

The Swan's Bill

Friday 30th January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week's school value of CREATIVITY was exemplified wonderfully by our Year 5 class during their assembly which took place on Thursday. I was delighted to attend and see how much creative and high quality learning they have taken part in this year so far. We saw examples of all they have done, from self-portraits to Viking dances and learning about the Alps. It was lovely to hear them talk about these topics with such passion and enthusiasm; well done Year 5.

On Monday afternoon we have a special visitor coming in to lead assembly and talk to our pupils. Patricia Parker OBE will be talking to the children about her wonderful work with the charity 'Kids for Kids', who support forgotten children living through unimaginable hardship in Darfur, Sudan. We look forward to hearing her story; more information about Kids for Kids is available here: <https://kidsforkids.org.uk/>

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Collin



Creativity

Collaboration

Courage

Respect



Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Joseph
Reception	Amelie
Year 1	Nikhil
Year 2	Olivia
Year 3	Casey
Year 4	Gwen
Year 5	All of Year 5
Year 6	Alex

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Creativity

Nursery	Roman
Reception	Liam
Year 1	Albie
Year 2	Jaxon M
Year 3	Sienna
Year 4	All of Year 4
Year 5	Alexandra
Year 6	Violet

Classroom Learning

Nursery

In Nursery next week we are focusing on the author Eric Carle. The children will be reading some of his famous stories, cutting fruit to make their own Hungry Caterpillar's fruit kebab and they will be recapping their knowledge of shape to create their own pictures in the author's artistic style. We will also be learning more about making their own patterns.

Reception

Next week, Reception are continuing to segment and blend cvc words in short stories. In Maths, they will be looking at one more, one less and the composition of 6,7 and 8. Our theme is Teachers this week and we will be interviewing Mr Collin the Headteacher about his role. In Science, we will be looking at ways to look after the planet and in PSED, we will be working on following several instructions and giving simple instructions.

Year 1

Next week we will be learning about doubles and near doubles in Maths.

In English we will be learning about sequels and planning our own sequel to I want my hat back our book we are reading.

In Computing we will be looking more at animated stories and in Geography we will look at daily weather patterns in the UK

Year 2

Next week we will be learning about doubling and halving using the two times tables. In English we will be looking at the Great Fire of London and preparing to write a recount of the events in chronological order.

Year 3

In English, the children will explore the techniques that adverts use to persuade the reader to respond. They will create their own advert to persuade their target audience to take a holiday and join "the great adventure", using persuasive language, catchy slogans and exciting descriptions.

In Maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of how multiplication links with division. They will practise different strategies for division, including short division with remainders. Please continue to support your child with regular times-table practice at home, as this will help build their confidence and fluency in class.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

links to help your child practice:

Reception – Fred talk Set 1

Year 4

Next week Year 4 showcase their musical talent in our Ukulele Assembly, we continue on our long winding road of multiplication and division in maths. We look to take deeper meaning in comprehension with explaining the meaning of words and phrases chosen by the author. While in English we work on writing a set of instructions for a flying machine built in our book FARTHER.

Year 5

Next week, we will be learning more about short and long division. In English, we will be writing an alternative ending to the story "The Lost Happy Endings." In PSHE, we will be learning about how reducing use of materials and energy helps to save the environment. In Geography, we will be discussing what we can do to help save the ocean

Year 6

In English, we will be watching another engaging short film called Oktapodi. We will be using the film to explore its main characters in detail, focusing on how writers use inference to "show, not tell" what characters are thinking and feeling. This supports pupils in developing richer, more expressive writing. In Maths, we will be continuing our work on area and perimeter. We will also begin to investigate volume, helping pupils understand how to measure the space inside 3D objects.



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 264 points

2nd - King John with 240 points

3rd - Pope with 230 points

4th - Fitzwalter with 188 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 - 92.4%

Year 1 - 90.9%

Year 2 - 96.3% - This week's winners!

Year 3 - 89.3%

Year 4 - 90.7%

Year 5 - 91%

Year 6 - 96.3% - This week's winners!

Overall - 92.5%



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



FACE February 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 February 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
 - 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
- Free life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old**
 - Understanding autism
 - Understanding autistic identity
 - Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Polarity
 - Education and transitioning into adulthood

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

How do I join a course? (Go to 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.

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 child contact? Please join us for this free online course.

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to reduce arguments and disagreements
- How to have better relationships with your children
- How to have better relationships with your partner
- How to have better relationships with your ex
- How to have better relationships with your extended family

Topics covered...

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

Key discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to your questions
- Take 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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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

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
£15 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
£15 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
£15 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
£15 plus VAT per person