their Christmas jumpers

## Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

## Friday 12th December

Nursery Christmas Carols  
Session B & 30 Hours, parents invited to attend 2.45pm, Nursery children can wear their Christmas jumpers

## Friday 12th December

PTA - KS2 Cake Sale

## Wednesday 17th 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 18th December

Year 2 Nativity performance  
parents – door will open at 1.25pm for a 1.30pm start.

## Friday 19th December

End of Term - Collection 2.15pm



## 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



www.childrensbookproject.co.uk  
Registered charity 1043634

## WIN! PREMIER LEAGUE PRIZES

**TOPPS**



**2026**



### It's Easy!

Take a minute.  
Answer a few quick questions.

And you could win unmissable  
Topps Premier League 2026 prizes

**SCAN QR CODE TO ENTER**



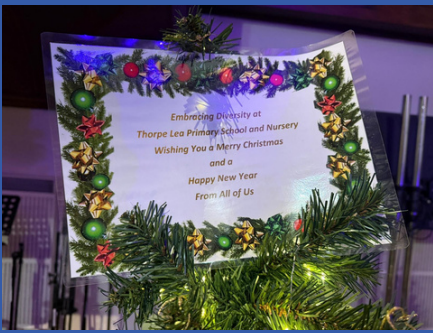
### Prizes Up for Grabs

2 Hospitality tickets to a Premier League match

The Premier League Trophy, delivered to your doorstep

10 x £100 Topps Trading Card Bundles - boost your collection in style!

Premier League Premium Trading Cards



## 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.



## 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 December Timetable

Please see attached the December timetable for FACE.

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) or [click here](#) Go to PARENTS – Live talks page.

Accessing the talks free of charge: Thorpe Lea Primary School and Nursery access code is TL270325

This can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools.

At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

**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.revivecoffeeandshop.co.uk](http://www.revivecoffeeandshop.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)

**BARNARDOS** Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

**Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism**

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.

**Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under**

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

**Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old**

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

**Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old**

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

**Can I ask some questions?**  
Email us on [parenttraining@ffrc.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parenttraining@ffrc.surrey.sch.uk)

**How do I join a course?**  
Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

**Surrey Parent Training Programmes**

# 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 a simple lottery: 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, made over the £250 jackpot. Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Thorpe Lea Primary School!

Every Saturday all but 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](mailto:TLF@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk)

**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