

The Swan's Bill

Friday 5th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our PTA Crazy Hair Day, both with your donations of sweets, and also just for the monumental effort that so many have put in to making the day fun and exciting for the children. I dread to think how early some families were up preparing their works of art!

Our value of the week is courage, and I'd like to mention how proud and impressed we are with the Nursery class who took part in their first school trip this week. Heading up to ACS school they got to meet a selection of animals, from lambs to giant millipedes. I've even heard about some children being brave enough to wear a huge snake around their neck! What an amazing experience and a big 'well done' to them.

We have some other trips and events coming up next week so we hope that the children enjoy themselves, and best of luck to those taking part in the district sports competition. We know that you will all represent Thorpe Lea brilliantly!

I'd like to just give a few reminders to families to ensure that you are driving and parking safely around the school site. Also please note that the morning gate is open from 08.40-08.55. The last 5 minutes we do encourage parents to drop children at the gate and walk to class independently - something that has been working very well. We have had a lot of lates this week so please try and get here as promptly as possible.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week

This week's winners are:

Nursery	All of Nursey
Reception	Tia
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Joao
Year 3	Maisie
Year 4	Isla
Year 5	Teagan
Year 6	Afia

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

 Courage

Nursery	Bobby-Joe
Reception	Eliza
Year 1	Theo
Year 2	Keerath
Year 3	Violet
Year 4	All of Year 4
Year 5	Hanzala
Year 6	Hannah

Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be learning all about Dinosaurs! We are reading the story 'Dinosaur Roar' and will be acting out the differences that we see between the dinosaurs. We will also be exploring playdough and making our own fossils. In maths, we will be looking at number recognition and practising matching numbers with their amounts.

Reception

Next week, Reception will be continuing to practise writing sentences independently and preparing for their new spellings this week. In Maths, we will be grouping, sharing and looking at odd and even numbers. In Geography, the children will be looking at the UK and finding where England is on a map. In RE, we will look at how people treat special books and in PSED, the children will be looking at the importance of exercise. The children have been practising hard for our class assembly on Thursday. We look forward to seeing many of your faces there to show off the children's hard work this year. See you there for 2.40pm at the School Office!

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 week Year 1 will be doing their phonics screen check which they have been preparing for. We will be completing our learning on Place value within 100 in Maths. In History we will begin to look at what an explorer is and learn about them over a period of time. In PE we will continue to practice athletics to prepare for sports day.

Year 2

Next week we will be learning about the King's family and his duties as a monarch before our school trip to Windsor Castle on Friday.

Year 3

Next week, Year 3 are learning about duration and calculating time in hours and minutes. We will also be working on using our fronted adverbials independently to extend our sentences.

Year 4

Next week, we'll be finishing our work on time in Maths before making a full turn and moving on to geometry, where we'll begin exploring different types of angles. In Comprehension, we'll continue our journey with Stella and the young explorers, making thoughtful predictions about what might happen next in their adventure. In English, we'll be turning our focus to The Matchbox Diary, where we'll begin crafting detailed and imaginative character descriptions.

Year 5

Next week, we will be diving into persuasive writing as we create an exciting advertisement for a stay at the Savoy Hotel. In maths, we'll be exploring efficient strategies for adding and subtracting decimals. In history, we'll be investigating the fascinating world of Greek gods, and in PE we'll be practising our multi-skills and setting a baseline to beat over the coming weeks.

Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be starting our new writing unit based on Alma. In Maths, we will be continuing with our zoo projects, which the children have been thoroughly enjoying, alongside our class reading of our new book. We are also well underway with rehearsals for our end of year production, and the children are doing brilliantly. Please do encourage your child to practice their lines at home to help build fluency, as well as beginning to think about their costume.



Nursery Farm 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 Langton who earned the most house points this week!

1st - Langton with 245 points

2nd - Fitzwalter with 215 points

3rd - King John with 145 points

4th - Pope with 128 points

Weekly House
Points

Attendance

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Improving school attendance is everyone's responsibility and it is important that we work together, ensuring children have access to the high-quality education that they deserve.

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.

At Thorpe Lea, we aim to make sure that children attend school regularly so that they can make the most of the wonderful educational experiences we offer. We take attendance very seriously and we frequently monitor our records to ensure children are attending school regularly. We are aiming for every pupil to achieve attendance levels of 96%, but all pupils should strive to achieve 100% attendance if they can.

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 - 93.2%

Year 1 - 86.3%

Year 2 - 89.6%

Year 3 - 89.2%

Year 4 - 87.1%

Year 5 - 95.7% - This Weeks Winners!

Year 6 - 92.5%

Overall - 90.3%

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 10th June

Year 3 trip to Painshill Park

Wednesday 10th June

Selected children to District Sports

Thursday 11th June

Reception Class Assembly – The assembly will begin at 2:45pm, with doors opening at 2:40pm. We kindly ask that families do not arrive before this time.

Friday 12th June

Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Wednesday 17th June

Reception – Year 6 Sports Day
Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for the afternoon races and may arrive between 12:45pm and 1:00pm via the car park gate.



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:

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