

The Swan's Bill

Friday 9th January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

I'd like to start by wishing everyone across our community a happy new year! I hope that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation during the break and are feeling ready for the busy term ahead. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and we are proud of how they continue to work so hard in their approach to learning.

We are extremely grateful to all of those who completed our parent feedback survey. We will be sharing further details with you shortly but we are delighted with the feedback received and will continue to look at how we can drive progress for all at Thorpe Lea.

Our staff took part in some excellent training during our INSET day on Monday, which focused on the importance of developing relationships and ensuring that we facilitate inclusive classrooms that set high ambitions for all pupils - something we feel strongly about.

Please do encourage your children to take up any remaining places in our enrichment activities and clubs this term. I know there are still some spaces available; these clubs are not only fun, but provide opportunities for children to develop their creativity and collaboration.

Have a lovely weekend - stay warm and safe!

Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration

Courage

Respect



Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Children not in school this week
Reception	Murtaza
Year 1	Rudi
Year 2	Selena
Year 3	Martha
Year 4	Renly
Year 5	Shanvi
Year 6	Matthew

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Collaboration 

Nursery	Children not in school this week
Reception	Edward
Year 1	Henry R
Year 2	Jaxon K
Year 3	Jace
Year 4	Max
Year 5	Teagan
Year 6	Senna

Classroom Learning

Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be starting off our new Topic called: All About Authors. We are going to be spending the week learning about Julia Donaldson and the books that she has written.

Reception

Next week, Reception will be trying out a spelling test for the very first time! In Maths, we are looking at one more, one less and the composition of the number 5. In PE, we are continuing with learning our basic Gymnastic shapes e.g. pike alien, star straddle etc. In Science, the children will be identifying and naming different plants and in PSED they will be developing their listening skills when retelling parts of a story.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

links to help your child practice:

[Reception - Fred talk Set 1](#)

Year 1

Next week in English we will be writing a birthday party list for our main character of our book we are reading. In Maths we will build on our number fluency within 20 and begin to look at the number line to 20. In Science we will learn about the 5 senses and in Art we will keep learning about the primary colours and practice mixing them to make secondary colours.

Year 2

Next week Year 2 will be continuing to learn about the value of money in Maths. We are also going to be starting two new topics in Geography and Science.

Year 3

Next week in English the children will explore the traditional tale The Pied Piper of Hamelin, focusing on the moral of the story and the lessons it teaches the reader. In Maths, the children will be focusing on multiplication and division facts, using these to solve problems and build confidence in their number skills.

Year 4

It has been a wonderful week back for Year 4, we have started reading our new comprehension and english books in order to prepare for our postcard write of the book FARTHER. We have continued on with our multiplication and division unit in math and will continue to work on our number facts for next week. Remnder that swimming starts on Tuesday next week, which I'm sure the children have not mentioned at all 😊

Year 5

Next week, students will explore how to combine different materials for effect in their self-portrait drawings. In Science, we will learn about and compare the contributions of Ptolemy, Alhazen, and Copernicus to our understanding of the Solar System. In French, we will focus on learning numbers and using money.

Year 6

Year 6 have become deeply engaged with our new writing topic, Macbeth. The children have shown great enthusiasm exploring the plot and characters, and next week they will be working towards writing their own synopsis of the play. We have also begun our new comprehension book, Private Peaceful, which the class are thoroughly enjoying; we will continue reading and discussing this next week. In maths, we are continuing our work on percentages and exploring how they link to fractions and decimals. It has been a productive start to the term, and we look forward to building on this momentum.

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 259 points
- 2nd - Pope with 250 points
- 3rd - King John with 218 points
- 4th - Fitzwalter with 135 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 pox or measles, consult your GP	Raised temperature (over 37.5) infectious illness such as chicken pox (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 - 92.1%
- Year 1 - 90.1%
- Year 2 - 98.3% - This week's winners!**
- Year 3 - 95.4% - This week's winners!
- Year 4 - 94.8%
- Year 5 - 95.8%
- Year 6 - 95%
- 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

Tuesday 13th January

Year 4 Starting Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 14th January

Reception 2026 Open Afternoon

Wednesday 21st January

Young Voices

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.



St Paul's Church
Egham Hythe

Messy Church

Particularly suitable for primary school aged children with parents or carers
All Welcome
www.speh.org.uk

Monday 26th January 2026
3.15-4.30pm

games
bible story
food
crafts



St Paul's Church
Egham Hythe

Sunday 11th January 2026

with **Godly Play**
Ages 4-14

10-11am in hall for ages 4-14

10am Parish Communion

Thorpe Road TW18 3HJ www.speh.org.uk

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 January Timetable

FACE January 2026 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 Talks)	
Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

Please see attached the January 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 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.



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
Book online £48
on the Online Parenting Courses page

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 life programmes for parents of children aged 5 years and under**
 - Understanding autism
 - Communication
 - Understanding autistic experiences
 - Supporting care giving
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Connections
- Current programmes 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
 - Analyzing 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
 - Privacy
 - Education and transitioning into adulthood

Can I ask some questions?
(Email us at info@facefamilyadvice.co.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.

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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For Expectant Parents/ Early Years Help; group starting on Thursday 8 January 2026 at 14:30pm

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?

- 6 online sessions
- 6 group discussions
- Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on challenges and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Workbooks and handouts.
- Video, games and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real parent each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group Discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
- Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
- Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: info@parents@revivefund.org.uk

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. For Expectant Parents/ Early Years Help, group starting Tuesday 6 January 2026 at 6:00pm

Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?

- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?

- 6 online sessions
- 6 group discussions
- Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and handouts.
- Video, games and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement.

Group discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have.
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
- Hear from others about what works for them.

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. Group starting (Parents of Neurodivergent Children Only) Monday 26 January at 10:30pm

Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?

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