

The Swan's Bill

Friday 11th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

I am delighted to welcome both new and returning families to Thorpe Lea for the start of this academic year. I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer and I look forward to working alongside you this term.

Children have made a wonderful start to this year, settling brilliantly into new classes and adapting so quickly to the changes that come with a fresh start.

Many families have purchased our new PE kit items and it is great to see children looking so smart and commenting on the comfort of the new kit. We are extremely pleased with these new items and hope they are proving easy to manage for families.

Our Thorpe Lea Family (TLF) organisation help to organise and run many exciting events throughout the year which raise vital funds for our school. We are looking for more volunteers to be involved with the TLF, so please do get in touch if you are able to help. It makes a huge difference to our school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!
Mr Collin

Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week



This week's winners are:

Nursery	To be announced next week
Reception	To be announced next week
Year 1	Gopishka
Year 2	Eden
Year 3	Joao
Year 4	Faithful
Year 5	Isla
Year 6	Albie

Value of the Week

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Creativity

Nursery	To be announced next week
Reception	To be announced next week
Year 1	Poppy
Year 2	Rosie
Year 3	Selena
Year 4	Amber
Year 5	Amelia RM
Year 6	Shanvi

Classroom Learning

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been welcoming all of our new children and helping them to settle into their new environment. We have been reading the story Goat Goes to Playgroup to help the children understand some of the day-to-day activities and routines they can expect at Nursery. The children have been busy learning our Nursery routines, exploring their new surroundings and playing amazingly well together. I am very proud of each and every child this week. They have all made a fantastic start, and the Nursery team are really looking forward to teaching, supporting and watching them grow throughout the year.

Reception

What an exciting and very special week it has been in Reception! 🎉 All of our Reception children have now started school, and we are incredibly proud of how brave and brilliant everyone has been as they begin their new adventure at Thorpe Lea! ❤️ We have been very busy getting to know our teachers, exploring our new classrooms and learning our new routines. There has been lots to remember, but the children are already doing a fantastic job! ⭐ We have also started showing off our super learning skills! 📚 This week we have been practising writing our names, exploring numbers to 5, and getting creative by painting our very own self-portraits. 🎨 We can't wait to put them together into a fabulous Reception display! What a fantastic first week together – well done, Reception! 🌈👏 We are so excited for all the learning, friendships and adventures still to come! ❤️

Year 1

Well done on your first full week in Year 1! This week in English, we began reading Beegu, a story about a lost alien trying to find their way home. In Maths, we practiced sorting and counting objects to 10. In Science, we explored the four seasons and their weather and in Art, we experimented with different types of lines, including zig-zag, wavy and straight, to create our own artwork.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning about expanded noun phrases to make their writing more interesting to read. In Maths we have been looking at place value to help recognise two digit numbers.

Year 3

This week, year 3 have been reading a new book called "The heart and the Bottle". We have been focusing on writing in past tense and present tense. In maths we have been looking at numbers and place value.

Year 4

This week we have been very busy in year 4! We have completed some assessments, which will help us to plan and set targets for the term ahead. The children approached these with a positive attitude and should be very proud of their efforts. In English, we have started reading 'Zombierella' during our comprehension lessons. The class has thoroughly enjoyed the story so far and has been eager to discuss the characters and make predictions. In Maths, we have been learning about place value. The children have worked hard to understand how numbers are represented through different models and have shown great confidence when using place value to support their learning. Well done, everyone on a great week.

Year 5

This week, we explored Roman numerals up to 1000, learning how numbers like C, D, and M are used to build larger values. In English, we identified key features of a news article such as headlines, quotes, and formal reporting language. In French, we read a non-chronological report about a dragon de Komodo, discovering facts about its habitat and diet. In Science, we investigated mixtures by combining materials and observing how they behave when mixed together.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic first full week back at school. There have been many wonderful examples of collaboration in and outside the classroom. In comprehension, the children are enjoying The Tiger Rising because it combines adventure, mystery, emotion, and friendship in a story that also makes them think about their own feelings. In maths, the children have revised and extended their place value knowledge. The children have now been set their first homework of the year on LbQ. It is due to be completed by Friday 19th September. The children will receive their first set of spellings on Monday (14th September) so they can learn them well enough for a test the following Monday.

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 - Langton - 168 points

2nd - Pope - 121 points

3rd - Fitzwater - 118 points

4th - King John - 112 points

A graphic with the text 'Weekly House Points' in a colorful, stylized font. The word 'Weekly' is in red, 'House' is in green, and 'Points' is in blue. The background is a dark blue square.

Attendance

A graphic with the text 'MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: 'MOMENTS', 'MATTER,', and 'ATTENDANCE COUNTS.'. The background is a blue banner with a white border.

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:

Year 1 - 93.9%

Year 2 - 93.1%

Year 3 - 95.1%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 98% - This week's winners!

Year 6 - 90.2%

Overall - 93.9%

Wraparound care

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting and following our new drop-off procedures. Your cooperation has helped ensure that mornings run smoothly and safely for everyone.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Green and Miss Hird for their dedication in running our Sunrise Club. The club provides children with a calm and relaxed start to the school day, as well as a nutritious breakfast to set them up for a day of learning.

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the Club, starting each day positively and ready to learn.

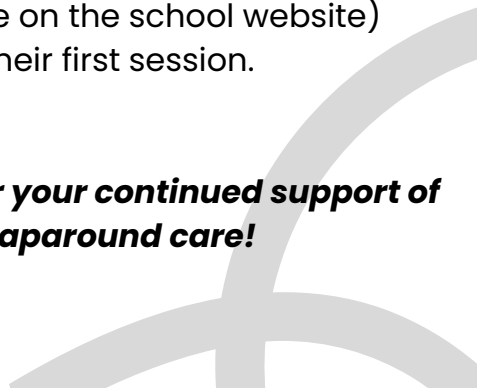
We are delighted with the fantastic support and attendance at our Sunset Afterschool Club. We are incredibly proud to be able to offer this provision to support our families, and we are so grateful for the wonderful response.

The children have been extremely positive about their time at Sunset, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kerton, Mrs Edwards and Miss Khan for making the club such a fun and enjoyable place to be.

We are always interested to hear your suggestions and feedback, so please email us at sunset@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk.

If you would like to book your child a place at Sunrise or Sunset, you are able to do this online via your child's SCOpay account. Please ensure that you complete a registration form (available on the school website) before your child attends their first session.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Thorpe Lea wraparound care!



Upcoming Events



Thorpe Lea Family (TLF) News

Our amazing Thorpe Lea Family (sometimes known as PTA) committee are looking to step down from their roles due to other commitments, and we are therefore looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take on the rewarding roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The current team are very happy to support the new committee through a transition period, providing guidance and sharing their experience to help make the handover as smooth as possible.

TLF is such an important part of our school community, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and generous Thorpe Lea community.

The roles can be shared between more than one person, so please don't feel that you have to take everything on yourself! The main requirement is simply that you feel passionate about supporting the children at Thorpe Lea through fundraising events and helping to bring our school community together.

We will be holding our AGM on **Wednesday 4th November at 5pm**. Everyone is invited, and we look forward to welcoming a new committee and seeing TLF continue to go from strength to strength.

We are always grateful for your ideas, suggestions and input. If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to find out more or get involved, please email tlf@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk.

We would love to hear from you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of PTA and the children of Thorpe Lea.

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.

Friday 25th September PTA Cake Sale



Tuesday 13th October Reception 2027 Open Afternoon

Individual and Sibling Photos



Wednesday 14th October Harvest Festival



Contact Us

The School Office is available 8am -4pm,
Monday to Friday. If you require
assistance, please message via the
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Runnymede Family Centre

Please come along to one of our session, you are most welcome



Runnymede Family Centre Drop-in

Parenting advice and support available from the Runnymede Family Centre team. Just drop in and ask for a confidential chat with one of our family support workers.

- **Mondays 10:00 - 12:00** at the Revive Coffee Shop 99, Guildford Street Chertsey, KT16 9AS
- **2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00 - 12:00** at The Village Centre Cafe, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QX
- **Fridays 9:00 - 10:00** at Runnymede Family Centre, The Poplars, Queen Mary Drive, New Haw, Addlestone, KT15 3TT

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register your interest.
www.barnardosfamilycentressurrey.org.uk



FACE July Timetable

Masking Awareness

FREE



FREE

Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page



Book Free Talk Now



September 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

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Our Catering Team

Danielle and Jane are the friendly faces who prepare and serve your children's lunch each day.

We are delighted to be working with our new catering provider, The Pantry, who offer freshly prepared, good-quality meals on a daily basis.

Please remember to order your child's lunches through The Pantry.

If you have any queries The Pantry can be contacted directly on 020 8813 7040 or by email at office@thepantrycatering.co.uk.

Purpose:

To raise funds and awareness for Brain Tumour Research and The Brain Tumour Charity in honour of seven-year-old Robyn.

Hosted by:

The event is being supported by club sponsor and national treasure, Russell Grant.

What to expect:

Six-a-side senior and women's cricket matches competing for the Big Boom Cup

Junior and senior club awards presentations

Food stalls and refreshments

Fun games and activities for all ages

Raffles and a special mystery auction

We hope it will be a fantastic day of community spirit while supporting two very important charities.



Please read the information about a special fundraising event taking place this Saturday.

