



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of this first half term, I would like to take a moment to say how proud we are of all our pupils. The children have made an excellent start to the academic year – working hard, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and already achieving so much in such a short time.

Last week, our boys' football team represented Town Farm at a local tournament held at Egham Orbit. They played brilliantly throughout, showing real teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, and finished in second place after a very close 1–0 final. Well done to the team – we are so proud of you!

We also celebrated a fantastic milestone with the children who have reached '30 Reads' this half term. At Town Farm, we reward a love of reading and these children each chose a brand-new book from our school's book vending machines – a real treat! Reading every day helps our children build vital language and comprehension skills, and we thank you for supporting this so enthusiastically at home.

A reminder that Parents' Evening is Wednesday 12th November and appointments are now open to book. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher about how they have settled in and the progress they have made so far.

We wish all our children and families a restful and restorative two-week break. As Bonfire Night approaches, we hope all our families enjoy the celebrations but please remember to stay safe and follow firework safety guidance. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 10th November for another exciting half term of learning and achievement.

Warm regards,

Mrs Shrimpton
Deputy Head

*Year 5 collecting
their rewards*

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
- 14 Nov - Mufti day (children wear their own clothes in exchange for unused gifts)
- 14 Nov - Odd Sock Day
- 12 Nov - Parents' evening
- 18 Nov - Yrs 5 & 6 Anti-Discrimination Workshop
- 19 Nov - Parent Workshop - Maths workshop @ 2:45pm
- 21 Nov - Mufti day (children wear their own clothes in exchange for bottles for the tombola)
- 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 = Nur & Reception

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





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The Great Book Giveaway

Having a clear out over half term?

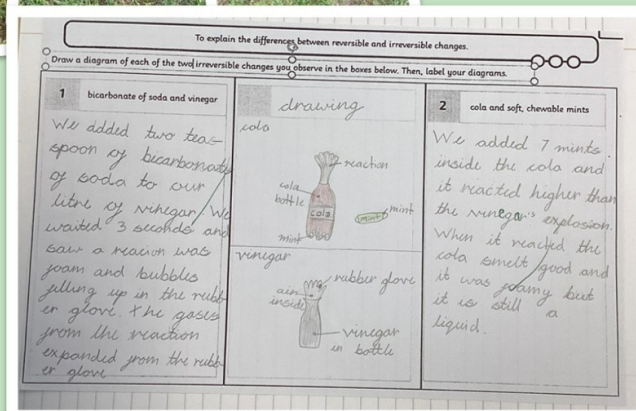
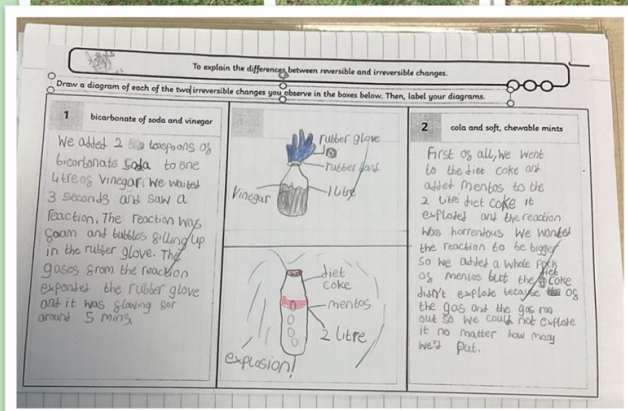
This December we want every child to take home a book for Christmas.

If you have any pre-loved books in good condition, please hand in to the school office.

Highlights from the week

Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about Reversible and Irreversible changes. We carried out two experiences to see if they were reversible or irreversible. We investigated vinegar with bicarbonate of soda and Diet Cola with soft mints. We found out that there was a reaction and gases were produced which inflated the rubber glove and created an eruption in the diet cola bottle.



Year 1

In Science, the children had a fantastic time using Now Press Play to immerse themselves in Mae Jemison's maiden voyage into space. We learnt about her love of space, why she became an astronaut and what travelling into space was like for her. The children were able to research about Mae Jemison, ask and answer questions about her life.



Year 2

In Year 2 PE lessons, children enjoy exciting and engaging activities using the parachute, which help develop teamwork, coordination, and listening skills. Parachute games such as "Mushroom," "Cat and Mouse," and "Popcorn" encourage children to work together, follow instructions, and take turns. These games are not only fun but also help improve physical fitness through running, stretching, and lifting. The vibrant parachute creates a sense of wonder and excitement, making PE lessons enjoyable and memorable for all students.



Year 3

This week, in year 3, we have had a fantastic time using our scientific knowledge to design and make a game using magnet force to attract materials.



EYFS

What a wonderfully busy week we've had in EYFS!

This week, we celebrated Diwali — the Festival of Lights. The children loved creating their own colourful fireworks pictures and making playdough divas, exploring light, colour, and texture in a hands-on way.

Our Reception children also enjoyed an exciting Autumn walk, spotting the changing colours of the leaves and collecting natural treasures. They used their treasures to create fantastic pictures, showing great creativity and observation skills.

We've also been exploring pumpkins — looking inside, describing textures, and talking about seasonal changes. To top it all off, we carried out a “magic potion” experiment using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The children were amazed to see the fizzing and bubbling reaction! 🧪

It's been a week full of exploration, creativity, and discovery, and we're so proud of how enthusiastic the children have been.



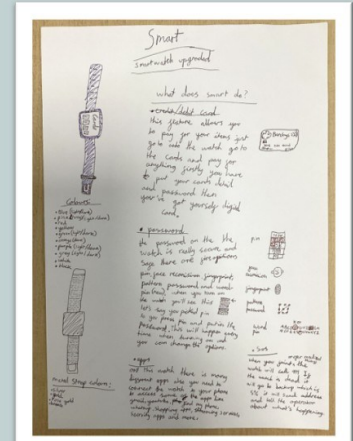
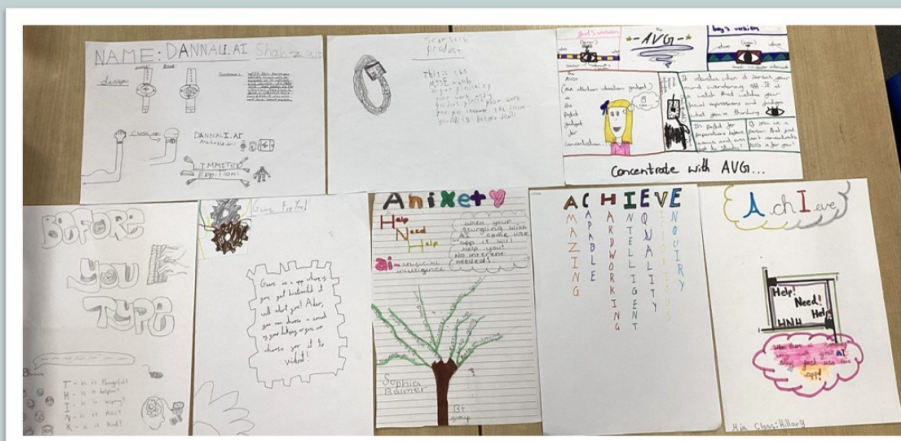
Year 6

Our Year 6 prefects recently took part in an exciting two-hour workshop on digital careers, led by experts from BT. During the session, the children learned about the many opportunities available in

the digital world — from software development and cybersecurity to graphic design, data analysis, and artificial intelligence. They explored what these roles involve and how technology plays a key part in shaping the future.

To put their learning into practice, the pupils were challenged to design an app that could help children improve their concentration. Their creativity shone through as they brainstormed features such as focus timers, calming background music, and motivational rewards.

It was inspiring to see how engaged and enthusiastic the children were about digital careers. The session sparked plenty of ideas and may well have inspired some future programmers, designers, and innovators!



Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been reading the book *Into the Forest*. This term, we published our own writing inspired by the story and took part in our own forest walk in the field.

During the walk, we explored our senses, touch, smell, sight, and hearing, and used these experiences to enrich our writing.



It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. Bhadye and Mr. Jaffer from the Ashford Rotary Club to Town Farm today, where they kindly presented dictionaries to our Year 5 pupils.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	94.1%
Overall attendance to date	94.9%

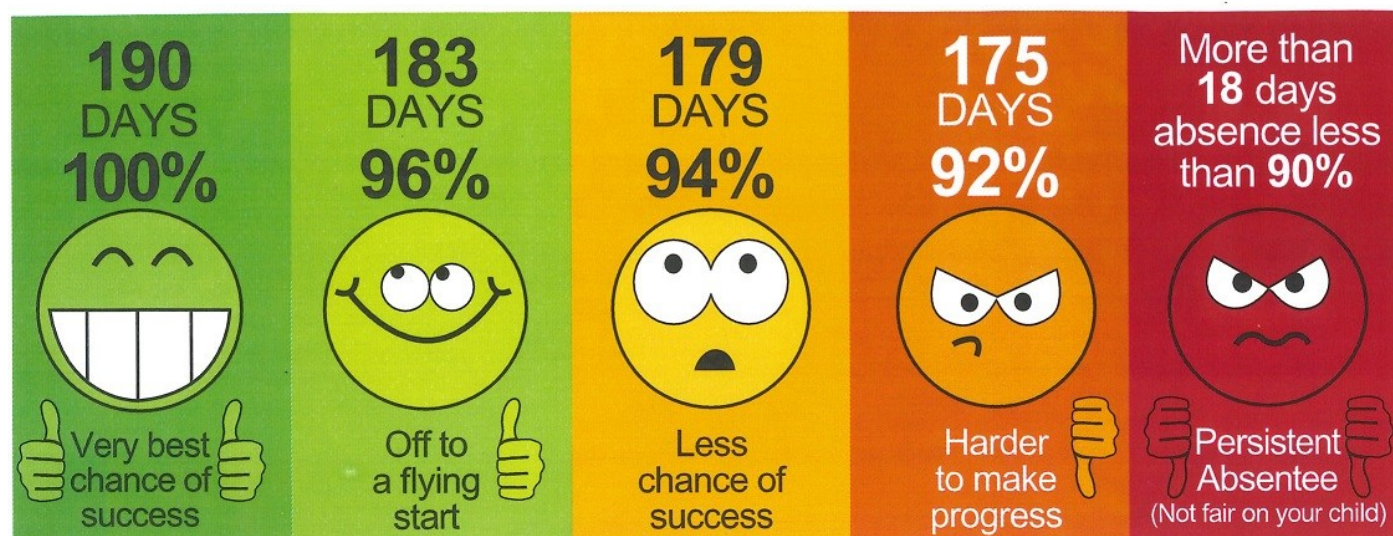
Statutory Notice

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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Book using QR Code or email below.
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Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.





Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

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