



Dear Families,

It has been another busy and enriching week at Town Farm School.

Year 5 were treated to a fantastic visit from Delight in Shakespeare, where trained actors brought *Macbeth* to life through a live performance and workshop. The children were fully engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and showed great enthusiasm throughout. A special mention must go to Ms Patel, who bravely took on a cameo role as Macduff, much to the delight of the children!

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who attended our phonics session this week. It was very well attended, and it was wonderful to see children actively involved alongside their families. We hope you will find the resources shared useful and that they help support our ambition to develop strong early language skills and a love of reading from the very start.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Mr Bhatti
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 5 & 6 Feb - Dansically 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
- 11 Jun - Year 3 Natural History Museum
- 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)

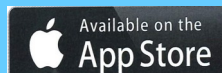
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KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

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

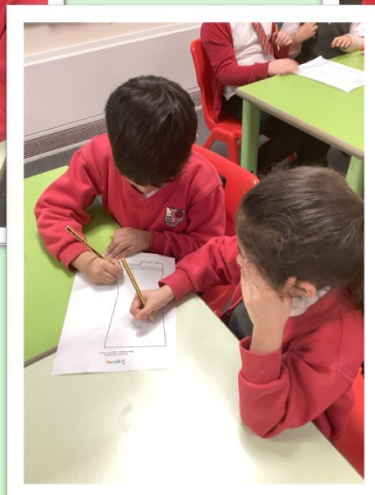
EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued our topic *Into the Woods* with a new story, *A Brave Bear*. The children began the week by discovering the teddy bears demonstrating their bravery as they completed an obstacle course with a thrilling zip line. We talked about what it means to be brave, and the children shared their own experiences, from going to the dentist to being brave after falling over. In Reception, the children continued their learning about different types of bears, finding out about where they live and what makes each bear special. In Nursery, the children have continued learning about shapes, focusing this week on shapes with straight sides. They explored this in a fun and active way by using their own bodies to make the sides of a square and a triangle together. It has been a lovely week full of confidence, teamwork, and new learning.



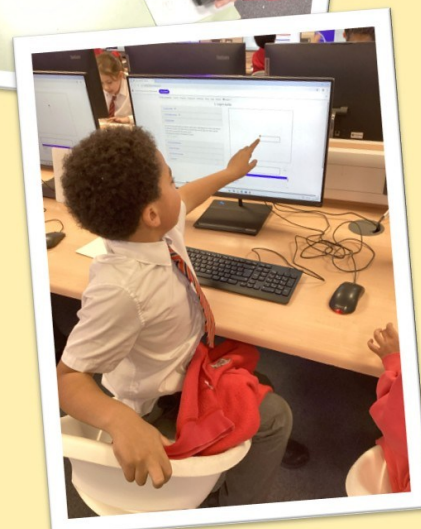
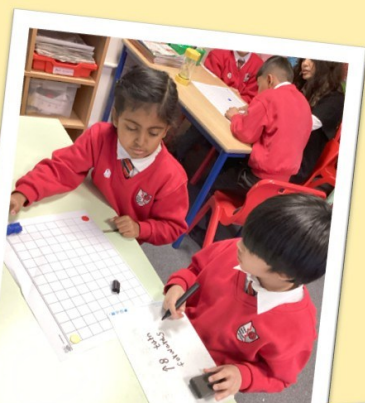
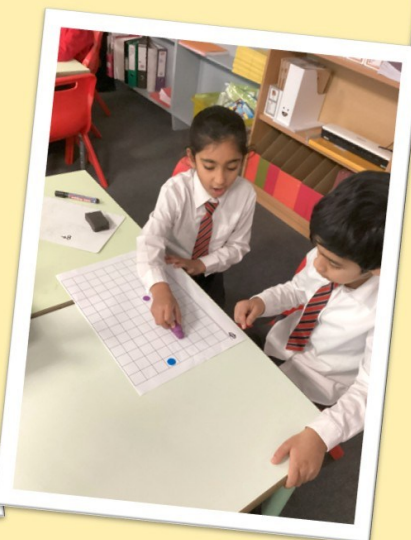
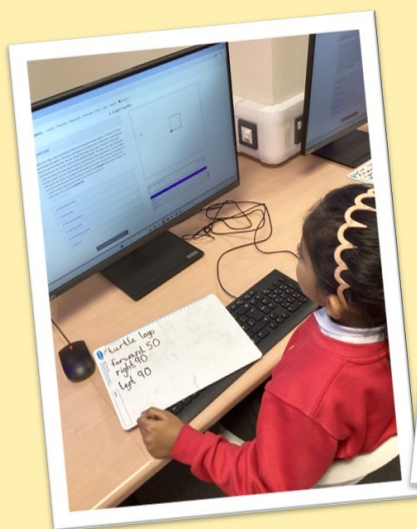
Year 1

This week in PHSE, the children have been learning how to achieve a goal by working collaboratively. They were able to share their ideas, understand how to work with each other and when they had different ideas they had to compromise in order to achieve the goal successfully; which was to design a wellington boot.



Year 2

The Year 2 children used small objects and counters on a grid to practise giving directions. They moved the objects step by step using words such as forward, backward, left, and right, helping them understand position and movement. This hands-on activity supported their understanding of directions, sequencing, and giving clear instructions before moving on to computing tasks. They then used the Turtle Logo program to learn how different directions worked in computing. By giving the turtle simple commands, they explored how instructions controlled movement on the screen. This helped them understand sequencing, directions, and how clear instructions were needed to make the turtle draw the correct shapes and paths.



Year 3

By the age of seven, children begin to understand basic financial concepts such as saving, spending and making choices. Therefore, our Y3 pupils have taken part in a workshop run by Money Ready (a financial education charity) to learn about budgeting, understanding needs vs wants and saving for a treat. They earned £25 and had to spend it wisely!



Year 4

In history this week we have been continuing learning about the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. After reading a Viking poem Year 4 were able to act out and recap events from the Viking times. Every group showed collaborative working and respect for others.

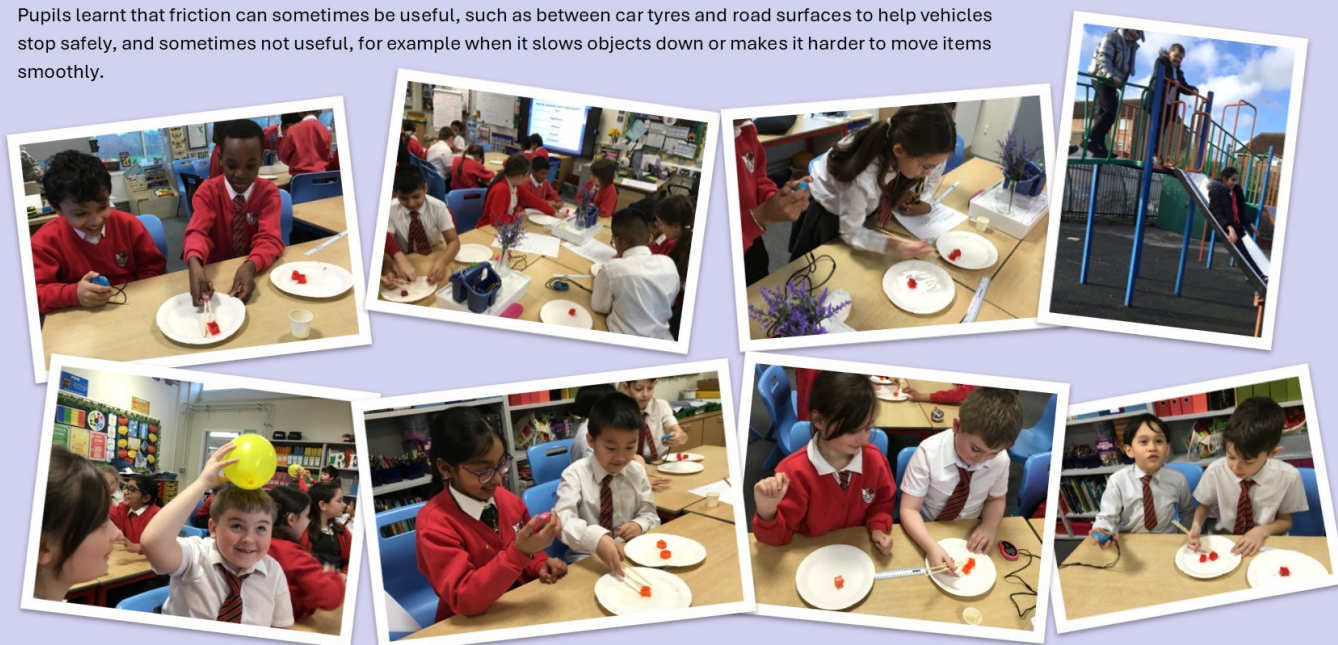


Year 5

Year 5 pupils worked scientifically to investigate the effect of forces, with a focus on friction. At the start of the lesson, they discussed how different types of clothing can affect how fast someone goes down a slide, helping them link the concept of friction to real-life experiences. They also enjoyed rubbing their hands together furiously to discover friction generates heat!

After, the balloons came out! Rubbing them on their heads and explaining the effect, observing how friction causes static electricity, making the balloons stick. Pupils particularly enjoyed the big jelly experiment, where they were challenged to move sticky cubes between two plates using chopsticks. They then covered the cubes in oil to see whether this changed the time it took to move them - reducing the friction.

Pupils learnt that friction can sometimes be useful, such as between car tyres and road surfaces to help vehicles stop safely, and sometimes not useful, for example when it slows objects down or makes it harder to move items smoothly.



Year 5 Delight in Shakespeare

A bewitching performance this week by the Guildford Shakespeare Company ignited the imaginations of pupils who were clearly born for the stage. Every one of them became an actor, stepping into their roles with confidence and enthusiasm as Macbeth was performed for them. They were proud to demonstrate the progress they had made in their own performances as they blocked scenes alongside the actors and took on board their valuable advice on improving staging. It was invaluable to receive guidance from industry professionals, and we can't wait to transport Stanwell back in time to witness the mystery, mayhem and murder that will come to life on stage.

The actors are cast, the spell-binding magic is underway and we can't wait to welcome an audience of Y5 parents and carers on **Tuesday 2nd March**.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.7%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	94.5%
Overall attendance to date	94.7%

Best Attendance this week

- 1st Place** - Hawking 99.3%
- 2nd Place - Zephaniah 98.6%
- 3rd Place - Ahlberg 98.3%

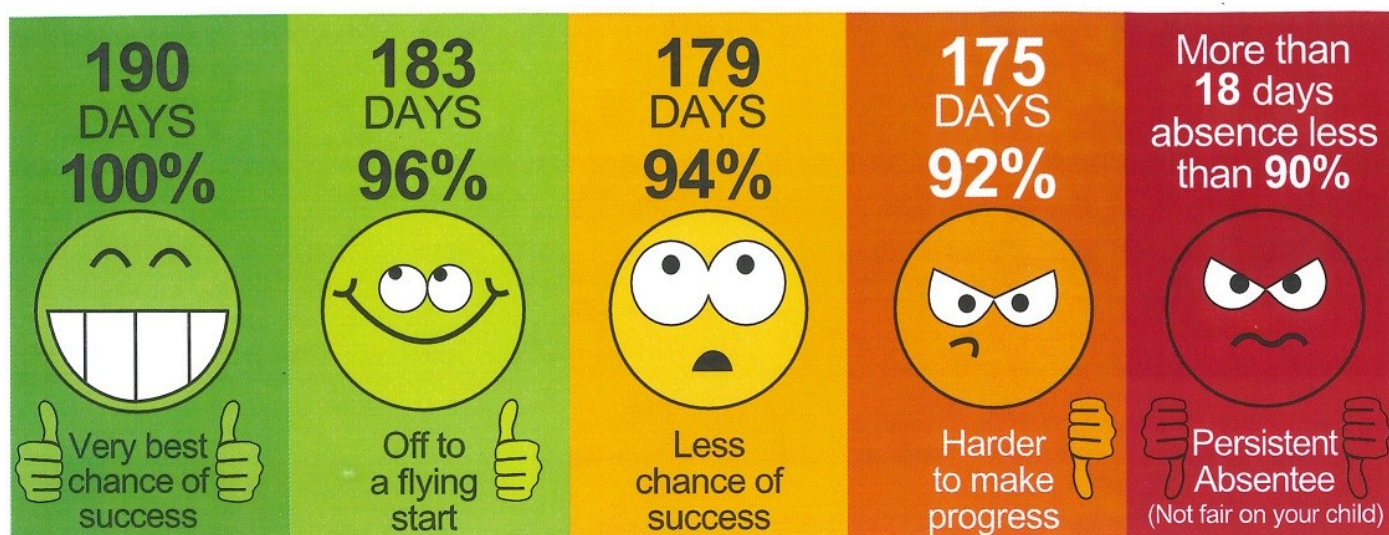
Statutory Notice

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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Stay'n'Play for Dads

Wednesday, February 4th

Clarendon Family Centre, 1pm - 2.30pm
1 Knapp Road, Ashford, TW15 2HZ

Dads – bring your little ones along to join us for a FREE stay'n'play session! Open to all dads and their kids under 5 – it's a relaxed and friendly space for games, activities and bonding time. A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

Sign up for free here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staynplay-for-dads-tickets-1979875039540>

This session is only open to residents of Spelthorne, however Dad Matters Surrey regularly runs other events for new dads, so please follow us for other opportunities.



homestartsurrey.org/dad-matters
Charity no. 1154913



6pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday, February 10th

New Dad Workshop

Online

Calling all dads-to-be and new dads with babies under 12 weeks old. We're excited to be working with Spelthorne Family Centre to offer a FREE New Dad Workshop, designed to support you through the early days of parenthood.

This relaxed and supportive session will cover:

- Bonding and attachment
- Mum's & dad's mental health and wellbeing
- Where to go for help, advice, and support
- Coping with a crying baby
- Supporting your partner

Whether this is your first baby or you're just looking for reassurance, this workshop is a safe space to ask questions, build confidence, and connect with other dads.

Sign up for free here: [NDWFeb10.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-dad-workshop-tickets-1979875039540)

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online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am
3rd March 7-8:30pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code

