



Dear Families,

It has been another busy and productive week at Town Farm, with children working incredibly hard across all year groups. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication continue to make us proud every day.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat so they can stay comfortable during outdoor learning and playtimes.

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Cathy Waters** as our new **Chair of Governors**. Cathy brings a wealth of experience from her long and distinguished career in education and is already making a positive contribution to the work of the school. I'm sure she will write to you formally next week to introduce herself.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to **Mrs Sue Doran**, our outgoing Chair, for her dedicated service, leadership, and unwavering support over the years. Her commitment has made a lasting difference to our school community.

Finally, a gentle reminder about **safe parking and driving** around the school site during drop-off and pick-up times. Your care and cooperation are greatly appreciated and help us keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Bhatti

Headteacher



Instagram

Check out our instagram page:

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Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 27 Oct - **HALF-TERM**
- 3 - 7 Nov - **INSET Days** (school closed to pupils)
- 10 Nov - Pupils return to school
- 10 - 14 Nov - Anti-bullying Week
- 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)

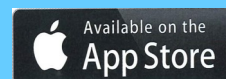
EYFS = Nursery & Reception

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

The Arbor App

Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and logged on. You will need the app to book your parent consultation. The Parent Evening booking system will open next week.

The Arbor App is available on:



Highlights from the week

Year 1

This week in RE, we continued our learning about the creation story in Christianity. We were able to retell the creation story and order the events in the right order.



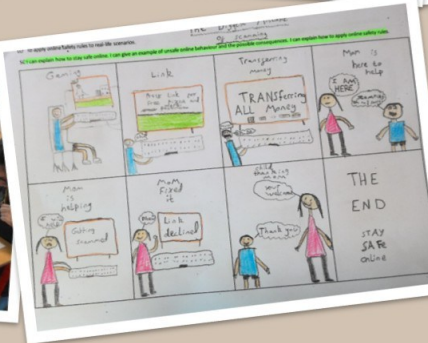
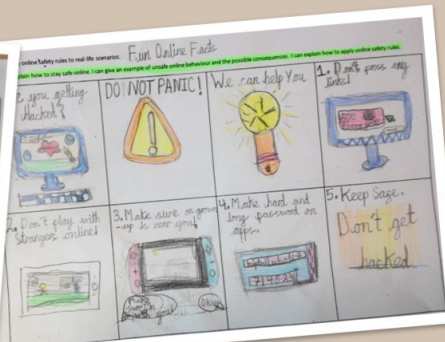
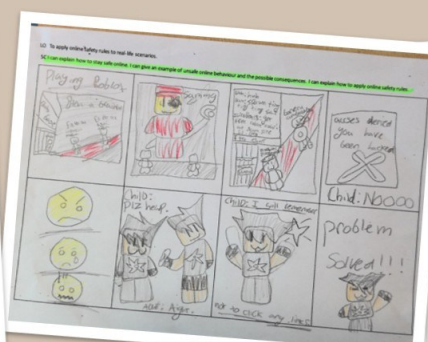
Year 2

Year 2 children used **Now Press Play** to extend their learning about habitats in an engaging and immersive way. Through the interactive audio experience, pupils were transported to different environments such as the rainforest, desert, and ocean, where they explored the unique plants and animals that live there. As they listened and acted out the story, the children developed a deeper understanding of how living things depend on their habitats for food, shelter, and survival. This hands-on approach helped to bring the topic to life, encouraging curiosity, collaboration, and imaginative thinking while reinforcing key scientific concepts in a memorable and enjoyable way.



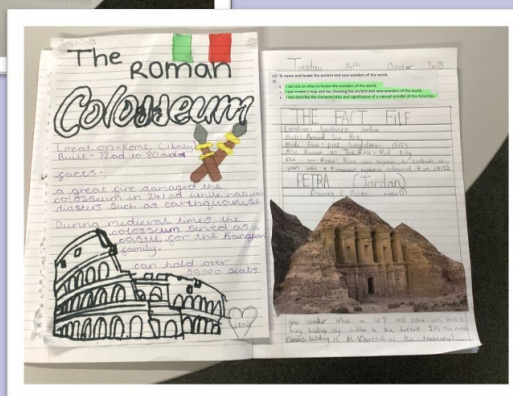
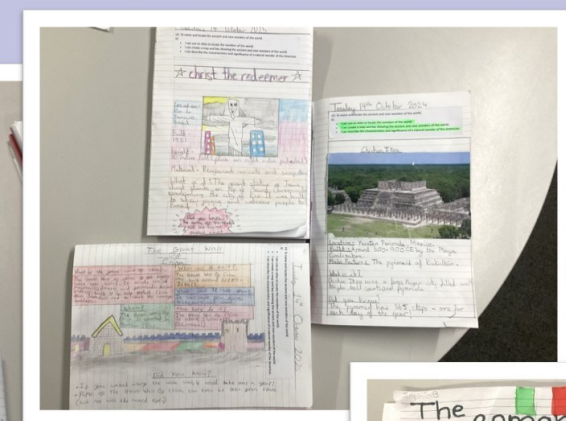
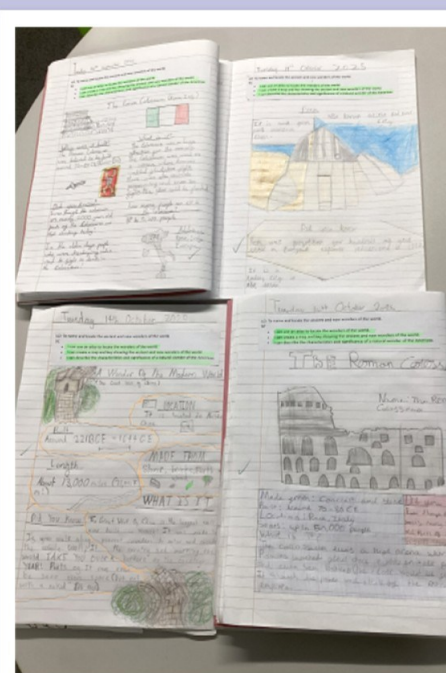
Year 5

Our pupils in Year 5 decided to create comic strips to demonstrate their understanding of online safety. Over the past 4 weeks, they have spotted the spammer, created secure passwords, explored fake news and been detectives to decode images they see online - are they altered or made by AI? We love their creativity and teamwork to think about how they apply this outside of school when using devices at home including what they do if they feel unsafe online.



Year 6

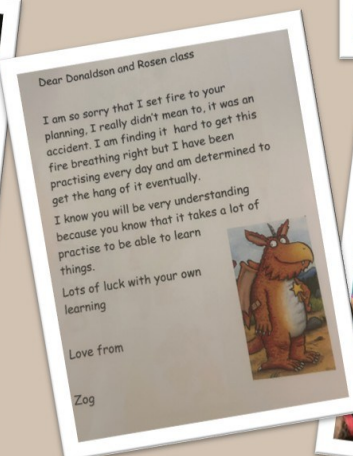
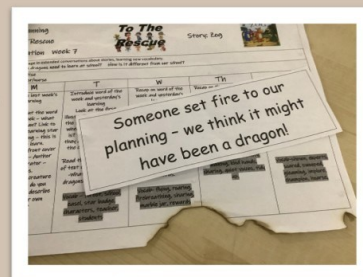
In geography this half term, year 6 have been learning all about the Amazing Americas. We have used maps to explore the 2 continents and their many countries (North America has 23). We then looked at the climates of the countries in relation to the lines of latitude. We finished our topic by looking at the modern 7 wonders of the world. We have created some posters and fun facts about them. Ask us about America, we know a lot.



EYFS

In Early Years this week we were surprised to find that our planning had been scorched. We had no idea who could of done it until we were introduced to 'Zog', which is our new story. Zog is a dragon who goes to school to learn what dragons need to know, which includes breathing fire. Zog and the other dragons have realised that to be able to do something well, they have to keep practising really hard. This links to our word of the week 'practise' and our learning star to 'keep trying' which we know also helps us succeed with our learning. Zog did send us a letter to say sorry and to let us know it was an accident.

We have continued our topic of 'To the Rescue', by looking at real people that help us, and have enjoyed role playing doctors and nurses with the dolls, using lots of rich vocabulary. To help improve our fine motor skills we have also been practising using the scissors to cut out different shapes from the paper.



Year 4

In Year 4 PSHE, the children have been learning about democracy and actively engaging in discussions about the types of rewards and consequences they would like to see in their classroom. They also explored the importance of rules and responsibilities, understanding how these help keep us safe and support a happy learning environment.



Year 3

Year 3 have been sequencing the story of 'Milo Imagines the World' in preparation for writing their own recount of the narrative.

The pupils have really engaged with this text and have created imaginary lives for all the characters on the train. We hope you enjoy reading their recounts at the end of term.



500 Words is open for entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November. You can submit here: [The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2025/26 - BBC Teach](#)

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are **prizes** to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty Queen Camilla.

Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	94.1%
Overall attendance to date	95.2%

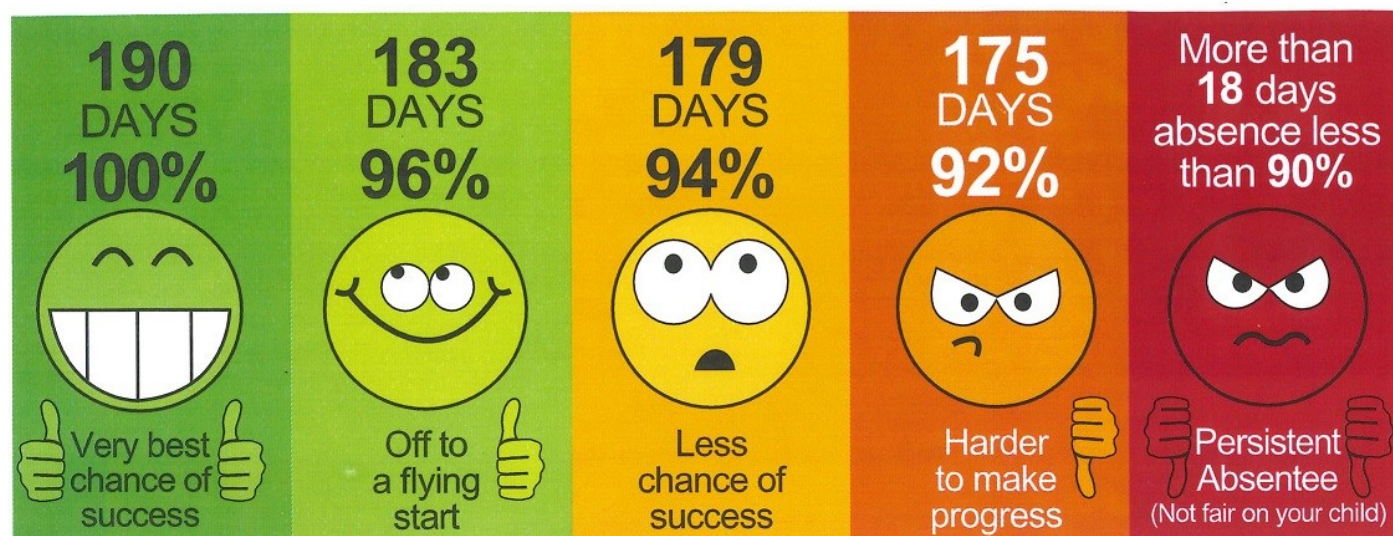
Statutory Notice

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.



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Messy Church

TAKING PLACE ON

Saturday 15th November 2025
Saturday 17th January 2026
Saturday 21st March
Saturday 16th May
Saturday 20th June
Saturday 18th July

between 1500 - 1700 hrs

St Mary the Virgin,
Church Approach,
Stanwell,
TW19 7JS

There is no cost for attending these sessions
For all the family! Children must bring a grown up
office@smam.org.uk 01784-259093

Old pumpkins still have some life left in them.

They can be recycled as part of our food waste collection and used to generate clean electricity and a fertiliser which is used by local farmers to improve the quality of their soil.

So how do you make sure your pumpkin is turned into electricity?

In Spelthorne we recycle food waste to generate electricity and make fertiliser.

Every year about 8 million pumpkins are thrown away after Halloween – that's a lot of electricity that could have been generated!

To recycle your pumpkin after Halloween put it out with your food waste bin on your collection day, it doesn't need to be bagged up, just put it on top of the bin. .

If you don't yet use our food waste recycling service, don't worry, you can still put your pumpkin out on top of your normal bin and Spelthorne will collect and recycle it.

Put your pumpkin out on your rubbish bin and we will recycle it



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