

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Thank you for your support throughout this week during our OFSTED inspection. Your encouragement, understanding, and partnership have been greatly appreciated by everyone at Thorpe Lea.

As always, our pupils represented the school brilliantly, and we are so proud of how they showcased our values. The official OFSTED report will be shared with all parents and carers once it has been finalised, which we expect to be some time after Easter.

This morning we hosted our coffee morning in support of The Brain Tumor Charity and will be following this up with a cake sale after school. Please do come and support if you're able and check out the information which was sent yesterday about Ellis in Year 4, who is taking on a 10k challenge! He has our full support and we know he's going to rise to this epic challenge!

Finally, a big well done goes to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their Level 2 Bikeability this week - great work!

Wishing you all a lovely, and hopefully sunny, weekend!

Mr Collin



## Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Jude
Reception	Ruby H
Year 1	Zac
Year 2	Aria
Year 3	Maisie
Year 4	Ellis
Year 5	Stevie
Year 6	Monty

## Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated  
throughout their learning:

 Courage

Nursery	Brodie
Reception	Aliha
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Esha
Year 3	Matas
Year 4	Darcie
Year 5	Alexandra and Olivia
Year 6	Afia

# Classroom Learning

## **Nursery**

Next week in Nursery the children are learning all about the Easter story and how different people celebrate Easter. We will also be learning about what happens in a Church during Easter celebrations. There will be a small easter picture hunt amongst our outdoor area activities.

## **Reception**

Next week, Reception will be looking at the theme "Rockets". In Literacy, we will be continuing to learn our set 1 or 2 sounds and writing simple sentences. In Maths, the children will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and will be participating in a 3D shape hunt round school. In Art, the children will be making their own "name" rocket and Easter cards. In PSED, they will learn to understand the importance of perseverance in the face of a challenge. In PE, the children will attend their last lesson of Superhero School as we like to call it to complete a superhero dance.

## **Year 1**

Next week we will be learning more about Mass and volume in Maths. In English we will complete our report writing unit. In History we will compare toys from the past with toys in the present and in Science we will learn about classifying and grouping animals.

## **Year 2**

Next week we will be recapping the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Maths. In English we will be writing about the life cycle of a tadpole and a frog.

## **Year 3**

In English, the children will continue learning how to describe a character. They will focus on showing personality through their writing and will create a missing character report. In Maths, the children will be developing their understanding of fractions. They will compare and order fractions to build confidence with this new topic.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**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>

## **Year 4**

With next week being the last of our Spring Term, Year 4 have the goal of completing our persuasive letters in English, jumping further down the fraction number line and learning improper fractions and converting to mixed numbers. We will also finish off our learning in topic areas while enjoying parents evening and all we have accomplished in such a short term!

## **Year 5**

Year 5 will be continuing their learning about life cycles in Science. In History children are continuing to look at different sources from the Tudor era and consider their reliability. In English children have learnt about the features of persuasive language and next week we will be writing a persuasive letter to NASA. In Maths the children will continue their hard work on fractions and decimals.

## **Year 6**

Next week, the children will continue working on their biography writing. They have thoroughly enjoyed this unit so far and are producing some fantastic work. In maths, we will be moving on to our new topic: statistics, where the children will explore different ways of collecting and presenting data. We are also looking forward to meeting with you all at Parents' Evening next week and sharing the wonderful progress your child has made.



## 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 226 points

2nd - Fitzwalter with 200 points

3rd - Langton with 157 points

4th - Pope with 118 points

Weekly House  
Points

## Attendance

We know that when children are in school every day, they feel more connected, confident, and ready to learn.

Thank you to our families for the effort you put into making sure your children arrive on time and prepared each morning. Your commitment truly makes a difference.

Good attendance builds strong habits, helps children make steady progress, and ensures they don't miss out on important learning and social opportunities.

**Every day counts**—help us help our pupils achieve their very best.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance then please do come and speak to the office, or alternatively Mr Turner.

### **This week's attendance figures are:**

Reception - 93.7%

Year 1 - 94.9%

Year 2 - 91%

Year 3 - 96.2%

Year 4 - 90.3%

**Year 5 - 97.9% - This week's winners!**

Year 6 - 86.3%

Overall - 92.8%



### **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 23rd – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability –  
Selected children

### Monday 23rd March

Choir to The Surrey Music Festival  
at Dorking Halls

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Drama 4 All Workshop – Nursery,  
Reception, Year 1 & 2

### Tuesday 24th March

Year 4 Swimming – Last swim

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Nursery Session A and  
30 Hours at 2:50pm

### Wednesday 25th March

KS2 French Easter Egg Hunt

### Wednesday 25th March

Parents Evening

### Thursday 26th March

Assembly Nursery Session B and  
30 Hours at 10am

### Thursday 26th March

Parents Evening

### Friday 27th March

Wear A Hat Day

### Friday 27th March

Last Day of Term – School will  
finish at 2.15pm



## 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](http://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
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	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](http://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



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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



Book online  
[www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
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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](http://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](mailto: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 programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under**

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting early learning
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

**Cygnus programme 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](mailto: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 of free online learning, join us for our new online course, **Stronger Relationships**, 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 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 in other places helping to raise your children?  
 How about learning at a time that suits you?

**4 online sessions** | **4 30 min modules** | **Certificate on completion**

**What to expect...**

- Information on how to identify and reduce arguments
- How to have those parent and child conversations that matter
- 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 reduce conflict and resolve a parenting agreement

**Key objectives...**

- Identify a range of conflict resolution strategies
- Take action to resolve conflict in your family and wider world
- Identify other people who can help you resolve conflict
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**Online Course: Strengthening Families and Communities**

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

<p><b>All things about strategies</b></p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills. 1 hour with a specialist. Only one session, which results in one activity to try at home.</p> <p>Thursday 28 February 2025                  10.30 - 11.30am                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>	<p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b></p> <p>Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support. 1 hour with a specialist.</p> <p>Wednesday 26 March 2025                  10.30 - 11.30am                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>
<p><b>All things communication and play</b></p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills. 1 hour with a specialist.</p> <p>Thursday 28 February 2025                  11.30am - 12.30pm                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>	<p><b>Autism and Girls</b></p> <p>Supporting differences and diagnosis, understanding how autism impacts on girls, and strategies and ideas to support them.</p> <p>Monday 24 March 2025                  10.30 - 11.30am                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>
<p><b>All things behaviour</b></p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills. 1 hour with a specialist.</p> <p>Thursday 27 February 2025                  10.30 - 11.30am                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>	<p><b>All things sensory processing</b></p> <p>A workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support them.</p> <p>Thursday 27 February 2025                  10.30 - 11.30am                  Online via Zoom                  £10 plus £65 per person</p>