



Dear Families,

Today, our children were invited to wear something yellow to help promote and spread awareness about the importance of mental health and wellbeing.

At Town Farm, we believe that supporting our children's mental health and resilience is just as important as helping them to achieve academically. One of the ways we do this is through our Zones of Regulation check-in each morning, which gives children the opportunity to share how they are feeling and to know that their emotions matter. We encourage kindness, openness, and understanding which reminds everyone that it's good to talk about how we feel. Together, we're nurturing a school community where every child feels heard, supported, and confident to be their best self.

We would like to say a big thank you to our families for your support and enthusiasm in helping us turn Town Farm yellow today. Your encouragement helps us continue to make mental health and wellbeing a whole-school priority.

School would like to make families aware of a recent safeguarding issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back or front. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

### What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the front and back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories

## Dates for your diary

### 2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 15 Oct - Bude information for Year 5 parents and pupils @ 2:45pm
- 27 Oct - **HALF-TERM**
- 3 - 7 Nov - **INSET Days** (school closed to pupils)
- 10 Nov - Pupils return to school
- 12 Nov - Parents' evening
- 19 Nov - Parent Workshop - Maths workshop @ 2:45pm
- 26 Nov - Parent Workshop - KS2 Reading @ 2:45pm
- 27 Nov - Open evening for prospective Nursery or Reception parents @ 4:30pm
- 3 Dec - Parent Workshop - Phonics (KS1)
- 4 Dec - Christmas Fayre @ 2:00pm
- 5 Dec - Year 5 visit to Barchester House Care Home
- 8 Dec - Years 2 & 3 Christmas Production @ 9am
- 9 Dec - Year 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church @ 2pm
- 10 Dec - Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Christmas Production @ 9:15am & 2:15pm
- 12 Dec - Panto (for pupils)
- 19 Dec - **Last Day of Term** (Finish 1:30pm)

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nursery & Reception

KS1 = Years 1 & 2    KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

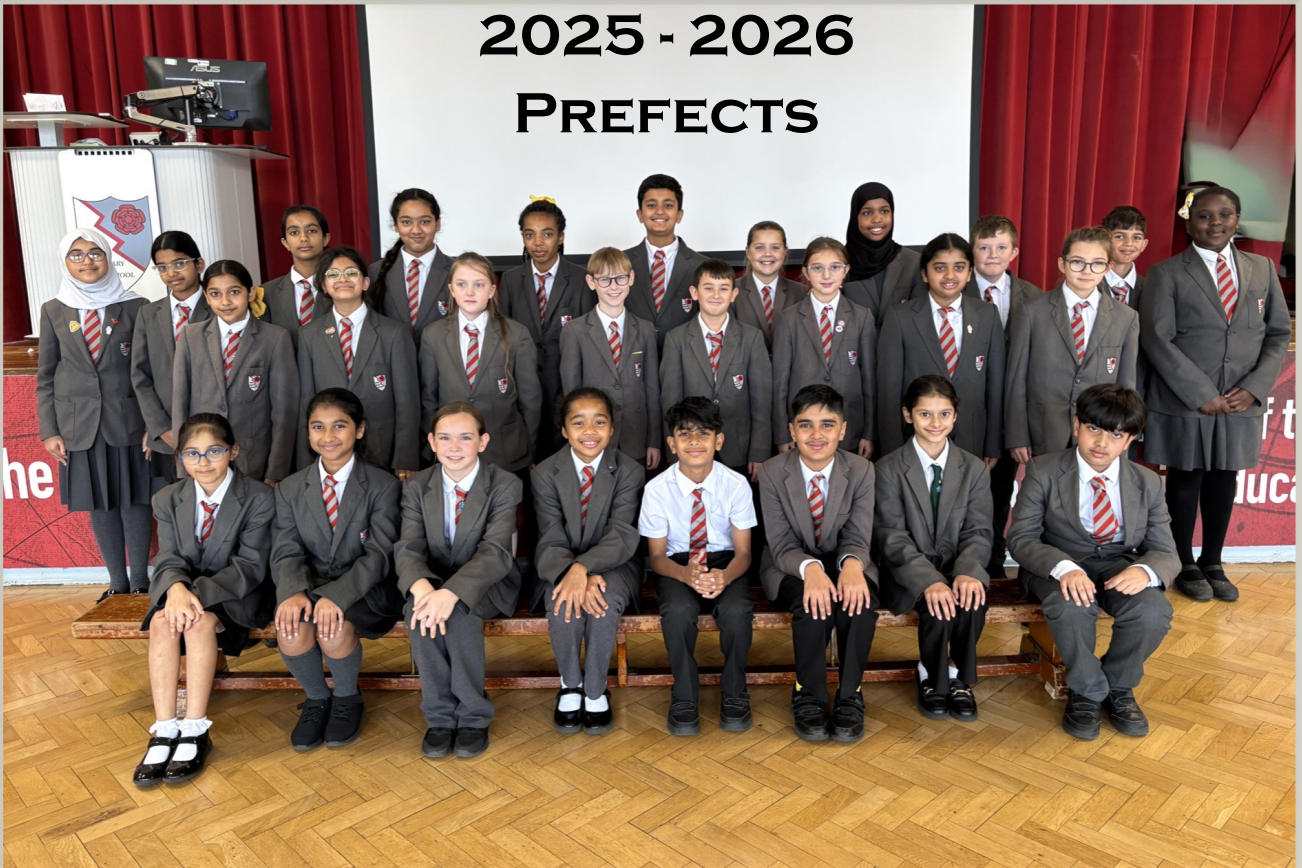
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our Year 5 families into school for a meeting about our fabulous Year 6 residential to Bude in Cornwall. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm in our main hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Elliott  
Deputy Head

# 2025 - 2026 PREFECTS



**you are NOT ALONE in this.**

Mental health is important because being in the blue, yellow or red zone means you are not calm, so you are not able to learn.

In our school, everyone is here to help us and support our mental health. We are ready to learn everyday because we know who to ask for support if we need it.

**BREAK the STIGMA**

**Mental health matters**

Wearing yellow shows people that we care about them and shows you are never alone.

World Mental Health Day reminds people to look after themselves and ask people how they are.

if you think you do not have a friend, we wear yellow to show everyone you can find a friend

We wear yellow because mental health is important to all of us

**All THINGS are POSSIBLE**

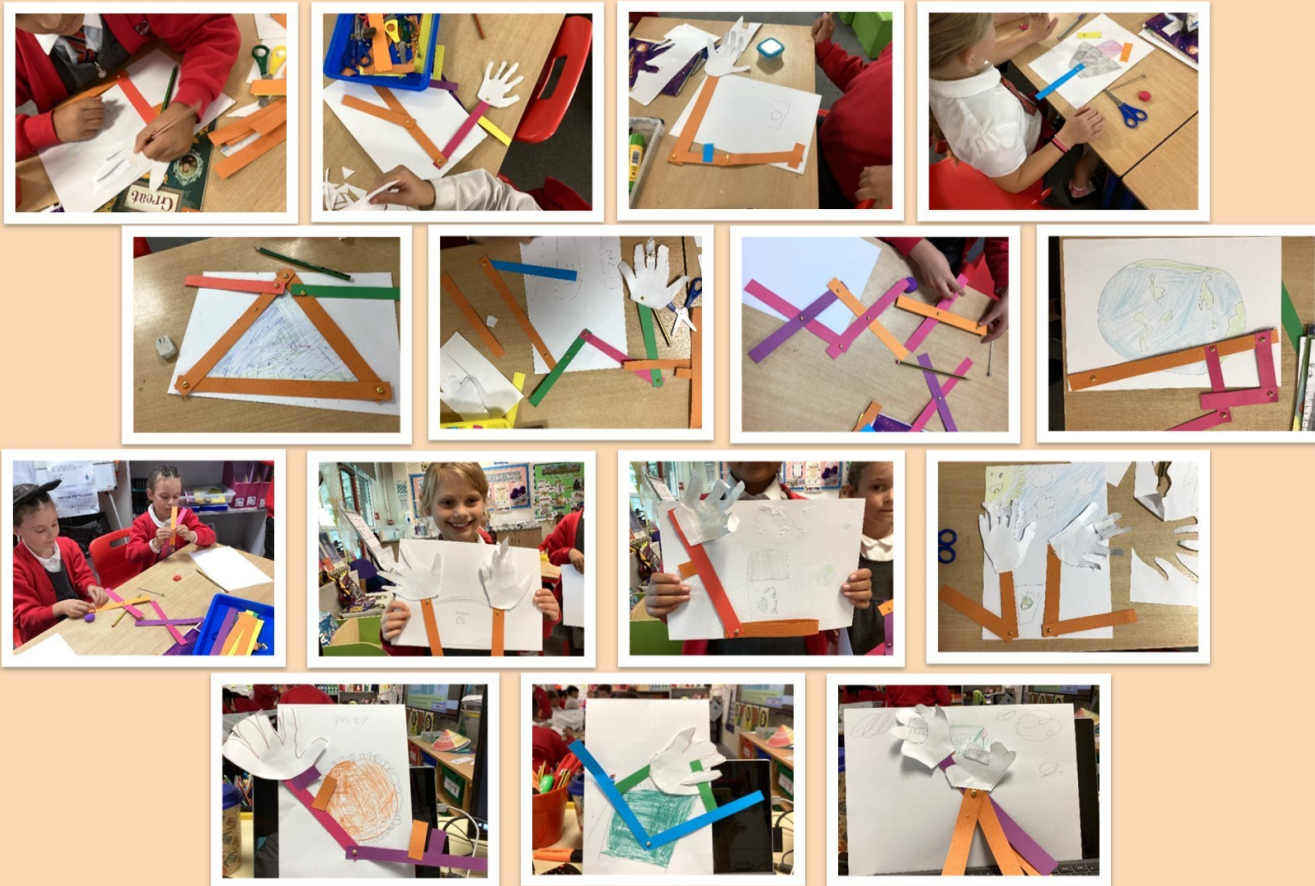
**YOU GOT THIS!**

Our current and shadow cabinet MPs spoke about what mental health means to them for World Mental Health Day. By listening to our pupils, they feel safe, valued and are more likely to share if they are struggling with difficult feelings. These are the voices of our pupils in their own words

## Highlights from the week

### Year 3

In year 3 we have been learning how to make mechanical posters using linkages, pivots and levers. This week we made prototypes to test our designs and to evaluate their effectiveness.



### EYFS

The children in EYFS have been totally emersed in their Superhero stories. In Nursery they have been reading Supertato and have made mash potato as well as exploring peas in jelly!!!

In Reception they have been reading Super Daisy and made good luck posters to give Daisy support as she set off on her mission to save Planet Earth!



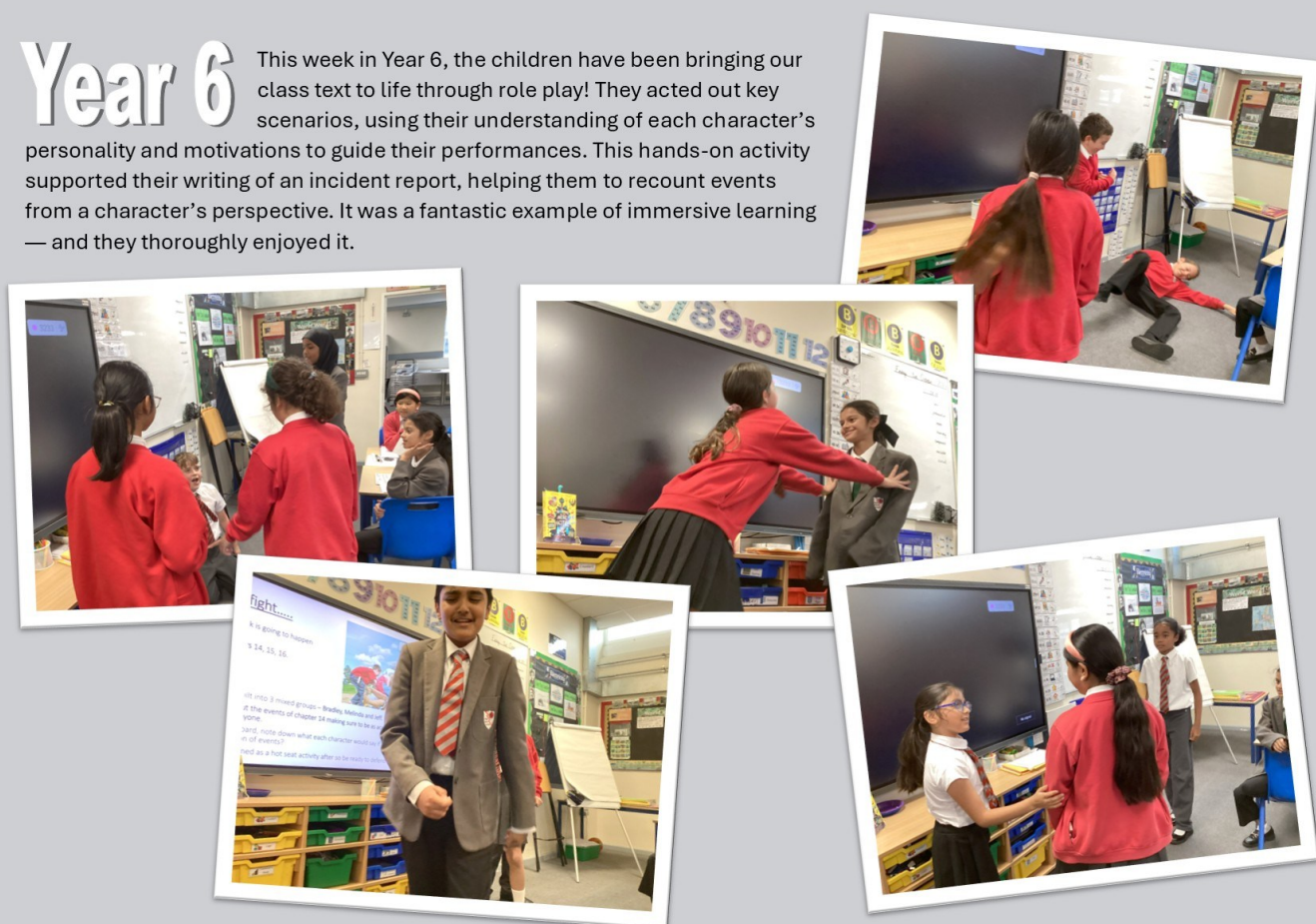
# Year 2

In Year 2, the children explored their creativity by creating abstract art using the paint programme. They experimented with shapes, lines, and colours to express different moods and ideas, learning how to use digital tools like the brush, fill, and shape functions. This activity helped them develop their fine motor skills, understand basic design principles, and become more confident in using technology for artistic expression. The children enjoyed the freedom of abstract art, where there were no rules, just imagination and fun with colour and form.



# Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have been bringing our class text to life through role play! They acted out key scenarios, using their understanding of each character's personality and motivations to guide their performances. This hands-on activity supported their writing of an incident report, helping them to recount events from a character's perspective. It was a fantastic example of immersive learning — and they thoroughly enjoyed it.



# Year 1

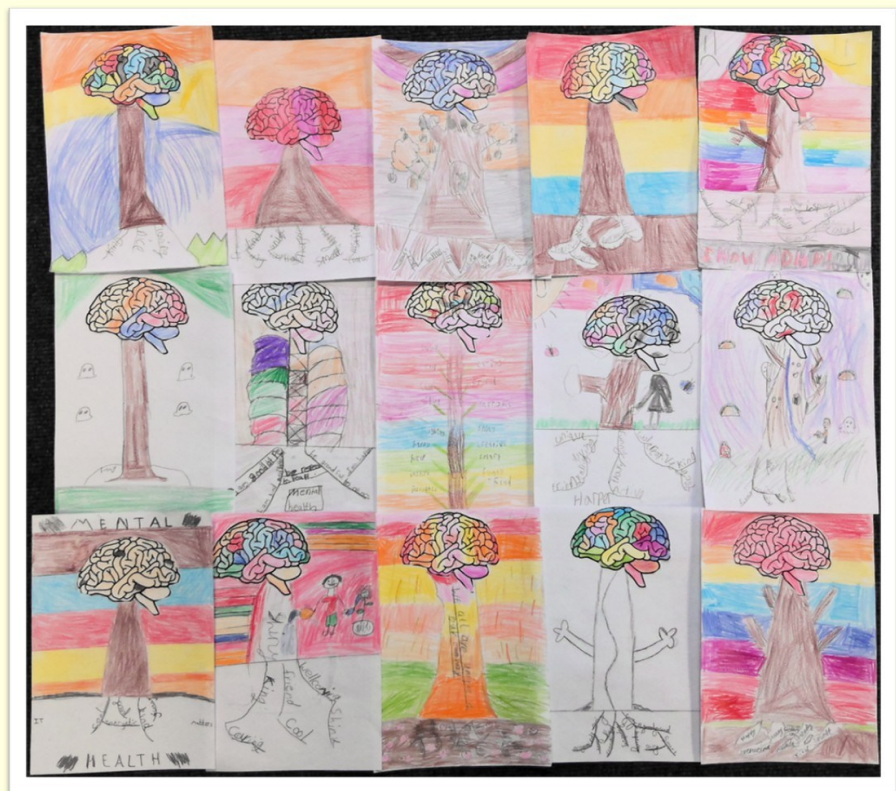
This week in DT, the children learnt about wheel mechanisms and related it to the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We learnt that a wheel mechanism is a round object that turns on an axis. We used card for the wheel and a split pin to create the axis for the wheel to turn.



# Year 5

## **Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day**

As a class, we reflected upon factors and attributes that positively impact our mental health, including a growth mindset. The vibrant trees reflect each individual's unique qualities and how they see their own mental health - supporting the understanding that everyone's mental health looks and can feel very different.



# Year 4

In science year 4 undertook an invertebrate hunt in the sensory garden. They found ants, butterflies, earwigs and many more creepy crawlies!



## Upcoming Parent Workshops - Autumn Term

|                                                                        |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Bude information for Year 5                                            | Wednesday 15th October                    | Every year we run a residential trip to Bude in Cornwall where the children experience a wealth of different sports situated near a beautiful beach. Come and learn about all the opportunities they will have and what a worthwhile trip it is. (For Year 5 parents and children) |
| Parents Evening                                                        | Wednesday 12th November                   | Parent and teacher meets. Book an appointment with your child's class teacher to find out about and celebrate the progress they are making.                                                                                                                                        |
| Maths<br>Mrs Elias                                                     | Wednesday 19th November at 2:45pm         | Come and find out how we teach our maths at Town Farm and how you can support your child's learning at home.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| KS2 Reading<br>Mrs Ravenor                                             | Wednesday 26th November at 2:45pm         | Reading with your children is a rewarding experience. Come and join us to pick up some handy tips and advice for improving reading both at home and at school.                                                                                                                     |
| Open evening for prospective parents of Nursery and Reception children | Thursday 27th November at 4:30pm          | Come and learn about our school and all it has to offer. Ask questions about how we support your children in every area.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Phonics<br>Mrs McKenzie                                                | Wednesday 3rd December at 2:45pm          | Phonics @Town Farm (KS1). How you can help your child learn with resources to take away from the session.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Christmas Fayre                                                        | Thursday 4th December at 2:00pm           | Come and support our Christmas Fayre – prizes, gifts, refreshments and the ever popular bottle tombola.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Year 2 and 3 Christmas performance                                     | Monday 8th December at 9:00am             | Come and see your child's Christmas performance after drop off in the upper school hall.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance                                   | Tuesday 9th December @ 2:00pm             | Come and see your child's Christmas performance in St Mary's Church Stanwell.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performance                    | Wednesday 10th December @ 9:15am & 2:15pm | Come and see your child's Christmas performance in the upper school hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

# Attendance Matters

| Year Group                 | %            |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Reception                  | 94.1%        |
| Year 1                     | 94.3%        |
| Year 2                     | 97.4%        |
| Year 3                     | 95.2%        |
| Year 4                     | 96.8%        |
| Year 5                     | 96.0%        |
| Year 6                     | 93.9%        |
| Overall attendance to date | <b>95.5%</b> |

## Statutory Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



# Community News -

Community news is provided by outside organisations and Town Farm is not responsible for the content.

## KIDS ACTIVITY HALF TERM CAMP



**The TRUSTED place for kids to get out, play and make new friends!**

**DBS Certified Coaches**

- £25 a day or £100 for the week
- Sibling weekly discounts available

**Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November**  
9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m

**For ages 5+**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**



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St Mary's Cres, Stanwell, Staines, TW19 7HU

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07908981984



## Little Diamonds

Session 1: 10.30-12.00  
Session 2: 12.30-2.00

Please call to book a session 01784 241407

A smaller group for children with additional needs and the parents and carers who care for them. Offering fun activities, sensory resources; a chance to have a chat with other families and share ideas and experiences. Advice and support available from the Early Support team & visits from other professionals supporting children with additional needs.

No food allowed due to underlying allergies.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Stanwell Family Centre, Hadrian Way, Stanwell TW19 7HE

spelthornefamilycentres.org.uk  
surreycaretrust.org.uk Registered charity number 285543

## ASHFORD HOCKEY CLUB JUNIORS



### HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMP

**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025  
**Age:** 6-14 years  
**Time:** 10:00 - 15:00  
• Drop off from 09:30  
• Lunch 12:30-13:30

**Costs:** £20 a day  
£50 for all 3 days per camp  
• Discount for siblings

**Venue:** Ashford Hockey Club,  
Short Lane,  
Stanwell,  
Staines-upon-Thames,  
TW19 7BQ



**All abilities and non members welcome**

**Bring a packed lunch, water, gum shield and shin pads**

**Hockey sticks will be provided**

Please contact Peter to book:  
07557 445692 or  
colts@ashfordhockeyclub.co.uk

or purchase through Pitchero

## ASHFORD HOCKEY CLUB



### JUNIOR TRAINING TIMES

Invitation to 3 weeks free hockey

**Where**  
Ashford Hockey Club, Short Lane,  
Stanwell, TW19 7BQ

**When**  
Sundays 09:30 to 11:00<sup>1</sup>  
Year 1 to 9 Boys and Girls

Tuesday 18:00 to 19:30<sup>2</sup>  
Year 4 to 7 Boys  
Year 8 to 11 Girls

Thursday 18:00 to 19:30<sup>2</sup>  
Year 1 to 7 Girls  
Year 1 to 5 Boys  
Year 8 to 13 Boys

<sup>1</sup> All year  
<sup>2</sup> September to Easter

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