

The Swan's Bill

Friday 23rd January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

We had some very tired children (and adults) in school yesterday, but for very good reason! Our choir headed up to the O2 Arena in central London on Wednesday for the Young Voices concert. This annual event is a huge musical showcase where the children get to be part of the largest children's choir in the world. It is a wonderful event and the children will remember it for many years to come. A big thank you to the staff who supported with the event and well done to everyone involved!

Recently we had to call on Surrey Fire Service for some emergency support, however yesterday they were back at Thorpe Lea, but on a much more relaxed, planned visit. They came to see our Reception pupils as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic. They brought the engine and the children had a fantastic time meeting the staff and learning all about their wonderful service.

We understand that the weather is awful at the moment and there are lots of winter bugs going around. However, we have noticed that our overall school attendance lately has been quite low. Please support us to ensure that children are in school as much as possible and a reminder that the school gate closes at 08.55.

Thank you for continued support -have a lovely weekend.

Mr Collin



Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Oliver
Reception	Vercika
Year 1	Jasmine
Year 2	Luca
Year 3	Maisie
Year 4	Adwoa
Year 5	Rivon
Year 6	Mahisa

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Respect

Nursery	Archie R
Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Opi
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Effie
Year 4	Leni
Year 5	Natalya
Year 6	Alex

Classroom Learning

Nursery

Next week in Nursery we are going to be learning all about the Authors Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be reading some of their most famous books and have lots of activities based on those stories in the Nursery.

Reception

Next week, Reception will be looking at the role of a doctor and a nurse. In Maths, we will be looking at the numbers 6,7 and 8. We will be finding them, representing them and looking at one more than a given number. In PSED, we will be looking at following instructions and persevering when things get difficult.

Year 1

Next week we will be starting our addition and subtraction within 20 unit in Maths. In English we will be continuing our grammar learning of the suffixes -es and -s and the prefix -un and using them in our writing. In Computing we will be looking at animated stories and in PE will be practicing competing positively when competing in a team.

Year 2

Next week we will be learning about division and the two times tables. We will also be looking at persuasive techniques when creating tourist adverts for London. We will be using rhetorical questions as well as expanded noun phrases.

Year 3

In English, the children will explore the purpose of advertisements and discover how powerful and persuasive they can be. They will learn how adverts are designed to encourage people to buy products using persuasive language and features. In Maths, the children will develop their understanding of related facts, linking multiplication and division. They will learn how to multiply two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers using a range of strategies.

Year 4

Next week we will be working on our inference through our gruesome tale of Zombierella in comprehension and developing a set of instructions for a flying machine made by FARThER in our writing journey. After looking into the volume of everyday sounds using decibels, we will start to look at the relationship between volume and distance in Science. With only two lessons left for ukulele, we will take to the hall to fine tune our strings before our assembly on the 3rd of February.

Year 5

Next week, we are looking forward to our class assembly. In Maths, we will be learning about solving multiplication and division problems. In English, we will be drafting and writing our persuasive letter. In Science, we will be learning about the phases of the moon. In geography, we will be planning a fieldwork enquiry about how we can protect our oceans.

Year 6

Next week, the children will be exploring area and perimeter, including investigating how to find the area of different types of triangles. This will build on their previous geometry skills and help strengthen their problem-solving strategies. In English, Year 6 will be writing diary entries inspired by a short film. We're sure the children will really enjoy this creative writing task. A reminder that SATs booster sessions began this week. We strongly encourage as many pupils as possible to attend, as these sessions provide valuable support and help build confidence in the run-up to SATs.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

links to help your child practice:

[Reception - Fred talk Set 1](#)



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 365 points

2nd - Langton with 328 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 303 points

4th - King John with 273 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.

Attendance Letters

We are reviewing attendance figures on a regular basis. If your child's attendance is below the expected levels you will be receiving either a letter, or an invitation to a meeting.

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.

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception - 86.9%

Year 1 - 90.6%

Year 2 - 94.3%

Year 3 - 94.8%

Year 4 - 87.6%

Year 5 - 86%

Year 6 - 95% - This week's winners!

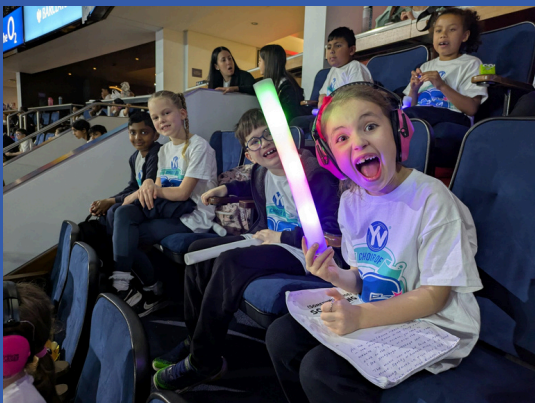
Overall - 90.9%

This week, we recorded 59 late arrivals. We appreciate your support in helping all children arrive at school on time.



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 27th January

Year 4 Swimming

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Ukulele Assembly for children in
Year 4 - 6

Thursday 29th January

Year 5 Class Assembly at 2.40pm

St Paul's Church
Egham Hythe

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

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@ KOO SAKIDS.CO.UK @ 01276 21884

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY	TERMS
Monday to Friday (5 days)	£10.00	£45.00	£120.00
Monday to Friday (5 days) + Saturday (1 day)	£15.00	£60.00	£150.00
Monday to Friday (5 days) + Saturday (1 day) + Sunday (1 day)	£20.00	£75.00	£200.00

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PATHWAY INTO U7 TEAM:
Following club U7 team playing in the ESWA League

OLD WINDSOR REC
Peters Hill Way, Old Windsor, Berks, SL4 2PW
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
09.30 PM - 11.00 PM

REGISTER NOW!
secretary@owtfc.com

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:

office@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk

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FACE January Timetable

FACE FEBRUARY 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 Talk)	
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 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.

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 play time
 - 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
 - Threading & sensory
 - Social interaction & communication
 - Understanding & supporting behaviour
 - Analyzing behaviour
- Free life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old**
 - Understanding autism
 - Understanding autistic identity
 - Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Identity
 - Education and transitioning into adulthood

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

How do I join a course? www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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.

online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am
3rd March 7-8:30pm

Book online facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code

british certified trainer

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. For Expectant Parents Early Years Help, group starting Tuesday 9 January 2026 at 8:00pm

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 for the child(ren) living in your care? How about learning a little that will help you?

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to reduce and manage arguments
- How to have more peaceful and calm interactions with your children
- How to manage your own stress and emotions
- How to support your child(ren) with their own stress and emotions
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Topics covered...

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

Emp discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to your questions
- Talk about how feelings and stress are going at home
- Address any difficulties relating to your relationship
- How from others about what works for them?

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strengthening families communities

For Expectant Parents Early Years Help, group starting on Thursday 8 January 2026 at 10:30pm

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?

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Runnymede Family Centre

Every Wednesday 10 - 12

Family Support at the Revive Cafe
99 Guildford Street, Chertsey, England, KT16 9AS
www.revivecoffee.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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Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Spring term 2026

All things visual strategies - Supporting autistic children with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them?
Friday 13th February 2026
10 - 11.30am
Online via Zoom
£51 plus VAT per person

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) - Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support
Wednesday 4th March 2026
9.30 - 11.30am
Online - via Zoom
£44 plus VAT per person

All things communication and play - Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together
Thursday 5th March 2026
9.30am - 12
Online via Zoom
£51 plus VAT per person

Autism and Girls - Exploring differences and diagnosis. Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them
Monday 2nd March 2026
10 - 11.30am
Online via Zoom
£36 plus VAT per person

All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children
Thursday 26th January 2026
9.30am - 12
Online via Zoom
£51 plus VAT per person

All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs
Thursday 12th February 2026
9.30am - 12
Online via Zoom
£51 plus VAT per person

Thorpe Lea Primary School Spring Term 2026 Enrichment Calendar

Tuesday, 20 th January	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Wednesday, 21 st January	Young Voices at the O2
Tuesday, 27 th January	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Thursday, 29 th January	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents Invited to attend 2.40pm
Tuesday, 3 rd February	Year 4 Ukulele Assembly – Parents are Invited to attend 10.50am
Tuesday, 3 rd February	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Monday, 9 th – Friday, 13 th February	Children's Mental Wellbeing Week
Tuesday, 10 th February	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday, 10 th February	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Wednesday, 11 th February	Wear it Bright Children to wear bright colours to shine a light on Children's mental wellbeing – Details to follow
Thursday, 12 th February	Year 5 Science Museum Trip
Monday, 16 th February – Friday, 20 th February	Spring Half Term
Monday, 23 rd February	Level 1 Bikeability for signed up children from Year 4
Tuesday, 24 th February	Year 6 Bikeability Try-it-out Day
Tuesday, 24 th February	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Wednesday, 25 th February	Year 6 Bikeability Try-it-out Day Extra Practice
Thursday, 26 th February	SEN Coffee Morning with PIN 9am – 10am
Friday, 27 th February	Level 1 Bikeability signed up children from Year 4
Tuesday, 3 rd March	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day – Details to Follow
Tuesday, 10 th March	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Thursday, 12 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited to attend 2.40pm
Monday, 16 th March – Friday 20 th March	SEN Meetings – Details to follow
Monday, 16 th March – Friday 20 th March	Level 2 Bikeability for signed up children from Year 6
Tuesday, 17 th March	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit – children are to bring long sleeved pj's to this lesson with them
Monday, 23 rd March	Choir - Surrey Music Festival at Dorking Hall – Details to follow
Tuesday, 24 th March	Drama 4 All Workshop Nursery – Year 2
Tuesday, 24 th March	Nursery Class Assembly – Session A & 30 Hours – Parents are Invited to attend 2.40pm
Tuesday, 24 th March	Year 4 Swimming at Egham Orbit
Wednesday, 25 th March	Parents Evening – Details to follow
Thursday, 26 th March	Parents Evening – Details to follow
Thursday, 26 th March	Nursery Class Assembly – Session B & 30 Hours – Parents Invited to attend 10am
Friday, 27 th March	Last Day of Term – School will finish at 2.15pm
Monday, 13 th April	Whole School Inset Day – School closed
Tuesday, 14 th April	School will re-open for the Summer Term



School term and holiday dates 2026/2027

	SEPTEMBER Autumn Term 2026	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27

	JANUARY Spring Term 2027	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	MAY Summer Term 2027	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	3 10 17 24	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29

Whole School Inset Days

- Tuesday, 1st September
- Monday, 4th January
- Monday, 26th July
- Tuesday, 27th July
- Wednesday, 28th July

Nursery Inset Days

- Wednesday, 2nd September
- Thursday, 3rd September
- Friday, 4th September
- Tuesday, 5th January
- Wednesday, 6th January
- Thursday, 7th January