

The Swan's Bill

Friday 18th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

This week has been another busy and successful one at Thorpe Lea, with children demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning and making the most of the many opportunities available to them. It has been wonderful to visit classrooms and see pupils engaged in their learning, asking thoughtful questions and showing pride in their work.

Our value of the week has been Collaboration, and it has been evident across the school. Whether working together to solve problems in maths, sharing ideas in writing, supporting one another during practical activities or enjoying teamwork through sport and play, pupils have shown a real understanding of the importance of working together. Collaboration is such an important life skill, helping children to learn from different perspectives, develop confidence and achieve more collectively than they could alone.

We have also enjoyed seeing positive relationships flourish across the school, with older pupils supporting younger children and classes working together on shared activities. These moments reflect the caring and inclusive community that we are so proud of at Thorpe Lea.

Please can we remind families to play their part when it comes to parking around the school. Keeping crossing areas clear and parking considerably is vital to pupil safety.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to another positive week ahead.

Mr Collin



Creativity

Collaboration



Courage

Respect

Star of the Week



This week's winners are:

Nursery	Andrei
Reception	Charles
Year 1	Hunter
Year 2	Liam
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Jahzara
Year 5	Leni
Year 6	Thea

Value of the Week

Collaboration

This week's winners demonstrated
throughout their learning:

Nursery	Maryam and Tiffanay
Reception	Myla
Year 1	Sena-Marie
Year 2	Jack
Year 3	Polly
Year 4	Violet
Year 5	Darcie and Luca
Year 6	Hanzala

Classroom Learning

Nursery

This week we have been continuing to settle children into the Nursery. We have been reading the story 'Goat goes to playgroup' and talking about the Nursery class rules. In our maths carpet, we have been practising counting up to 5 through different songs. We have also been learning how to take turns and using a timer to show us when our turn is finished. The Nursery children have had fun building friendships and learning more about each other.

Reception

This week, we have settled well into our second week in Reception. The children worked together to create rules for our classroom and outdoor area, helping to make our learning environment safe and happy for everyone. In Maths, we have been practising writing numbers to 5 and 10 and matching quantities to the correct numerals. We also enjoyed our first PE lesson, taking part in fun parachute games that helped us develop teamwork and cooperation skills. We are so proud of how well everyone is settling in!

Year 1

This week in Maths we have been learning to about 1 more and started looking at counting backwards within 10. In English we have been planning and writing our character description of Beegu and making our writing interesting using adjectives. In Geography we made a messy map of our classroom developing our learning of aerial views. We looked at different activities in different seasons in Science.

Year 2

This week we wrote a story in third person and added expanded noun phrases to make it interesting to read. In Maths we recapped counting in 10s and plotting these numbers on a number line.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been writing a diary entry about the "The heart and the bottle" which has focused on using first person, past tense, and emotive language. In maths, we have been continuing to explore place value and recognising different ways to partition a number.

Year 4

This week, in Maths we have been exploring place value up to 10,000, recognising the value of each digit and flexibly partitioning numbers in different ways. The children have worked hard and shown a good understanding of this important concept. In English, we read the first chapter of The Iron Man and have been developing our knowledge of the features of a diary entry. We are looking forward to using these skills to write our own diary entries based on the story next week. In Reading, we have continued enjoying Zombierella, exploring the setting and main characters and discussing our thoughts about the story so far.

Year 5

This week, we started writing newspaper articles in English and learned how they are structured. In Maths, we learned to partition numbers up to one million. In Science, we explored the process of sieving and how it is used to separate materials. In French, we learned the names of body parts so that we could describe a monster. We have worked hard and enjoyed learning lots of new skills!



Year 6

It has been another fantastic week in Year 6. The children have worked incredibly hard in writing. They relished the opportunity to edit, improve and type up their suspense stories on Monday. We have also just started a new topic entitled 'Francis', which is based on a short video. We are keeping the ending a surprise, though so I have asked the children not to watch it at home – no spoilers allowed! In maths, we finished the place value topic and will continue the calculations topic into next week. In our 'living things' science topic, the children have enjoyed exploring vertebrates.

Wentworth PGL Golf



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!

Weekly House
Points

- 1st - King John - 302 points
- 2nd - Langton - 230 points
- 3rd - Fitzwalter - 173 points
- 4th - Pope - 158 points

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Attendance

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 - 96%

Year 1 - 94.7%

Year 2 - 95.3%

Year 3 - 94.8%

Year 4 - 96.4%

Year 5 - 99% - This week's winners!

Year 6 - 94.1%

Overall - 95.8%



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.

Upcoming Events

Friday 25th September

PTA Cake Sale



Tuesday 13th October

Reception 2027
Open Afternoon at 2pm

Wednesday 14th October

Individual and
Sibling Photos



Wednesday 14th October

Harvest Festival



Friday 15th October

PTA Halloween Disco
Reception - Year 6



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



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.barnardosfamilycentresurrey.org.uk

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Local Events



Messy Church St Paul's Church Egham Hythe

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

Monday 21st September 2026
3.15-4.30pm

games
 bible story
 food
 crafts



TISKA KARATE

*** Special Offer ***
 ** Sept & Oct 2026 **

2 free lessons plus free uniform for all new beginners

No Joining Fees!
 Free Training App

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TISKA Staines Shotokan Karate School
 Eclipse Leisure Centre

New beginners' lessons every Friday throughout Sept & Oct 2026
 Suitable for adults and children from the age of 4 and over
 Subject to availability - Offer applies to 31st Oct 2026

FACE September 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

 FACE 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

Thorpe Lea Primary School Autumn Term 2026 Enrichment Calendar

Friday 25 th September	PTA Cake Sale – After School
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 5 & 6 to visit Magna Carta School for The British Army's Engagement Ensemble – Details to follow
Tuesday 13 th October	Reception 2027 Open afternoon at 2pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual and Sibling Photos – Children are to wear full school uniform
Wednesday 14 th October	Harvest Festival – Children only
Friday 16 th October	PTA Halloween Disco Reception – Year 6 – Details to follow
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November – Friday 6 th November	SEN Meetings – Details to follow
Thursday 5 th November	Year 2 & Year 5 Fire Safety Visit
Thursday 5 th November	Choir Workshop at The Magna Carta School
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening 3.40 – 6pm Details to follow
Thursday 12 th November	Parents Evening 3.40 – 6pm Details to follow
Monday 16 th November	Nursing team to give flu vaccine – Reception – Year 6
Thursday 19 th November	Reception 2027 Open afternoon at 2pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christmas Tree Festival – Choir
Monday 7 th December	Panto to all children in school
Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery Nativity Session A & 30 hours Nursery – Details to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	PTA – Elfridges – Details to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Nursery Nativity Session B & 30 hours Nursery – Details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Concert at St Paul's Church – Details to follow
Friday 18 th December	End of Term – School will finish at 2.15pm
Monday 4 th January	Whole School Inset Day - School closed
Tuesday 5 th January – Thursday 7 th January	Nursery Inset Days – Nursery Closed