



Thorpe Lea Primary School & Nursery

The Swan's Bill

Friday 2nd October 2026

Headteacher's Message



Dear families,

I'm writing to you today on my 40th birthday, feeling extremely proud and slightly overwhelmed. I've been completely spoiled by the children and staff this morning with some lovely surprises and a wonderful assembly – even my wife and parents turned up to surprise me! I am so lucky to be part of such a wonderful community at Thorpe Lea and grateful to our team who inspire our children every single day.

Of course, we must remember how important it is for our children teach and inspire each other. Today, I was delighted to introduce our newest members of Mini Parliament and our Wellbeing Warriors. These children have such a vital role to play in our school; supporting each other and being the voice of the students. It is amazing to see them take pride in these roles and I look forward to seeing them in action.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mr Collin

Star of the Week



Nursery	Mohammad
Reception	Nyla
Year 1	Amayrah
Year 2	Jason
Year 3	Isabelle
Year 4	Logan
Year 5	Harry
Year 6	Noah

Value of the Week



Nursery	Jessica
Reception	Ralph
Year 1	Joshua-Eden
Year 2	Milena
Year 3	Charlie
Year 4	Macsen
Year 5	Finley
Year 6	Stevie

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 - 405 points
- 2nd - King John - 392 points
- 3rd - Pope - 343 points
- 4th - Langton - 290 points

Attendance

'Tip of the Week'

This week's tip:

Get your school bag ready the night before, ready for the next morning.

94.5%

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance

♥ Every day counts!

Thank you to our families for supporting excellent attendance.

Being in school every day helps children learn, grow and enjoy time with their friends.

THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE



Reception

97.5%



Year 1

93%



Year 2

91.3%



Year 3

93.4%



Year 4

94.3%



Year 5

96.2%



Year 6

96.5%



ATTENDANCE
CHAMPIONS

Reception

97.5%

Well done! 🏆

Let's keep it going! 🌟



Classroom Learning

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been reading a book called 'Rosa Parks' from the 'Little people, BIG DREAMS' collection. This is because October is Black History Month and the children learnt about how Rosa stood up against rules that were unfair and fought to change them. The children made their own rocking red bus and we talked about how we can make sure we are treating each other fairly. In maths we continued to develop the children's comparison skills in identifying groups of objects with 'more' and 'fewer' items.

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been busy learning lots of new things! In Phonics, we learnt to read and write the sounds "p, g, o and c". The children have thoroughly enjoyed receiving and reading their very own phonics books.

In Maths, we explored different ways to sort groups by size, colour and shape, and had a go at creating our own sorting rules. In Geography, we looked at a bird's-eye view map of our school and identified different areas around the site.

In Art, inspired by the story Funny Bones, we created our own "dark, dark hill" pictures. In Science, we investigated different sounds and explored whether they were loud or quiet. In PSED, we focused on recognising our emotions, thinking about why we feel certain ways, and learning coping strategies to help us regulate our feelings. It has been another fantastic week of learning!

Also please can you add a section about RWI Phonics just for Reception:

Fred Talk Practice at Home

To support your child's phonics learning, please click the link below to access some fun Fred Talk (blending) games. These games will help your child practise saying the sounds and blending them together to read words. Regular practice, even for a few minutes each day, can make a big difference to their reading confidence. 📚😊

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/vc-pathways/531015/Mgj2Z3G1kNud5D7N>

Year 1

This week, we planned and drew a story map for our new alien character we collaborated to create together called Fluffy, ready to write our story next week. In Maths, we completed our Place Value unit and began Addition and Subtraction, using part-whole models to explore how two parts make a whole. In Science, we learned about weather changes across the season. In Music we practised creating our own beats while developing our understanding of pulse.

Year 2

This week we have looked at writing in the present tense and took inspiration from David Attenborough to make our writing more interesting. In Maths we have been looking at our number bonds to 10 and applying them in different ways to help us add quicker.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we were delighted to be invited to Magna Carta School to watch a performance by the British Army's ensemble. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience live music and make connections with our current music lessons, particularly our work on listening carefully and identifying high and low pitches within music. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the British Army's ensemble and were fascinated by the different instruments and sounds they heard. It was a wonderful experience that brought our classroom learning to life!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have started their new Maths topic on addition and subtraction, using the column method and practicing how to exchange. In Writing, the children have written their own suspense stories based on 'The Iron Man', focusing on creating cliff-hanger endings. They have been a joy to read! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a visit to Magna Carta School to watch the Royal Army Band, where the children took part in interactive musical games, singing and dancing while learning about the different instruments and their sounds. It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all and hopefully may have inspired some children to learn a new instrument in the future.

Year 5

This week in Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract numbers with more than four digits. We also practised rounding numbers and using the inverse operation to check that our calculations were correct.

In English, we have been studying setting descriptions, focusing on how authors create vivid images for the reader. We are looking forward to describing New York City next week and using exciting vocabulary to bring the setting to life.

In Science, we learnt about solutions and investigated different mixtures. We explored whether particles were mixed or layered, and observed whether solutions appeared coloured or clear.

In RE, we learnt about a range of inspirational people who stood up for their beliefs and made a positive impact on society. This links beautifully with our assembly on Monday for Black History Month, where the theme was "Honouring Our Communities: Past and Present." We reflected on the important contributions people have made throughout history and continue to make within our communities today.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6. In comprehension, we have started a new book entitled 'Holes', which the children are fully engaged in already. In writing, the children wrote and illustrated their own versions of the poem 'Overheard in the Saltmarsh'. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their trip to Magna Carta; their behaviour was outstanding and they were a pleasure to be around. Well done, Year 6! Next week is mock SATs week. The children don't need to worry about it at all. These tests are just a guide for Mr Turner to know where the gaps in knowledge are so he can plan accordingly.

Thorpe Lea Family (TLF) News

🌟 Join the Thorpe Lea Family Team! 🌟

We're looking for volunteers to help keep our fantastic TLF community thriving.

After years of dedication, some of our wonderful committee members are stepping down due to other commitments. We're now looking for enthusiastic parents, carers and supporters to help continue the fantastic work of TLF.

Could you be our next:

🎤 **Chair**

📝 **Secretary**

💰 **Treasurer**

No experience needed, and roles can be shared.

✨ **Make a difference for our children**

✨ **Meet new people**

✨ **Help organise events and fundraising**

 **TLF AGM**

Wednesday 4th November, 5:00pm

To find out more, please contact:

✉ tlf@thorpe-lea.surrey.sch.uk

💙 **New Faces • New Ideas • Same Amazing Community** 💙

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend the British Army's Engagement Ensemble



On Wednesday we went to Magna Carta to watch The British Army Band perform to us – it was a great experience and we had lots of fun with our friends.

As soon as the band started playing and the singer started singing we all started dancing.

Three of us were chosen to do a challenge. We didn't win but we fist pumped the boy who did. He did really well.

The band play some more and we started a Mexican wave that almost worked.

Personally, we thought that 'I Need A Hero' was their best song. Everyone joined in singing and all of us left our seats and danced in front of the stage.

It was the best day at school ever!!

Alex and Steve – Year 6



Introducing our 2026 Wellbeing Warriors

This week, our newly appointed Wellbeing Warriors proudly received their lanyards and badges during Celebration assembly. We also enjoyed wearing yellow to support World Mental Health Day, helping to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. 💛



The 2026 Wellbeing Warriors are:

Year 2 Blake and Eden
Deputy Rosie
Year 3 Luca and Olivia
Deputy Robyn
Year 4 William and Evie
Deputy Maisie
Year 5 Max and Evie
Deputy Darcie
Year 6 Harvey and Shanvi
Deputy Jasmine

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13th October

Reception Open Afternoon

Wednesday 14th October

Individual and Sibling Photos

Harvest Festival

Thursday 15th October

Selected Children from Year 4, 5 and 6
Cross Country Relay



Friday 16th October

PTA Halloween Disco

Half Term

From Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October



FACE October Timetable

Runnymede Family Centre

 October 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	
Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm



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

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- ✓ Learn Teamwork

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The Pantry

As the weather begins to get colder, a hot school meal can be a warm and comforting part of your child's day. Our catering provider, The Pantry, offers a variety of delicious, freshly prepared meals to help keep children warm, nourished and ready to learn.

Please see the menu below for the tasty options available each day.

Thorpe Lea	Date 31 st Aug, 21 st Sep, 12 th Oct, 2 nd Nov, 23 rd Nov, 14 th Dec, 4 th Jan, 25 th Jan, 15 th Feb WEEK 1	Date 7 th Sep, 28 th Sep, 19 th Oct, 9 th Nov, 30 th Nov, 21 st Dec, 11 th Jan, 1 st Feb, 22 nd Feb WEEK 2	Date 14 th Sep, 5 th Oct, 26 th Oct, 16 th Nov, 7 th Dec, 28 th Dec, 18 th Jan, 8 th Feb WEEK 3
MONDAY	Handmade Margherita Pizza with Wedges (GL,M) BBQ Quorn Fillet with Wedges (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Ice Cream (M) or Fresh Fruit	Mac'n Cheese (GL,M) Sticky BBQ Vegetable Noodles (GL,SO) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Apple & Raisin Biscuit (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Handmade Margherita Pizza with Wedges (GL,M) Veggie Pasta Bake (GL,M) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Caramel Whip (M) or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Chicken Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce & Rice Vegan Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce & Rice (SO) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Lemon Drizzle Cake (GL,SU) or Fresh Fruit	Mild Beef Chilli with Rice (GL) Mild Veggie Chilli with Rice (SO) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Apple Crumble Cake with Custard (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice Cheesy Baked Bean Quesadilla with Rice (GL,M) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Marble Cake with Custard (GL,M) or Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon with Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Glamorgan Sausage with Potatoes & Gravy (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Roast Chicken Breast with Potatoes & Gravy Quorn roast with Potatoes & Gravy (EG,M,SU) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Strawberry Mousse Pots (M) or Fresh Fruit	Pork Sausage Roast with Potatoes & Gravy (GL,SO,SU) Veggie Sausage Roast with Potatoes & Gravy (SO) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Oaty Biscuit (GL) or Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Pastry Topped Chicken Pie with Sauté Potatoes (GL,M) Pantry Tomato sauce & Cheese, Pinwheel, Sauté Potatoes (GL,M) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	BBQ Chicken breast with Tater Tots Handmade Margherita Pizza with Tater Tots (GL,M) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Vanilla Cookie (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Beef Pasta Bolognese (GL) Cheesy Pasta (GL,M) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Vegan Mandarin Jelly or Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Beans (GL,F) Veggie Fingers with Chips & Beans (GL) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Chocolate Cookie (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Crispy Chicken Bites with Chips & Beans (GL) Crispy Vegan Nuggets with Chips & Beans (GL) Wrap - Cheese (GL,M), Ham, Tuna (F) Super Oaty Flapjack (GL) or Fresh Fruit	Oven Baked Battered Fish with Chips & Beans (GL,F) Handmade Cheese & Onion Pasty with Chips & Beans (GL,M) Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (M), Beans or Tuna (F) Iced Sprinkle Sponge (GL) or Fresh Fruit

VEGETABLES, SALAD, BREAD, AVAILABLE DAILY

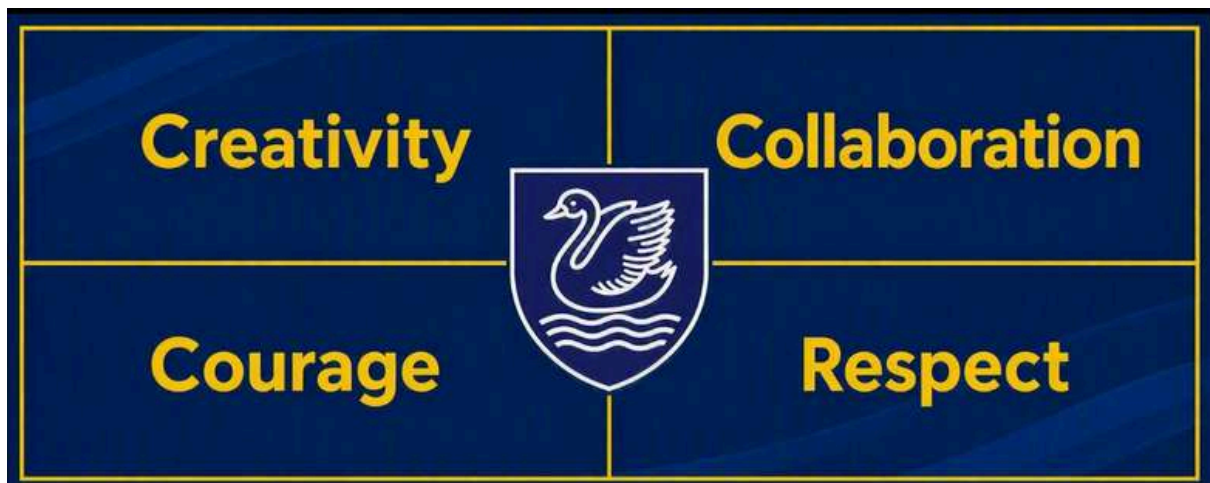
BREAD CONTAINS - GL - M - EG - SO

ALLERGY KEY
 CELERY - CE / GLUTEN - GL / CRUSTACEANS - CR / EGGS - EG / FISH - FI / LUPIN - LU / MILK - MI
 MOLLUSCS - MO / MUSTARD - MU / NUTS - NU / PEANUTS - PE / PSESAME SEEDS - SE / SOYA - SO / SULPHUR - SU

The Pastry are committed to improving the standards of children's meals across every one of our Schools, and fresh, ethically sourced ingredients are used every day across our kitchens.

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



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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