

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 15th May 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Firstly, I would like to say a big congratulations to our Year 6 children who this week completed their end of KS2 statutory assessments. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation and equally have approached them with a mature and sensible attitude throughout. A big thank you also must go to staff for facilitating and supporting the children through this busy week; a wonderful example of collaboration!

Following on from last week, I would also like to thank all of those who contributed their votes for the uniform survey. As previously mentioned, we were just keen at this stage to gauge interest on potential options. We have also welcomed more specific feedback which covered issues such as cost, flexibility and much more – so thank you again!

Initial numbers suggest that around 75% of those who voted would support a move to a more active uniform. I do want to reiterate to parents though that any changes would be done gradually, with plenty of warning, and we will of course want to ensure that nobody is out of pocket or caught by surprise.

We will take stock of the feedback received so far and look at all of the possible options before communicating with you again soon with an update. Please do feel free to send your feedback over to us if you haven't already. This can be done via email or Studybugs, or feel free to chat to me on the gate!

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

## Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Enzo
Reception	Sofia
Year 1	Kilian
Year 2	Viraaj
Year 3	Presley
Year 4	Vallentina
Year 5	Seher
Year 6	All of Year 6

## Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated  
throughout their learning:

Creativity 

Nursery	Maryam
Reception	Gopishkaa
Year 1	Tommy
Year 2	Tallulah
Year 3	Emily and Evie
Year 4	Gwen and Ellis
Year 5	Hanzala
Year 6	Eleni

## Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be reading the story 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside'. There will be lots of activities based on the ocean and which creatures live in them. The children will also be developing their knowledge of shape and space by exploring puzzles and how to complete them by looking closely at the images on them.

## Reception

Next week, Reception will be continuing to look at the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears'. In Maths, they will be composing, decomposing and copying 2D shapes. In PSED, we will be celebrating our friendships with a little party. In Science, the children will be comparing their homes to a zoo animals' home. Lastly, we are so excited for our school trip to Bocketts Farm and to complete the week with ThorpeFest !

## Year 1

Next week we will begin to learn about 'position and direction' in Maths. In English we will begin to look at poetry and alliteration. In Geography we will describe what Shanghai is like and compare Shanghai to Egham and in PE will continue to practice athletics. We are also looking forward to Thorpefest and performing our song.

## Year 2

Next week we will be performing our class assembly to the school and parents. We will also be celebrating Thorpefest on Friday.

## Year 3

Next week, Year 3 will be focusing on strengthening our core skills in Maths. We will be covering the four main mathematical functions (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) – dedicating a day to each. In English, we will be writing an adventure story with a keen focus on punctuation and descriptive language. We are also looking forward to Thorpefest on Friday!

**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

Next week, we'll be tying up all our Year 4 learning and finishing those final "odds and ends" as we head towards half term. In Maths, we'll be starting and completing our unit on money, applying our skills in real-life contexts. In English, we'll be writing persuasive letters to the Selfish Giant, using powerful language to convince him to let us back into his garden! Most excitingly, we'll be performing our hearts out at ThorpeFest, showcasing all our hard work, teamwork, and creativity through our props and dance moves - it's set to be a fantastic 90's celebration!

## Year 5

In English, once we will finish writing our playscripts, we will be performing our versions of The Tempest. In Maths, we will finishing our unit on shape and will be revisiting some of the areas we found a bit tricky. Our Geography we will be exploring the similarities and differences between two physical environments. This will help us to answer our enquiry question - Would you like to live in a desert?

## Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 for all of their hard work and determination during SATs week. The children approached each day with maturity, resilience and a positive attitude, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have shown. We hope they are all enjoying a well-deserved sense of relief now that the tests are complete! Next week, we will begin our new comprehension text, The Final Year, which follows the journey of a young boy during his final year of primary school. In English, the children will be learning how to write an explanation text, focusing on clear organisation and precise language.

## 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 310 points

2nd - Fitzwalter with 257 points

3rd - Langton with 239 points

4th - King John with 213 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 - 87.2 %

Year 1 - 88.7%

Year 2 - 88.3%

Year 3 - 87.9%

Year 4 - 92.3%

Year 5 - 90%

**Year 6 - 100% - This week's winners!**

Overall - 93.9%

100%



## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photos – children to wear their full school uniform

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Reception to Bocketts Farm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 2 class assembly – The assembly will begin at 2:40pm, with doors opening at 2:35pm. We kindly ask that families do not arrive before this time.

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Thorpefest

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term – School Closed

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Inset Day – School Closed

St Paul's Church  
Spaxheath

Particularly suitable for primary school aged children with parents or carers  
All Welcome  
www.speh.org.uk

**Messy Church**

**Monday 18th May 2026**  
3.15–4.30pm

games  
bible story  
food  
crafts

**May Half-term Holiday Activities**

**Lighthouse-Style Bird House**  
24 May 2026  
Assemble and decorate a wooden bird house shaped like a lighthouse.  
11am–12pm or 2pm–3pm  
Cost: £4.50  
Booking is essential  
Ages: 9–12 (5 year olds with adult)

**Weave a Bowl**  
28 May 2026  
Learn to weave with recycled fabric and create a woven bowl.  
11am–12pm or 2pm–3pm  
Cost: £3.50  
Booking is essential  
Ages: 7–12 (5 year olds with adult)

To book, please email [info@spaxheath.org.uk](mailto:info@spaxheath.org.uk) or call 01262 865784

For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month  
1.30pm–3.30pm

**Museum Makes**

2019-20 for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE DROP-IN SESSION

Chertsey Museum, 23 Windsor Street, Chertsey, Surrey TW20 0LW  
[www.chertsey-museum.org](http://www.chertsey-museum.org)

## 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](mailto:office@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk)

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# FACE May Timetable

FACE May 2026 Timetable	
All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
Recordings available for 48 hours	
School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>

Please see attached the May 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.

### Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership. Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.

#### Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.

#### Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.

#### You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

[www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
**Online Courses for Parents page**  
[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.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
- Supporting early learning
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

**Cygnets 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

**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 on [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto: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.

### Stronger Relationships

For an evening of fun and advice with your partner or friend. For parents of children aged 5-18 years old. Starting Wednesday 4 April at 6pm.

**4 online sessions**

**1 hour duration**

**Completion certificate**

**What to expect...**

- Interactive activities to identify and address arguments.
- How to have those parent/teen conversations.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Understanding how conflict affects your teenagers.
- Helping teens manage their emotions.
- Strategies to create conflict and resolve parenting arguments.

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- Healthy adult relationships
- Identifying and managing disagreements
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**Key objectives...**

- Identify a course of action to manage disagreements
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Find out more or register for this course by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

### Runnymede Family Centre

Every Wednesday 10 - 12

**Family Support at the Revive Cafe**  
 99 Guildford Street, Chertsey, England, KT16 9AS  
[www.revivecoffee.co.uk](http://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](mailto:runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)

### Strengthening Families Communities

For parents and other adults who work for Parents of Hope Surrey. Starting on Thursday 10 March at 6pm.

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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. Starting on Thursday 13th February 2025. 9.30am - 11.30am. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>	<p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b></p> <p>Understanding PDA and practical strategies. Starting on Wednesday 19th March 2025. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>
<p><b>All things communication and play</b></p> <p>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills. Starting on Thursday 20th March 2025. 9.30am - 11.30am. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>	<p><b>Autism and Girls</b></p> <p>Exploring differences and diagnosis, understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and advice to support them. Starting on Thursday 27th March 2025. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>
<p><b>All things behaviour</b></p> <p>Supporting autistic children with behaviour and play skills. Starting on Thursday 27th February 2025. 9.30am - 11.30am. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>	<p><b>All things sensory processing</b></p> <p>Understanding the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support them. Starting on Thursday 27th February 2025. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £15 plus VAT per person.</p>

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