



Dear Families

Festivities are well and truly in full swing at Town Farm and the school has been filled with excitement, music and Christmas sparkle throughout the week. It has been a joy to gather as a community and celebrate the hard work of our pupils who have been rehearsing so enthusiastically over the past few weeks.

Our pupils in EYFS and Year 1 brought so much joy with their Christmas singing. Seeing our youngest children standing proudly on stage and sharing their songs with such confidence was a real highlight. Their enthusiasm reminded us of the true magic of this time of year.

Years 3 and 4 entertained us with their lively performance of *Prickly Hay*. The children embraced the cowboy theme beautifully and delivered a show full of humour, storytelling and brilliant character work. Every class played their part and the effort the children put into their singing, acting and dancing was very clear.

Our celebrations continued at St Mary's Church where Years 4, 5 and 6 led a beautiful carol service. The atmosphere was calm and reflective and the children sang with great warmth and skill. Their solo and group performances were particularly moving and we were very proud of the way they represented the school.

Well done to all of our pupils for their hard work in rehearsals and for the confidence they showed on stage. It was also wonderful to see such well-attended performances. Thank you to all the families who came along and supported the children. Your encouragement makes a real difference and helps build the sense of community we value so highly.

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

16 Dec - Year 4 Delight Art Showcase @ 2:45pm
17 Dec - Christmas Jumper day
17 Dec - Christmas Lunch
18 Dec - The Great Book Giveaway
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
5 & 6 Feb - Dansically Workshops
9 Feb - Year 5 Money 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

The festive fun has continued in school. This week the children enjoyed a hilarious performance of *Peter Pan* in our Christmas pantomime. There was lots of laughter and excitement as the actors interacted with their audience. It was a wonderful shared experience that added an extra sparkle to the week.

Looking ahead, the celebrations do not stop there. We are very excited for **Christmas jumper and dinner** day on Wednesday. This is always one of the most cheerful days of the school year and we know the children will enjoy spending time together celebrating the festive season before we head towards the Christmas break.

Thank you again for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Shrimpton
Deputy Head

Peter Pan Panto comes to Town Farm



Town Farm is a nut free school

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction; just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Please can we ask that you help us to keep all children safe by packing your child a nut free lunchbox.

Foods that must not be in a lunchbox include:

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| • Peanut butter sandwiches or cakes | Chocolate spreads |
| • Cereal bars which contain nuts | Granola bars which contain nuts |
| • Cakes that contain nuts | Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts |
| • Sauces that contain nuts including satay | |

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and thank you in advance for your co-operation and support with this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.



Parking

We have received several complaints regarding people who are parking across neighbouring driveways and on the roundabout whilst dropping off and collecting their children from school. We ask that parents are mindful of where and how they park at both ends of the school day. It is important that we preserve the good relationship Town Farm has with our neighbours. We would also ask you to help keep everyone safe by not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines even if this means parking a little further away and walking.

Please also note that the car park is for staff and authorised visitors only.



Highlights from the week

EYFS

This week in Early Years, we introduced our new story *Aliens Love Underpants*. The children were very excited when we received a special letter asking for help to find the underpants that had fallen out of the aliens' spaceship! We searched high and low and discovered them hanging on our Christmas tree and even perched on poor Teddy's head. Throughout the week, we explored different patterns, learned their names, and even designed our own colourful pairs of underpants using the patterns we had learned.

Nursery children have been busy getting creative this week! They enjoyed making their own reindeers using playdough, carefully shaping the antlers and features. They also had lots of fun baking yummy spaceship cookies—just right for our

Dear Children,
Can you please help us?
We crashed our spaceship
on your roof and all of our
underpants fell out of the
spaceship. Can you find
them for us before we
have to fly home?
Thank you
From
The Aliens



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have continued their learning about subtraction and have learnt to subtract using a number line. The children learnt to count back to find the answers. They learnt to understand that the first number in the number sentence is the number we start from, the second is the number of jumps back and the last number is the one we land on.



Year 2

Year 2 children had great fun acting out the different parts of the Gunpowder Plot story. They took on roles such as Guy Fawkes, King James, and the plotters, using simple props and expressive movements to bring the events to life. Through drama, they explored how the plot was planned, discovered, and stopped, helping them understand the story in an engaging and memorable way.



Year 3

Y3 have worked incredibly hard to learn the lyrics, dance actions and words to our Christmas production of 'Prickly Hay' and gave a wonderful performance to their friends and families – making the whole Y3 team tremendously proud!



Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been studying the book *Leon and the Place Between* in their English lessons this term. Today, they completed the text and, working in groups, created a continuation scene extending the story beyond the last page. Each group selected their own characters, remained in role throughout the activity, and incorporated appropriate actions to bring their scenes to life.



Year 5

Our pupils loved meeting and performing for their pen pals last Friday at Ashford House, Barchester Care Home in Stanwell. This Town Farm tradition is a highlight of our year and we are always so overwhelmed with the kindness shown towards our pupils. It was wonderful to see such heartwarming interactions between the oldest and youngest members of our community. We know the memories made are cherished by everyone.

A special thanks to Kirsty and her amazing team who truly think of everything. We all felt thoroughly spoilt and it incredibly generous of everyone to provide each pupil (and teachers) with a Christmas gift bag too. However, the greatest gift of all was the opportunity to spend time together with so much festive cheer!



Year 6

This week Year 6 were visited by the Chertsey Museum to complete our WWII topic. It was a great opportunity for us all to hear how the local community was impacted and we thoroughly enjoyed getting to see actual WWII artifacts.



Our Community of Awesome Authors: Tom Palmer

We are so fortunate to have a community of awesome authors who support our school.

A huge thank you to British award-winning author Tom Palmer for supporting our Town Farm pupils this Christmas. He has generously donated hand-picked books based upon our pupils' interests to sponsor further reading for a selection of pupils in KS2. With his family, he has also written personalised signed Christmas cards for them too. Congratulations to the lucky recipients: Annabelle, Amelia, Arslan, Issy, Jacob, Luna, Marharyta and Petra.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.0%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.5%
Overall attendance to date	94.9%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Hillary 98.6%

2nd Place - Beethoven &
Darwin 97.6%

3rd Place - Blyton 97.3%

Most Improved—Beethoven
up 6%

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 -

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PROMISE SPORTS COACHING

CHRISTMAS CAMP & NEW YEARS PARTY

OFSTED REGISTERED

DBS Certified Adult Staff Team

FOUR FANTASTIC DATES

Monday December 22nd
Tuesday December 23rd AND Friday January 2nd
Wednesday December 24th

Activities :

- > Multi Activity
- > Sports Spectacular
- > Gymnastics
- > Football
- > Arts & Crafts
- > & MUCH MORE!

Register Now :

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<https://promise-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/camps>

Hosted at:

Clarendon Primary School

TW15 2HZ

@Promisesportscoaching






For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE
DROP IN
SESSION



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org

Runnymede Borough Council

Online Course

strengthening families

strengthening communities

For Expectant Parents/ Early Years Help; group starting on Thursday 8 January 2026 at 14:30pm

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

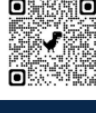
- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
- Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
- Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **Group starting (Parents of Neurodivergent Children Only) Monday 26 January at 7:30pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
- Hear from others about what works for them.



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