

# The Swan's Bill

Friday 22nd May 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Today we are celebrating what is now our third Thorpefest! In our third year since the 50th anniversary, we are now up to the nineties and have been embracing some 90's songs and culture as part of our celebrations. It is such a wonderful day to bring our school together to celebrate and have fun together, outside of the normal routine.

A big thank you must go to students from ACS Egham who have joined us to support with games and activities during the afternoon. It is a great example of collaboration to see schools working together and we hope they had fun! Equally, we must thank Miss Rickett for project managing the Thorpefest celebrations, as well as all other staff who have chipped in to make it happen. An awful lot of time and planning goes into this event - we are so grateful!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has been donating cans for the Runnymede Food Bank in recent weeks. The children have been making their can-structions which has been great fun, but equally it is such a good cause that we're happy to support!

Have a lovely half term, enjoy the weather and we will see you back on Tuesday 2nd June!

Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

## Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Oscar
Reception	Ruby P
Year 1	Lilly-Rose
Year 2	Teddie
Year 3	All of Year 3
Year 4	Amelia H
Year 5	Harvey
Year 6	Mahisa

## Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated  
throughout their learning:

Collaboration

Nursery	Louie
Reception	All of Reception
Year 1	Rosie
Year 2	Esha
Year 3	Logan
Year 4	Boe
Year 5	All of Year 5
Year 6	Scarlett

## Nursery

After the half term, Nursery will be starting our new topic 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The children will be learning all about Farm animals and they will be going on their school trip to ACS visiting the farm animals and some reptiles! In maths, the children will be continuing their learning of patterns and will be making their own patterns out of objects.

## Reception

Next half term, Reception will be learning about the topic "All around the world". We will be looking at the UK in the first week back. In Literacy, the children will be writing a recount of their half term holidays, in Maths, they will be practising how to group and share different amounts to 10. In PE, we will be practising some events in the build up to Sports Day. Throughout this term, the children will begin to work in bigger groups progressing to working as a whole class to prepare them for life in Year 1.

**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 1

Next half term we will start our learning on place value within 100 in Maths. In English we will be starting our new book 'Billy and the Beast' and build on our grammar learning. In History we will begin our new unit of how explorers have changed the world. Well done on all your hard work this half term Year 1 and have a great half term break!

## Year 2

After the half term, Year 2 will be looking at telling the time in increments of 5 minutes. We will be learning about how to write a letter with a formal tone.

## Year 3

Next half term, Year 3 will be starting our unit on time in Maths. We will also be writing in the first person in our English lessons. We are also looking forward to starting a new Science topic on how plants reproduce. Watch out for us on the field practicing our athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day!

## Year 4

Thank you again for a wonderful half term, despite a few tired moments, we've shown great perseverance and are so close to the finish line! Next term, we'll continue our exciting journey with Stella and The Polar Bear Explorers' Club. Is Ethan as unpleasant as he seems? Will the young explorers make it back to the boat in time? We can't wait to find out! In Maths, we'll be exploring time, shape, and statistics, before finishing the year with position and direction. In English, we'll dive into our final text, The Matchbox Diary, where we'll write character descriptions and finish with one last narrative piece. What a fantastic way to round off the year before heading into what is shaping up to be a wonderful summer break!

## Year 5

After half term, Year 5 will be learning how to introduce members of their family in French, developing a healthy recipe in DT, discovering 'What did the Greeks ever do to us?' and understanding 'Why some places are significant to believers?'

## Year 6

After half term, Year 6 will continue their writing unit on explanation texts. The children will be creating their own pieces to explain how a robot works, designed to help them get ready for school. In maths, the class will begin an exciting new project focused on designing their own zoo. This will involve calculating costs, working with measurements, and exploring profit, giving the children a practical context for applying their mathematical skills. We will also continue reading our new class book during comprehension sessions, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed so far.

## Thorpefest 2026 Wristband Design

Winner



We are delighted to announce the winner of the Thorpefest 2026 wristband design competition – Polly in Year 2!

Polly's fantastic design impressed everyone with its creativity and originality, and we are so proud of her achievement. Well done, Polly!

Thank you to all the children who took part – the designs were wonderful and made it a very difficult decision.

## Reception Class Trip



## 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 Fitzwalter who earned the most house points this week!

**1st** - Fitzwalter with 322 points

2nd - Pope with 290 points

3rd - Langton with 282 points

4th - King John with 170 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 - 92.8%

Year 1 - 82.9%

Year 2 - 90.3%

Year 3 - 89.3%

Year 4 - 92%

**Year 5 - 97% - This Weeks Winners!**

Year 6 - 85.3%

Overall - 89.6%

## Upcoming Events

**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

**Wednesday 3rd June**

Nursery trip farm & reptile visit at  
ACS

**Thursday 4th June**

Year 3 – Be Your Best Programme

**Friday 5th June**

PTA – Crazy Hair Day – Donations  
of sweets for the summer fair



## 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 & June Timetable

**FACE May 2026 Timetable**  
All regular 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

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>

**FACE June 2026 Timetable**  
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Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

Please see attached the May and June 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.

**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
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

**Cygnets programme 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

**Teens life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old**

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Pilgrims
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

## 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)

**Stronger Relationships**

For parents and other education professionals. For Parents of Year 5/6 children only. Group starting Wednesday 3 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 teenagers and your partner with them? Would you like to enhance your relationship with your teenagers in a more constructive way with you or the other people helping to raise your children? How about learning at a time that suits you?

**4 online sessions**

**Group discussions**

**Self-reflection & completion**

**What to expect...**

- Information on children's friendship and online activities.
- How to have other parents' support.
- Accountability, boundaries and consequences.
- Values, values and consequences.
- Discussion at a time that suits you.
- Weekly support from your course mates.

**Topics covered...**

- Healthy adult relationships
- Supporting and managing disagreements
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Enhancing your child's confidence
- Managing teens' anger
- Self-reflection and self-awareness
- Strategies to create conflict resolution and parenting agreement

**Group discussion...**

- Speak to course leader and get answers to any of the questions or queries you have
- Find out how the strategies in practice work
- Self-reflection and self-awareness
- How to have other people help to raise your children

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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.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)



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

**All things visual strategies**  
Supporting autistic children with visual strategies - only one visual, which visual to use and how to use them.  
Friday 13th February 2026  
10.30 - 12.00  
Online via Zoom  
£15 plus VAT per person

**Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)**  
Understanding PDA and practical strategies.  
Friday 13th February 2026  
10.30 - 12.00  
Online via Zoom  
£15 plus VAT per person

**All things communication and play**  
Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - language and play skills support.  
Thursday 26th March 2026  
9.30am - 12.00pm  
Online via Zoom  
£15 plus VAT per person

**Autism and Girls**  
Exploring differences and diagnosis, understanding how autism impacts on girls, and strategies and support.  
Thursday 26th March 2026  
9.30am - 12.00pm  
Online via Zoom  
£15 plus VAT per person

**All things sensory processing**  
Supporting autistic children with sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support them.  
Thursday 26th February 2026  
10.30am - 12.00pm  
Online via Zoom  
£15 plus VAT per person