# TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

It's certainly a busy and exciting time at Town Farm this week as the festive season approaches! Rehearsals are well underway for our upcoming Christmas Carol Concerts and we are looking forward to sharing some wonderful performances with you. Preparations are also in full swing for our Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you for your generous donations on our recent mufti days – your continued support makes such a difference in helping us to create memorable experiences for our children.

Yesterday, we held an incredibly successful Early Years Open Evening, with record numbers in attendance! It was a fabulous opportunity to welcome prospective families into our school, showcase our wonderful learning environments and share what makes Town Farm such a special place to learn and grow. Thank you to our dedicated staff who helped make the evening such a success.

With so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, there is a real sense of excitement building around the school. We look forward to celebrating the festive season together as a school community.

In the meantime, we wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Shrimpton
Deputy Head

## Dates for your Diary

**2026 - 2027 Academic Year**

2 Dec - Parent Workshop - Phonics
4 Dec - Christmas Fayre
8 Dec - Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ 2pm St Mary's Church
9 Dec - EYFS & Yr 1 Christmas Production @ 9:15am or 2:30pm
9 Dec - Year 5 to visit Care Home
10 Dec - Year 4 Delight Family Workshop & Exhibition
11 Dec - Panto
15 Dec - Years 2 & 3 Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm
16 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec - Christmas Lunch Day
18 Dec - **SCHOOL FINISHES @ 1:30pm**
4 Jan - Inset Day (school closed to pupil
5 Jan - Pupils return to school

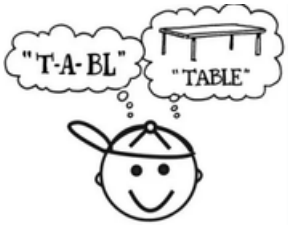
*(Dates subject to change)*
*EYFS = Nur & Reception*
*KS1 = Years 1 & 2 /KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6*

## Year 1 Parent Workshop

2nd December starting at **2:45pm**

Phonics @Town Farm.

How you can help your child learn with resources to take away from the session.




### Nut-Free School Reminder

Please note that our school is **strictly nut-free**, which includes **all nuts and sesame seeds**, as well as any products **containing sesame oil or derived from sesame**.

To keep all children safe, especially those with severe allergies, please ensure that packed lunches and snacks **do not include any nuts, sesame seeds, tahini, hummus, sesame oils, or foods that may contain traces of these ingredients.**

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for everyone.



# Highlights from the Week

## EYFS

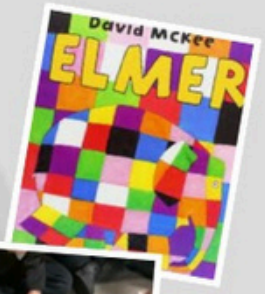
The children in EYFS have continued to be very excited about our topic "Imagine That!" After reading Rainbow Fish for our first text we then moved on to Elmer the patchwork elephant. On the first day of our new book we received a message to say it was adventure time - we followed the trail to find an elephant - it was a grey ordinary colour but when we rubbed it changed to a patchwork elephant.

The children were very excited to welcome Mrs Waters our chair of governors on Tuesday to showcase their amazing learning in Drawing Club. Children in both Nursery and Reception demonstrated their Stand Up Vocabulary - demonstrating their understanding by saying the words and the accompanying gestures.

In Reception this week the children have been looking at different positions of numbers working co-operatively with a partner, for example, I know it is four because I can see one and three.











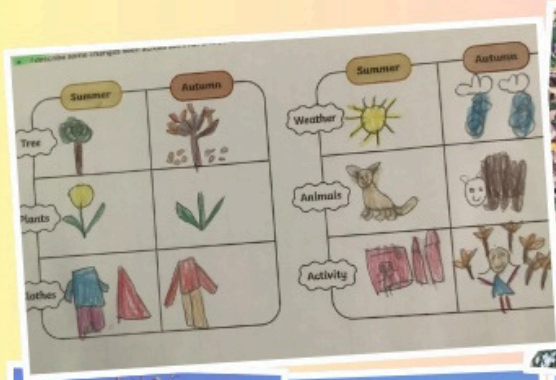







## Year 1

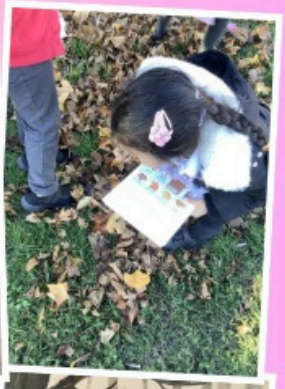
**Year 1 have been enjoying learning all about the changing seasons as part of their Science topic this term. They have been observing and discussing the difference between Summer and Autumn, and more recently, Autumn and Winter. This topic links beautifully with our new story in Writing Club, Winter's Sleep. The children have been comparing photographs, describing the changes they see in each season and exploring how these changes affect the animals and birds around us. We look forward to discovering more about how wildlife adapts to changing seasons and what happens during the winter months!**





















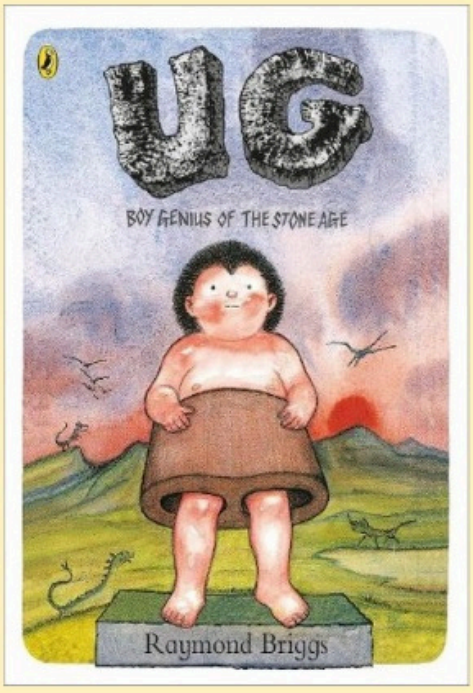
# Year 2

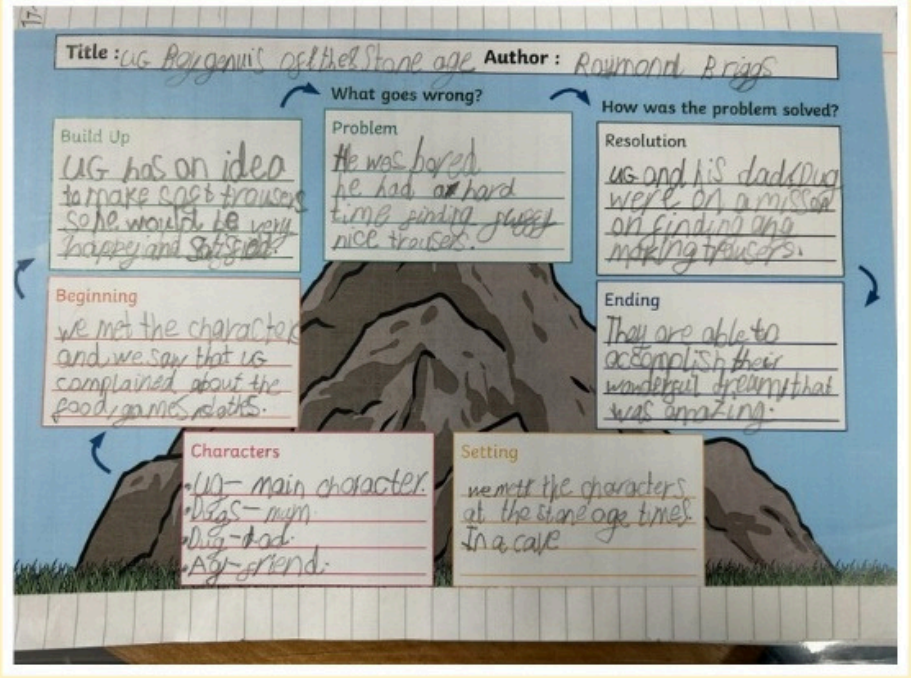
In Year 2, the children investigated minibeasts to find out what they need to survive and decide which type of home would be most suitable for them. They explored different microhabitats and used their findings to identify habitats that provide food, shelter and protection for specific minibeasts.



# Year 3

**Year 3 have been working incredibly hard on their recounts of the story of Ug! The children carefully retold the events in chronological order, ensuring their writing followed the sequence of the story from beginning to end. Drawing on all their learning about the Stone Age, pupils included historical details and vocabulary to make their recounts both accurate and exciting.**



# Year 4





As we continue through our Delight Rainforest Retreat, we've been treated to another fantastic art lesson - making our own hanging birds! Having tested out patterns for feathers and thinking carefully about our colour choices, we applied these to the wooden templates. It was so interesting to see the different colour combinations and patterns chosen by everyone. We got to use the paint pens again and were able to try out a new skill of 'foiling'. We added additional patterns using a glue pen before fixing the foil sheets to the bird. These then dried overnight and we very much enjoyed the 'peel and reveal' the next morning! I'm sure you'll agree our birds look brilliant! We cannot wait to get them hanging up for our exhibition.





# Year 5

**This week, Year 5 took on the role of programmers, using Flowol to design algorithms that would control a Ferris wheel. Pupils successfully created a main routine to make the wheel turn safely. As an additional challenge, they programmed sub-routines including custom music and changing light sequences, demonstrating a strong understanding of sequencing, repetition and automation. It was also a challenge to debug their own programmes as well when running routines to tell their algorithms. This is an impressive achievement, particularly as Flowol concepts are often introduced at secondary level. The pupils showed excellent problem-solving skills and perseverance throughout the lesson, and we look forward to seeing them apply these programming skills when they begin coding and controlling robots next week.**



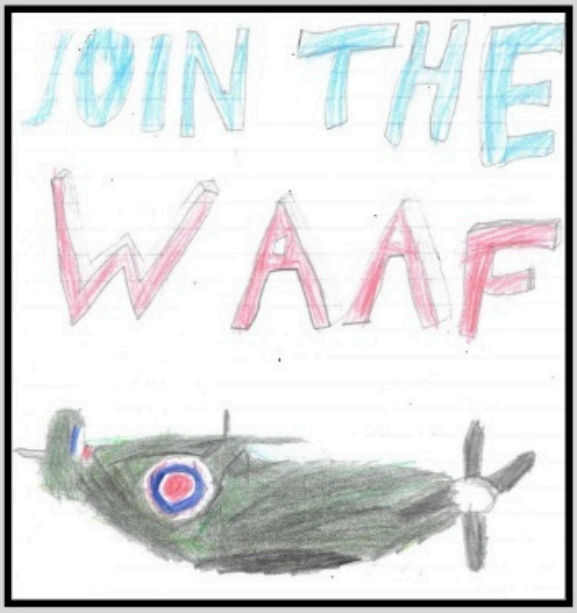






# Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the important role women played during the Second World War, learning how their contributions helped support the war effort on both the home front and in military services. As part of their learning, the children designed persuasive propaganda posters encouraging women to take on vital jobs in factories, farming and transport, using historical slogans, imagery and persuasive language to reflect the messages used during the war.












# Art



**Spelthorne Borough Council invited Town Farm Primary Schools to take part in Creative Wings, a unique participatory project being delivered as part of Escalate Arts, with artist Izi Harris.**

**Creative Wings invited young people to write or draw on a feather template sharing thoughts about their lives and aspirations for the future. These feathers will become part of a large sculptural swan, bringing together the voices of young people from across the borough. As a lasting legacy, every feather will be photographed and preserved in a digital time capsule gifted to Spelthorne Museum, capturing the voices, experiences, and aspirations of young people in 2026.**

**The finished swan is displayed at Staines Library Hub from 26 October to 13 December 2026.**

**Please find the time to visit the sculptor.**

We're incredibly proud to share that we have been awarded Highly Commended in the HarperCollins Whole School Reading Prize.
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Every child deserves access to books, stories and the life chances that reading provides.
Thank you to everyone who has been part of our reading journey. Every story shared, every book donated and every page turned has helped make this possible.
Thank you to our whole reading community for making this possible and for supporting our pupils to thrive.



# information

## Book now for Christmas Lunch

Please make your booking via the Swift Kitchen app
Halal option available.

KS1 - Free / Nursery & KS2 - £3.25

**Wednesday 16th December**

**Roast Turkey & Stuffing with Sticky Chipolata**

Or

**Butternut Squash & Mushroom Wellington with Yorkshire Pudding**

With

**Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy**

**Xmas Pudding Rice Krispie Balls**

Or

**Chocolate Orange Brownie**

**We are delighted to share that the Tesco Stronger Starts blue token vote has now been extended until 10 January 2027.**

If you shop in participating Tesco stores*, please remember to collect your blue token at the checkout and vote for our Pond Restoration Project. Every token counts, and even a small purchase will entitle you to a token, helping us secure valuable funding for this important initiative.
Please also consider sharing this with friends, family and neighbours who shop at Tesco. The more votes we receive, the better our chances of securing funding to enhance and restore this valuable outdoor learning and wildlife area for our pupils. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make a real difference to our school environment.

**Participating stores:**
2454 Egham Superstore TW20 9EX
4690 Staines High Street Exp Express TW18 4QB

### Our Pond Area Vision



# There are still a few places available.
# Book using the Arbor app







## Years 1 & 2







## Years 3, 4, 5 & 6









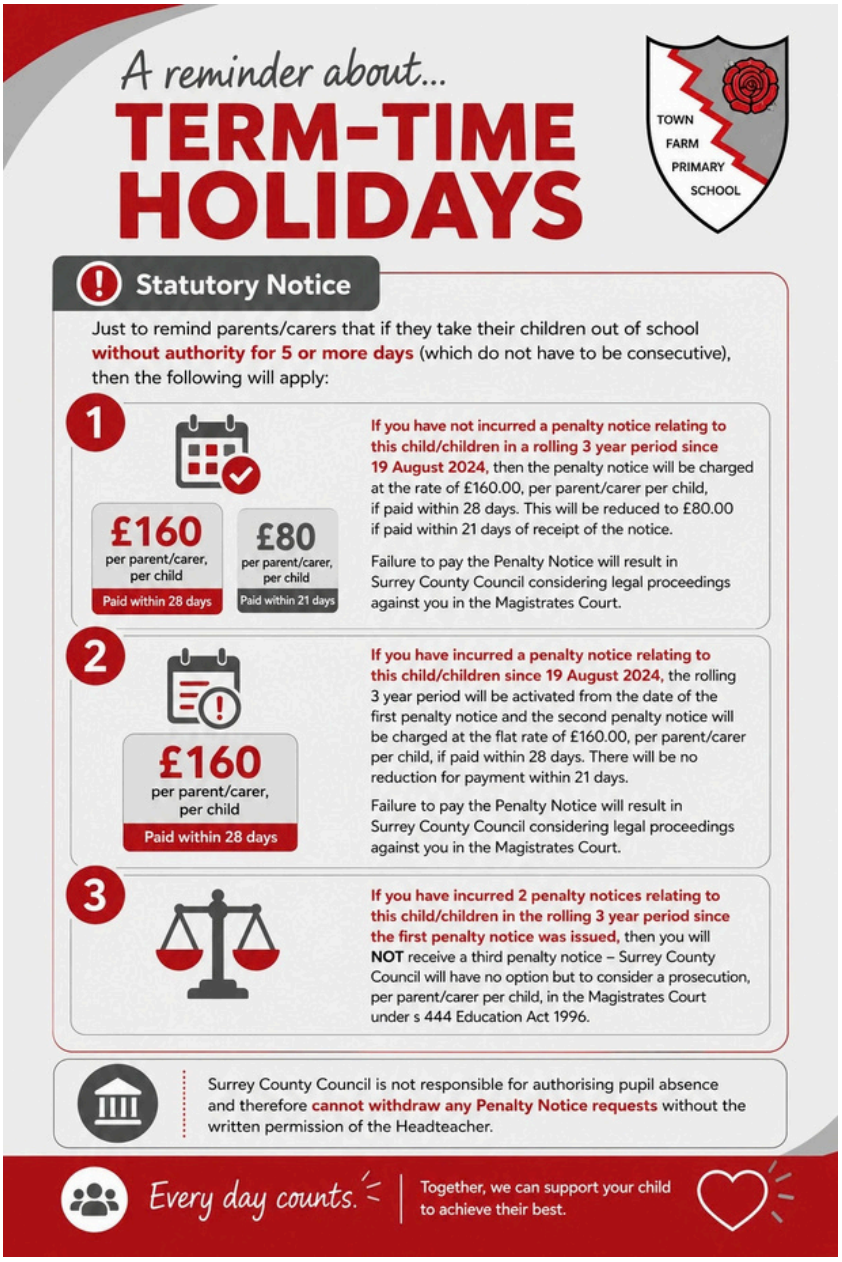
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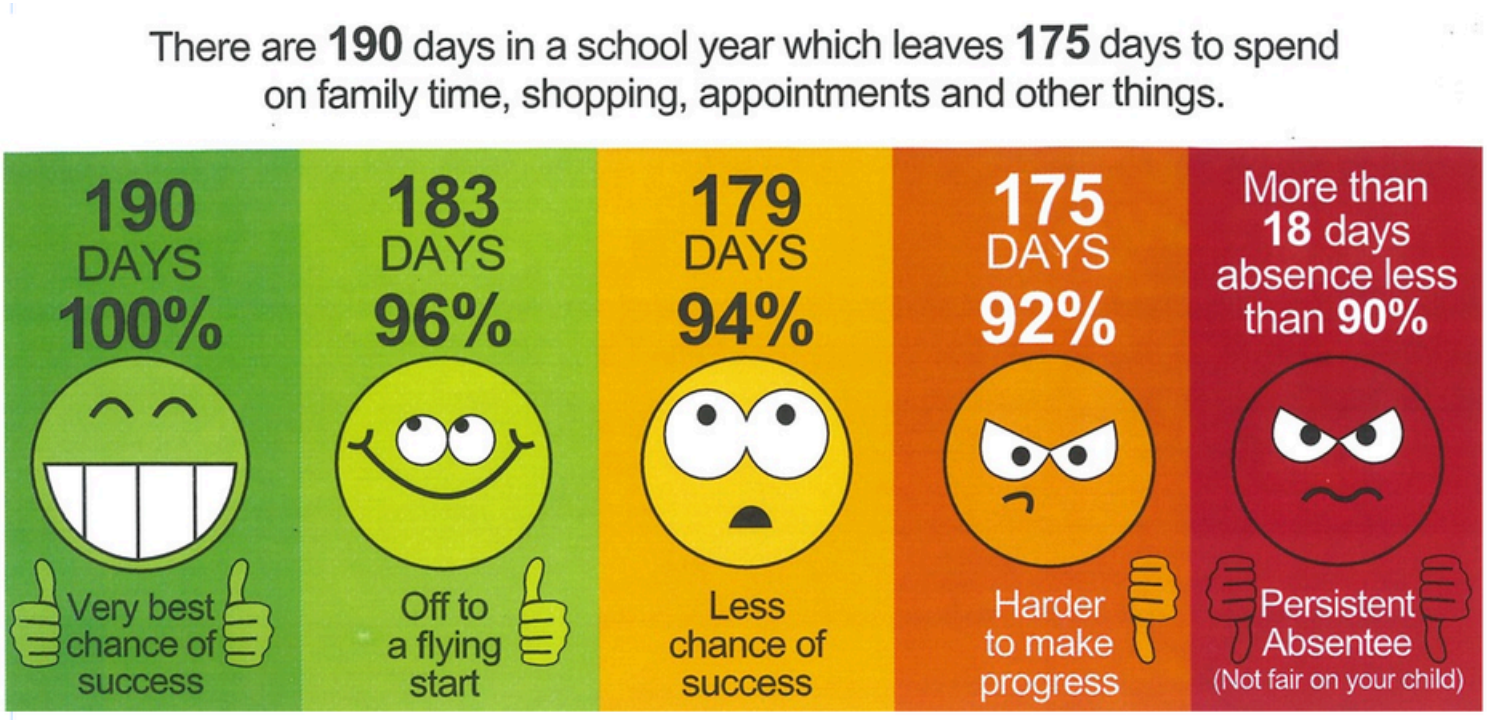
| Year Group | % |
|---|---|
| Reception | 93.5% |
| Year 1 | 96.1% |
| Year 2 | 96.7% |
| Year 3 | 96.9% |
| Year 4 | 95.4% |
| Year 5 | 96.5% |
| Year 6 | 96.2% |
| Overall attendance | 96.2% |

**Best Attendance this Week**

1st Place - Darwin 98.2%
2nd Place - Ive 97.6%
3rd Place - Hillary 97.5%

*Most Improved: Ive by 5%*



# PTA NEWS


TFS PTA
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Christmas Fayre
Friday 4th December
2-4pm
Games
Raffle • Tombola
Santa's Grotto
Refreshments
Local Businesses
& much more!
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Can you help?
We need volunteers at our Christmas Events!
Christmas magically appears at school but did you know that's down to parent and staff volunteers?
We are in need of support!
Are you available:
• Friday 27th November from 3pm
• Monday 30th-Thursday 3rd Dec from 3pm
• Friday 4th Dec 9:30-11:30, 1-4:30
Contact : pta@town-farm.surrey.sch.uk


Tokens for the Christmas Fayre can now be purchased on Zeffy!
Purchased tokens will be delivered to your child in class from Monday 30th November.
We will also have the option for you to purchase tokens after school (if we have enough volunteers - let us know if you can help!)
25 tokens = £20
12 tokens = £10
5 tokens = £5
Tokens are non-refundable.
Tokens can be used on PTA stalls including tombola and games.
Card or cash will be accepted at the Grotto and Raffle.
Tokens will NOT be accepted at our visitor stalls including rides and vendors.
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/tokens-christmas-fayre
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Town Farm PTA are pleased to announce that we are bringing back...
Breakfast or Lunch with Santa!
Come and join us at one of our sessions on
Sunday 13th December
Upper School Hall
9:30-11:15am Breakfast
12:00-1:45pm Lunch
£8 per child
An adult must stay and supervise booked child/children.
Scan here to book!
Ticket includes:
• a small food box
• 4 festive activities
• a visit to the Grotto
• a small gift
Adult refreshments will be available on the day for an additional charge.
Contact : pta@town-farm.surrey.sch.uk

# Community News

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