

The Swan's Bill

Friday 6th February 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week I have some important and exciting updates to bring to your attention.

1. Next Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day and we would really appreciate your help in completing our short online safety survey. Your feedback will help us understand how confident you feel about supporting your child online, what information you would find most useful, and how we can best direct families to the right guidance. Your views will shape the support and resources we offer, ensuring they meet the needs of our school community. Please click here: [Parent Voice - Online Safety - Fill in form](#). We have some existing guidance available on our website under Parents>E-Safety.

2. We have some hugely exciting news about a major project taking place over the Easter break. Please scroll down to see a page dedicated to this announcement (there is too much to fit here!)

Have a fantastic weekend - let's hope the weather picks up soon!
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Finn
Reception	Joshua-Eden
Year 1	Jack
Year 2	George
Year 3	Logan
Year 4	Luca
Year 5	Thea
Year 6	Sophie

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Collaboration

Nursery	Brodie and James
Reception	Eva
Year 1	Tommy
Year 2	Esha
Year 3	Jace
Year 4	Vallentina
Year 5	Jasmine
Year 6	Freddie and Donny

Classroom Learning

Nursery

Next week - We will be learning all about the author Sam McBratney. We will be reading his best selling book 'Guess how much I love you,' and having a valentine's day themed week. We will also be comparing sizes and consolidating our understanding of prepositional language.

Reception

Next week, Reception have a very busy week! In Maths, we are learning about odd and even numbers and doubling numbers to 8. We are learning about Dentists and we have a Dentist coming in to see us on Monday to teach us how to look after our teeth. Later on in the week, Reception will be taking a trip down to St Paul's Church to investigate why churches are special to christian people! In Science, the children will learning about how animals prepare for Winter, in particular hedgehogs.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

links to help your child practice:

Reception - Fred talk Set 1

Year 1

In English we will be writing up our narrative sequel for I want my hat back.

In Maths we will be learning about subtraction within 20.

For Geography and Science and we will be completing end of unit tests for the learning we did this half term. We will also be discussing how to stay safe on the Internet as part of Safer Internet Day next Tuesday

Year 2

Next week we will be looking at how to divide and multiply by 5 and 10 quickly. We will also be writing our fact file about The Great Fire of London ensuing we write in past tense.

Year 3

It's lovely to see the children settling so well into their new classroom.

In English, the children will begin exploring poetry and will create their own poems, using language creatively to express their ideas and feelings.

In Maths, the children will learn about scaling and will continue to make links between multiplication and division to support their understanding.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will be completing our instructions on planting poppies as a symbol of remembrance of our chosen text FARThER. We will be finishing up our unit on multiplication and division in maths ready for the length and perimeter after break. In Geography, we will be finishing our unit on rainforests by writing a letter to the president of Brazil detailing why the Amazon is so important.

Year 5

Next week, we are looking forward to our trip to the Science Museum to learn about Earth and Space. In Maths, we are going to be learning about fractions of a quantity and amounts. In English, we will be drafting and writing our own alternative Happy Endings. In Geography, we will be learning ways we can reuse our materials.

Year 6

Year 6 will be completing mock SATs papers next week. This will give us a valuable opportunity to assess the progress the children have made so far this academic year. It is also an excellent chance for pupils to practice working under test conditions in preparation for the real SATs in May. We are also very excited to be visiting Magna Carta School next week to watch their production. This is always a highlight for the children and a wonderful enrichment opportunity. A reminder that homework is due in on Friday 13th. Thank you for your continued support with this.

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 King John who earned the most house points this week!

1st - King John with 405 points

2nd - Pope with 372 points

3rd - Langton with 325 points

4th - Fitzwalter with 165 points

Weekly House
Points



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. [Term dates are now available on our school website](#)

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. These meetings are vital so that we can understand challenges and support where possible.

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 - 90.7%

Year 1 - 83.1%

Year 2 - 93.3%

Year 3 - 93.4% - This week's winners!

Year 4 - 91.4%

Year 5 - 91.7%

Year 6 - 88%

Overall - 90.1%

Upcoming Events

**Monday 9th – Friday 13th
February**

Children Wellbeing Week – Wear it
Bright

Monday 9th February

Year 6 to Magna Carta to watch
The Wizard of Oz

Monday 9th February

Dentist visiting Reception Class

Tuesday 10th February

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 10th February

Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 11th February

Reception Class to visit St Pauls'
Church

Wednesday 11th February

Wear it Bright Day – Bring on the
brightness! Children can wear a
colourful t-shirt or jumper, with the
rest of their school uniform.

Thursday 12th February

Year 5 trip to The Science
Museum



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 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
 - Supporting early learning
 - 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 & learning
 - Social interaction & communication
 - Understanding & supporting behaviour
 - Analyzing behaviour
- Free life for parents of children aged 10-18 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 on 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.

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 carers of children with autism. For parents of children with autism, group starting Wednesday 4 April at 6pm

Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent? Would you like to enhance your relationship and engagement in your family and your child's life? Would you like to enhance your relationship with your own children, or improve communication with your partner or other people helping to raise your children? How about learning at a time that suits you?

What to expect...

- Information on autism, including its symptoms and signs
- How to support your child's learning and development
- How to support your child's social skills and communication
- How to support your child's emotional and mental health
- How to support your child's physical health and wellbeing
- How to support your child's education and learning
- How to support your child's future prospects

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships
- Supporting and managing emotions
- Understanding how conflict affects your child
- Understanding your child's communication
- Managing stress, anger and anxiety
- Strategies to create conflict and resolve parenting agreement

Group discussion...

- Share a recent event or situation to one of the questions in the right hand column
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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.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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Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) Spring term 2025

<p>All things about autism</p> <p>Supporting autistic children / 1 hour with a specialist. This session will explore the latest research, why our autistic child might be struggling and what support they need. Thursday 20 February 2025 10.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</p> <p>Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support your child. Wednesday 19th March 2025 10.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>All things communication and other</p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills. Thursday 20 March 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>Autism and Girls</p> <p>Supporting differences and diagnosis, understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them. 18th March 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>
<p>All things behaviour</p> <p>Supporting autistic children with behaviour. Thursday 27th February 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>	<p>All things sensory processing</p> <p>A workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support them. Thursday 27th February 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm Online via Zoom £15 plus VAT per person</p>

Multi-Use Games Area Installation (MUGA)

Over the past year, the school has invested in some significant projects to support our children and develop a learning environment they can be proud of. These include:

- The new library: this has been a huge success and children love utilising this space and exploring new texts and stories.
- We have purchased over 60 new Chromebooks for children's use across the curriculum and upgraded our internet service and staff laptops to ensure efficiency.
- The canopy outside of Year 1 and Reception class has allowed children to utilise that outside space more regularly and continue their immersive learning and play through all weathers!
- SUDS planters across the school playground have improved our bio-diversity and support the water system in our area.

As ever, we are always looking forward and we're excited to tell you what's next!

Over the Easter break we will begin installing a brand-new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), an investment that will significantly enhance our school's outdoor provision. This dynamic new space will offer pupils a safe, all-weather environment for a wide range of sports and activities, helping to promote physical fitness, teamwork and healthy competition throughout the year. The MUGA will not only enrich PE lessons but will also expand opportunities for extracurricular clubs, lunchtime play, and community engagement. We can't wait to see our students enjoying this vibrant new addition to our school!

The work is expected to take around two weeks, and should be ready for use shortly after we come back to school in mid-April. We will keep you posted nearer the time with updates.

Below are some digital representations of the planned works. I'm sure you'll agree they look fantastic and we can't wait to see them come to life!

