

The Swan's Bill

Friday 12th March 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Hopefully you have had a positive week as the days get longer and lighter; it is hard to believe how quickly this short spring term is flying by!

I'd like to give a few reminders this week:

-Please ensure that you are parking safely and courteously around the school site. It is vital that we keep crossing areas clear to allow safe routes for pedestrians. Additionally, please ensure that you are not blocking the drives of local residents who need access to their driveways at all times.

-We are still seeing a large number of pupils arriving late to school. Please help us support children settling in to the school day smoothly by arriving on time and ready to learn.

-Please refrain from using mobile phones when on the school site. Not only does it help us keep everyone safe, it prevents distractions and supports those vital interactions with pupils at the start and the end of the day.

There are lots of things happening in the next few weeks including parents' evening appointments - please make sure you are signed up.

We have science day at school today, so hopefully the children will come home with some exciting stories about experiments they have created!

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Ralph
Reception	Edward
Year 1	Henry C
Year 2	Asma
Year 3	William
Year 4	Lauren
Year 5	Harvey
Year 6	Eleni

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Collaboration 

Nursery	Sonny & Roman
Reception	All of Reception
Year 1	All of Year 1 for the class assembly
Year 2	Maddie
Year 3	Vaani
Year 4	Isla
Year 5	William & Thea
Year 6	Hannah

Classroom Learning

links to help your child practice:

Reception set 1 -

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resource/s/vc-pathways/366583/97puCZ4O9z7p3QRh>

Year 1 (Set 2 and set 3) -

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/vc-pathways/366586/cdGOHn8ZOmZKvaeE>

Year 2 (set 3) -

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/vc-pathways/366586/cdGOHn8ZOmZKvaeE>

Nursery

Next week in Nursery, we are reading the traditional tale 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will be exploring shapes and making our own collage pictures with them as well as exploring a sensory tray based on the Three Billy Goats Gruff field. The children will also be exploring different colours of playdough to make our own troll!

Reception

Next week, Reception's topic will be planes. In Phonics, they will continue to revisit and practise their sounds and write simple phrases and sentences. In Maths, we will be finding doubles to 10 and making doubles to 10 plus odd and even numbers. In Art, the children will learn how to make a paper airplane, in PSED, the children will learn and practise ground techniques and in RE, the children will understand why it is important to care for the world by listening to a religious story.

Year 1

Next week we will continue with our end of term tests. We are looking forward to visiting the Church for Easter activities on Monday. In Maths we will learn about how to measure using a ruler in cm. In English we will look more at report-writing. We will be learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in Science.

Year 2

Next week we will be learning about how to read a thermometer and recap all of our units of measurements. In English we will be writing simple explanations of life cycles of butterflies and frogs using expanded noun phrases.

Year 3

In English, the children will be learning how to write a report about a missing character. They will explore the key features of a report and use descriptive language to provide clear details about the character.

In Maths, the children will continue calculating the perimeter of shapes. They will also begin learning about fractions and how they represent equal parts of a whole.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will move on to writing a diary entry from the perspective of Lenny in The Lion and The Unicorn, exploring what a day in his life might have felt like. In Maths, we'll continue our work on fractions, focusing on improper fractions and equivalent fractions. In French, we'll be learning how to describe the temperatures of different seasons. We also had an exciting, colour-filled afternoon today for Science Day! Keep an eye out for photos in next week's Swan's Bill!

Year 5

Next week Year 5 will carry on learning about equivalent decimals and fractions in Maths. In History they will be making deductions using their knowledge of Henry VIII and Tudor England.

Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be continuing our new Maths unit on position and direction. During this unit, we will be plotting coordinates, solving problems, and exploring translations. In writing, we will be beginning our work on biographies, looking closely at the features of this text type and how to apply them in our own writing. The children are very excited for bikeability next week and we will also be visiting the church on Tuesday for Easter celebrations.





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 293 points

2nd - Pope with 226 points

3rd - Fitzwalter with 201 points

4th - King John with 171 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. 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 - 90.8%

Year 1 - 91.3%

Year 2 - 90.3%

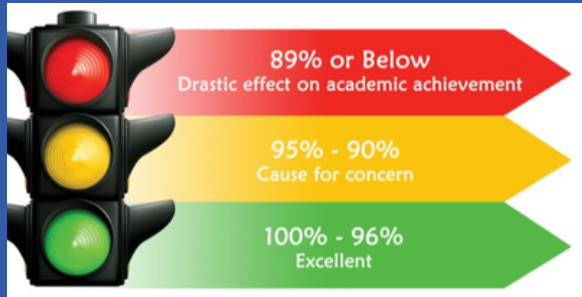
Year 3 - 95.9% - This week's winners!

Year 4 - 94.8%

Year 5 - 92.1% - This week's winners!

Year 6 - 90.3%

Overall - 92.2%



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

Upcoming Events

**Monday 16th – Thursday
19th March**
SEN Meetings

**Monday 16th – Friday 20th
March**
Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability –
Selected children

**Monday 16th & Tuesday
17th March**
Reception – Year 6 visiting St
Paul's Church for Easter Activities

Tuesday 17th March
Year 4 Swimming

Friday 20th March
PTA – The Brain Tumour Charity
Coffee Morning 9am – 10am

Friday 20th March
PTA – The Brain Tumour Charity
Cake sale – After school



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 March Timetable



March 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)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

Please see attached the March 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.

Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth
Anxiety Based School Avoidance
 March 26th 7-8pm



Book online
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All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership



FREE online talk by Jane Keyworth
 FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator
Decreasing Depression
 23rd April 7-8pm



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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.runnymedefamilycentre.org.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



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 early learning
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnus 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 10-18 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 us on autism@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 Course: Stronger Relationships

For an evening with other adults living locally in your area. For parents of children from the Runnymede Family group starting Wednesday 8 April at 6:00pm

Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
 Would you like to enhance your relationship with your children in your family and your wider world?
 Would you like to enhance your relationship with your community, at school, at work or with other people helping to raise your children?
 How about learning at a time that suits you?

4 online sessions | **4 topics covered** | **4 CPD certificates on completion**

What to expect...

- Information on how to identify and address arguments
- How to have those parent and child conversations
- How to manage and resolve conflicts
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Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships
- Supporting and managing arguments
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Understanding your child's communication
- Managing stress, anger and emotions
- Strategies to use in conflict and resolve a parenting agreement

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Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) Spring term 2025

<p>All things about strategies</p> <p>Supporting autistic children with social strategies - why are results, which results to use and how to use them</p> <p>Thursday 28 February 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 per person</p>	<p>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</p> <p>Understanding PDA and practical strategies</p> <p>Thursday 28 March 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 per person</p>
<p>All things communication and other</p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - building and managing and using support tools</p> <p>Thursday 20 March 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 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</p> <p>Thursday 20 March 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 per person</p>
<p>All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviour for autistic children</p> <p>Thursday 20 February 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 per person</p>	<p>All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support them</p> <p>Thursday 20 February 2025 10:00 - 12:00 Online via Zoom £15 plus £65 per person</p>

The Brain Tumour Research Charity Events

Hi I'm Ellis,


My sister has a brain tumour which needs chemo medicine to help look after her. Her brain tumour makes her have seizures that we call "wobbles". They can make her very tired.

On the 21st of March me and some friends are walking 10k to raise money to help find a cure for Robyn's brain tumour.

Any donations big or small will help.

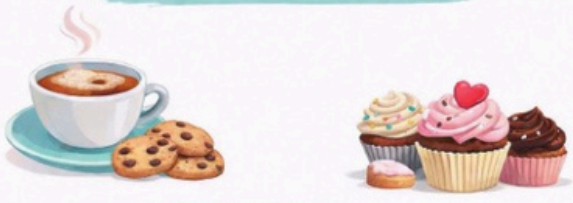
Thank you

To support Wear a Hat Day, we would appreciate a voluntary £1 donation. Just click the poster to make your donation.



THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY
A CURE CAN'T WAIT

THORPE LEA SCHOOL PTA
Coffee Morning for
The Brain Tumour Charity
On Friday 20th March
9am till 10 am in school hall
And a cake sale after school



Hope to see you all there

WEAR A HAT DAY
FOR BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH

27th March



Fundraising to help find
a cure for brain tumours



Brain Tumour Research
HELPING YOU FIGHT THE INVISIBLE