



Dear Families

I hope you have had a good week.

Despite the rainy weather, the children have shown real resilience and positivity, especially during wet playtimes. Staff have supported children to make the most of indoor play and social time and it has been lovely to see pupils continuing to demonstrate such brilliant manners and a calm approach, even when routines need to change.

This week, Year 3 took part in a fantastic Money Ready workshop, which was a great success. The children explored how we earn money and, importantly, how to budget sensibly by considering the difference between wants and needs. They were engaged throughout and showed great maturity in their discussions and decision making. This learning forms an important part of developing pupils' real-life skills for the modern world.

We are also extremely proud of our Year 5 pupils, who are embarking on rehearsals for their production of *Macbeth* in association with the Delight Charity. They are getting on brilliantly as they begin to understand what it takes to put on a live performance, not only as actors but also by taking on different roles within a theatre production, including stage hands, lighting and technical support. It has been wonderful to see their teamwork, confidence and creativity growing already.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs Shrimpton
Deputy Head

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 21 Jan - Parent Partnership Workshop - Year 1 Phonics
- 22 Jan - Year 5 Delight in Shakespeare
- 5 & 6 Feb - Dansicality Workshops
- 9 Feb - Year 5 Money Ready Workshop
- 12 Feb - Valentine's Disco
- w/c 16 Feb - **Half-Term**
- 23 Feb - Pupils return to school
- 4 Mar - Parents' Evening
- 10 Mar - Year 4 trip to Whipsnade
- w/c 16 Mar - Scholastic Booky Fayre
- 20 Mar - Annual Beehive Cup
- 27 Mar - **END OF TERM (finish 1:30pm)**

- 13 Apr - **Pupils return to school**
- 13 Apr - Year 5 Joy of Movement workshop
- 14 Apr - Year 5 Bikeability Try-it-out Day
- 27 Apr - Year 2 Money Ready Workshop
- 28 & 29 Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training
- 4 May - BANK HOLIDAY
- w/c 11 May - Year 6 KS2 SATs
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 20 May - Sports Day
- 1 Jun - Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 8 Jun - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10 Jun - Year 5 Maya Workshop
- w/c 14 Jun - Year 6 Bude Residential
- 25 Jun - School Readiness Meeting
- 30 Jun - Secondary Transition Day (please check with individual schools as the date may differ)
- 1 Jul - New Nursery stay & play
- 6 Jul - Moving up day
- 22 Jul - **END OF TERM (finish at 1:30pm)**

(Dates subject to change)

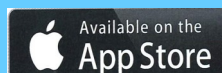
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KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Arbor App

Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and logged on. Please ensure all contact details are up-to-date. You will need the app to book your parent consultation.

The Arbor App is available on:



Highlights from the week

Year 3

In year three this week, in science, the pupils have been identifying and classifying rocks. They have learnt about the three categories of rock – sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic and in this lesson they were testing: permeability, durability, density and classifying whether the rock is hard or soft.



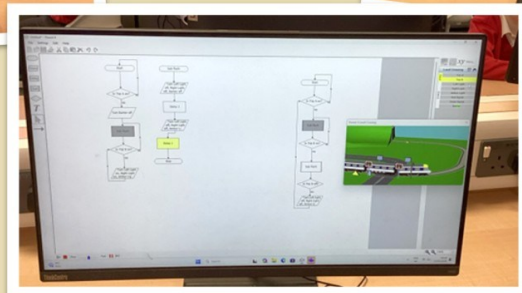
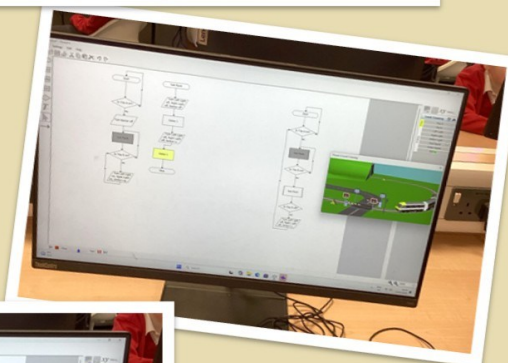
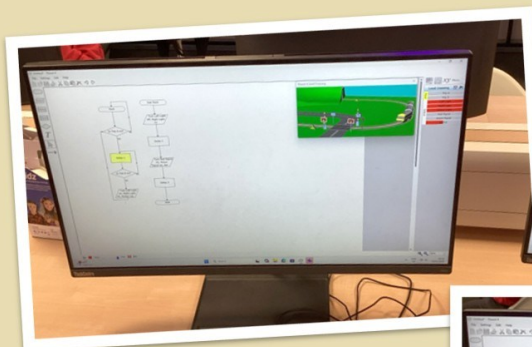
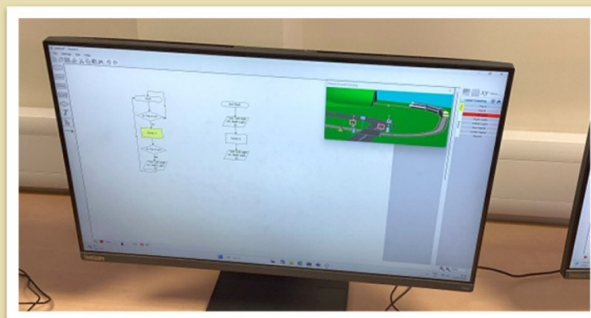
Year 1

This half term in maths, Year 1 have been learning about place value within 20. The children have explored numbers from 11 to 20, focusing on how they are made using tens and ones. They have also been learning how the order of the digits is important, understanding that writing numbers correctly shows their value (for example, 17 means one ten and seven ones, not seventy-one).



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been using the program Flowol to write flowcharts that control flashing lights when a train approaches and turns them off when the train has passed by. We also create two subroutines that control the barriers gates to close and reopen.



Year 4

This week we have been continuing the mystery of the Iron Man robot by working in teams to put the robot pack together. Using team work, communication skills and logical thinking year 4 have been able to reassemble the robot.



EYFS

In Early Years this term, we have been very busy working hard in Maths and exploring some exciting new concepts.

During one session, we learned about odd and even numbers using Numicon shapes to help us see whether a number had one left over. We then used partner cards to find a new partner and were given five objects. One partner closed their eyes while the other selected some of the objects. When we opened our eyes, we had to decide whether the number was odd or even and explain how we knew by pairing the objects to check if one was left without a partner.

In another session, we sorted picture cards into groups of 'Zero' and 'Not Zero'. We then played a matching pairs game, working in teams to turn over two cards at a time to see if they showed different representations of the same number.

Nursery have also been busy going on a shape hunt and painting circle pictures.



Healthy Relationship Ambassador MPs in Action

Our Mini Parliament, in their role as Healthy Relationship Ambassadors, delivered a thoughtful and inspiring whole-school assembly. They reminded everyone about the Five Ways to Wellbeing and the The Zones of Regulation, clearly explaining how the two are closely linked in supporting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We were incredibly proud of how the pupils planned the assembly independently, supported one another and spoke confidently in front of their peers. A special mention goes to Avani in Year 2 as the youngest speaker, who showed great courage. Although she was feeling nervous, she was warmly applauded for her contribution about the importance of *giving*. She shared the powerful message: *"It is not about giving presents, you can give a smile."* Her words were met with a huge round of applause from the whole school. The hot chocolate breathing lead by Fatima in Y6 was also a huge success.

This assembly was a wonderful example of our school values in action — showing resilience, determination, courage and respect for others.



Important Notices

Aspens Caterers

Please remember to
order school lunches by
8:00am each day on the
SwiftKitchen app

If your child is off sick,
please also remember to
cancel.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

12th February

Sticky Chinese Chicken
with Egg Noodles

Or

Sticky Chinese Veggie Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

And

Chinese Five
Spice Cupcakes



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ALLERGY FREE MENU

Sticky Chinese Chicken Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

Or

Sticky Chinese Veggie Rice
with Mixed Green Vegetables

And

Ginger Cookies



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.9%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	94.5%
Overall attendance to date	94.7%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Zephaniah 99.3%

2nd Place - Darwin 98.0%

3rd Place - Ive 97.3%

Most Improved - Zephaniah up 8%

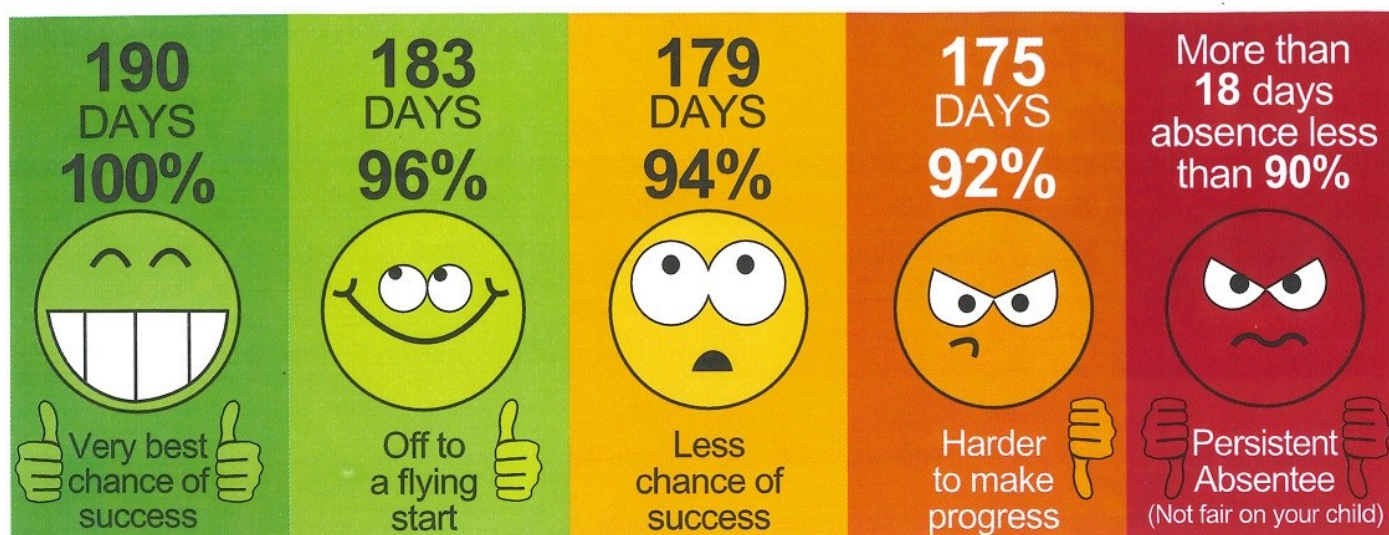
Statutory Notice

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.



Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start volunteer you could make a BIG difference to a local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times. And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Challenges such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



**Our next training course starts Tuesday
29th January, sign up today!**



What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories.

Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I started volunteering with Home-Start in March 2024 & I have loved every minute. I first thought I'd struggle with the commitment because life can be busy and ever changing, but with good communication with your family you can work around both of your schedules, really making it the most rewarding volunteering I've done. If you're considering volunteering, I really do encourage you to go for it, not only will you change the life of a family in need, but you'll also learn new things & meet some lovely people along the way.



"Grateful to have been supported by this fantastic charity! So selfless and special! Helped me through tough times and gave me confidence in my parenting. My children adored the volunteer and were sad when our time ended with them"

Contact us to find out more!
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February Holiday Activities

Make a Viking Longship

18th Feb 2026
11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm
Cost: £4.50

Come along to the museum to find out more about longships and then make your own out of card - complete with a dragon's head on the front!
Age: 5-12. (5 year olds with an adult)

Roman Mosaics

19th Feb 2025
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Cost: £4.50

Find out about Roman mosaic tiles and then make your own creation using stone mosaic pieces and grout.

Age: 5-12 (5 year olds with an adult)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/half-term-holiday-activities>
Or by phone 01932 565764



www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place



back in 2026
by popular demand!

Kids Saturday



From buttons to back stitch, blanket stitch to daisy stitch - come along and learn how to sew.

Learn a new stitch each month and take home your handsewn creations.

Suitable for ages 7 to 12
£4.00 per session
Advanced booking required

11.15am
to
12.30pm

7 February

7 March

4 April

Book online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/saturday-sewing-circle>

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