



Dear families,

I am delighted to share some exciting updates with you. First, we warmly welcome **Cathy Waters** as our new Chair of Governors; she has already introduced herself to families, and I am confident her leadership will be transformative, ensuring our continued success. If you are interested in joining our Governing Body please contact the school for a nomination form.

Six months after our Ofsted inspection in March 2025, where we proudly became the **first non-selective school in Spelthorne to be rated Outstanding in every area**, we agreed to a reinspection under the new Ofsted framework in October 2025 as one of 115 schools nationally to be part of a pilot. Although this did not produce an official report, we are exceptionally pleased with the outcome and deeply grateful to our staff and children for their dedication. You can read more about our experience in my recent **Times** article <https://www.tes.com/magazine/analysis/general/what-new-ofsted-inspections-are-like-for-schools>, and we are thrilled that **Sir Martyn Oliver, Chief Inspector**, mentioned us in his speech this week <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/martyn-olivers-speech-at-the-schools-and-academies-show>. Finally, I want to celebrate our **Mini Parliament**, who recently interviewed **Rob Gardner from MoneyReady** as part of our ongoing commitment to financial fluency. We will continue working to prepare our children to be financially confident and free in the future, a vital skill for life. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where every child can flourish.

Regards
Mr Bhatti
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 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)

- 5 Jan - Pupils return to school
- 12 Jan - Year 3 Money Ready Workshop
- 22 Jan - Year 5 Delight in Shakespeare
- 9 Feb - Year 5 <omey Ready Workshop
- w/c 16 Feb - Half-Term
- 23 Feb - Pupils return to school

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

Parent Governor Vacancy!

Parents, step up and help shape our school's future! We have an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our Governing Board. Look out for the email and application form, which has been sent to all parents today.

Closing date for applications is
Friday 28th November 2025.

THANKYOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS TO THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Maths Workshop



Thank you to the parents who attended the
Maths workshop



Highlights from the week

EYFS

This week in Early Years, we have continued exploring our story 'Astro Girl', and the children have been delighted to learn even more about Space. They used their creativity and imagination to build their own rockets and had lots of fun making glittery moon dust – which felt wonderfully squidgy!

We also explored non-fiction information about Space, looking closely at different objects we might find. The children enjoyed discussing what they had learnt with their partners and sharing their new knowledge. Finally, we made our very own star cookies, carefully following the recipe and mixing the ingredients just like Astrid does in the story.



Year 1

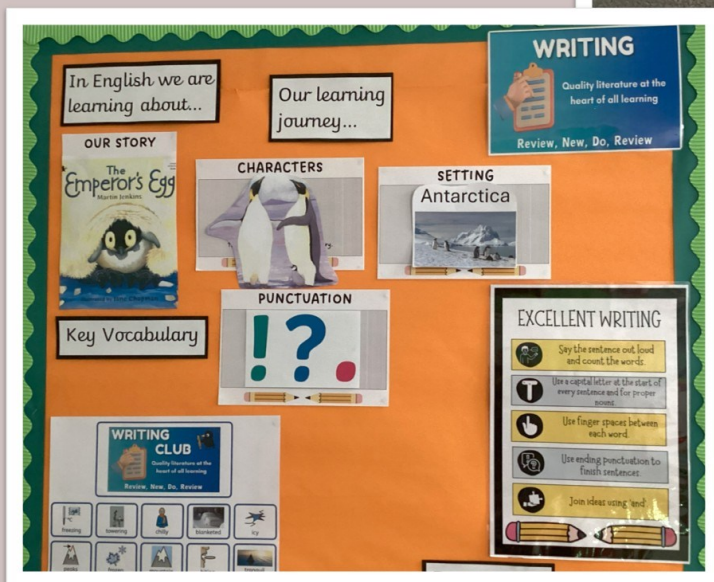
The children learnt that the addition symbol (+) can be used to represent combining two or more parts and the equals symbol (=) can be used to show the equivalence between the whole and the sum of the parts. The children explored number sentences written in a different order, such as $4 = 1 + 3$. We used

“First, then, now” stories and part whole models to represent the number sentences.



Year 2

Year 2 children have been using *The Emperor's Egg* to explore fascinating facts about emperor penguins while also developing their writing skills. Through the story, they learned how penguin parents care for their chicks, how they survive in the Antarctic, and why the father penguin plays such an important



role. The rich vocabulary and clear structure of the text helped the children improve their own descriptive writing, and they enjoyed creating sentences that explained penguin behaviours in their own words. This engaging book has supported both their understanding of the natural world and their confidence as young writers.

Year 3

This week in year 3 we have been learning about how plastic pollution affects our world. In this lesson we we worked in groups to give reasons for plastic problems and presented our persuasive arguments as a song, dance or speech, to promote our ideas.



Year 4

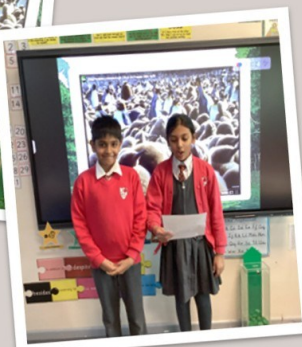
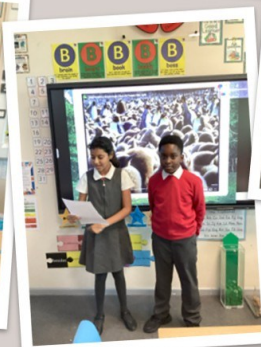
This week in maths, Year 4 have been working diligently on their times tables.

They have demonstrated impressive resilience and a strong sense of ambition, tackling each challenge with determination and enthusiasm.



Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been studying Scientist and Inventors. The pupils have been looking at David Attenborough's style in presenting. They have researched and made links with Antarctica on penguins lifestyle. In pairs they presented their work to the class.



Year 6

This half term we have been diving into our new text - Rose Blanche. We started by reading the first few pages and having the children work in groups to act out scenarios between different characters within the text. As you can see, they had a lot of fun! When it comes to writing our narratives and diary entries, we hope this will enable them to connect deeper with the characters emotions and thought processes.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	93.9%
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.

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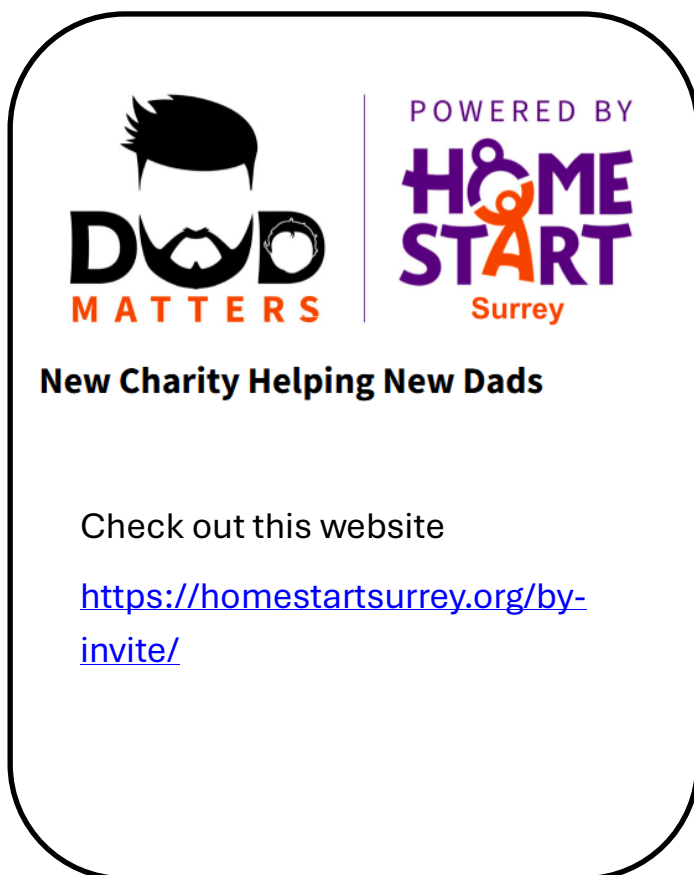
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