



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank goodness this is the final week of January and we can look ahead to (hopefully!) brighter, longer days and more pleasant weather. January has certainly tested us all, but the children have continued to show real resilience and enthusiasm across the school.

This week, our Year 1 pupils enjoyed an excellent trip to Brooklands Museum, linked closely to their learning about the history of travel and transport. The children were a real credit to the school, demonstrating impeccable behaviour on the coach and while walking around the exhibits. They were fascinated by what they saw, including historic racing cars, early aircraft and the iconic Concorde, which sparked lots of thoughtful questions and excitement. It was wonderful to see their classroom learning brought to life so vividly and we are very proud of how they represented Town Farm.

Year 5 continue to work incredibly hard as rehearsals for Macbeth gather pace. Roles and responsibilities have now been allocated and pupils are really rising to the challenge, showing commitment, teamwork and growing confidence as they bring the production together.

With the weather being so changeable at the moment, please ensure children are coming to school dressed appropriately, with warm and waterproof clothing where needed, so they can stay comfortable throughout the day.

Looking ahead, our Valentine's disco is coming up soon. Please look out for a letter coming home with your child with full details. It promises to be a *heart-stoppingly* fabulous time.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a very lovely weekend.

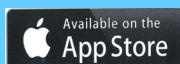
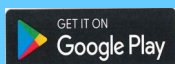
Mrs Shrimpton

Deputy Head

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.

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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)**
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- 13 Apr - **Pupils return to school**
- 13 Apr - Year 5 Joy of Movement workshop
- 14 Apr - Year 5 Bikeability Try-it-out Day
- 19 Apr - Year R Dance performance & Family craft activity: Rosen AM and Donaldson PM (times to be advised)
- 27 Apr - Year 2 Money Ready Workshop
- 28 & 29 Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training
- 4 May - BANK HOLIDAY
- 7 May - Year 2 Hampton court
- w/c 11 May - Year 6 KS2 SATs
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 20 May - Sports Day
- 1 Jun - Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 3 Jun - Year 5 Wetlands
- 8 Jun - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10 Jun - Class Photographs
- 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)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

Highlights from the week

EYFS

In Early Years the children have been developing their confidence in drawing and writing. Both Nursery and Reception children take part in Drawing Club each day - our current text is "A Brave Bear." The children in Nursery are always keen to do their own drawings based on our text and then talk to their key worker about their drawings. In Reception many children are not only drawing but writing independently as well. In maths the Nursery children have been learning about shapes and going on shape hunts while in Reception they have been learning about mass and using the balances to explore "heavier", "lighter" and "equal".



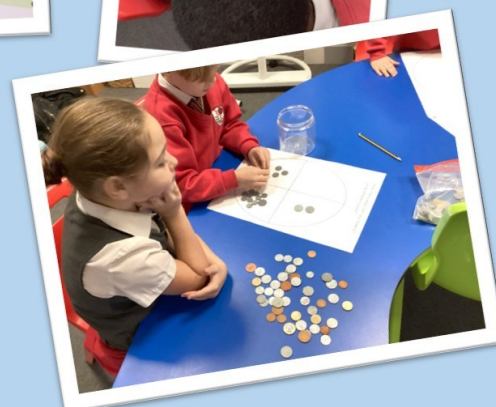
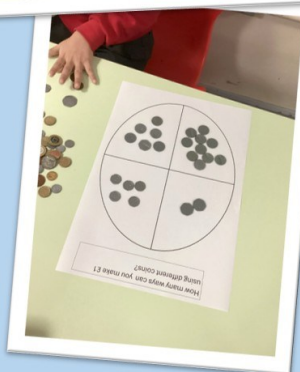
Year 1

On Monday, Year 1 received a very special letter addressed to the Amazing Astronomers! It was from a character in their new story, Rocket, who asked for their help after spotting something incredible through her telescope. Rocket left behind some exciting evidence for the pupils to explore, and they carefully examined it thinking about what they could see. The children then wrote sentences describing their observations, and they are excited to find out what Rocket really discovered through her telescope.



Year 2

Year 2 children can learn how to make £1 in different ways by using coins such as 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, and 50p. They can practise adding coins together to check that the total is £1, for example using two 50p coins, five 20p coins, or one 50p, two 20p, and one 10p. By sorting, counting, and swapping coins, children begin to understand that the same amount of money can be made in different ways. This helps them build confidence with counting in pence and recognising the value of different coins.



Year 3

In year 3, the pupils have been handling genuine dinosaur fossils, as part of their science topic this term on rocks. The pupils were extremely excited to hold objects that were millions of years old and were particularly fascinated by the coprolite – fossilised dinosaur poo!



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been creating traps for the Iron Man. Pupils have been working collaboratively to brainstorm logical traps for a colossal metal monster. Groups then had to pitch their ideas and answer questions about how their trap would succeed.



Year 5

Year 5: our super scientists feel the force by taking flight! This week, pupils carried out another exciting experiment; building on last week's jelly cube friction investigation to discover forces all around them. The young scientists designed and tested parachutes in three different sizes to investigate whether size affects how quickly an object falls. Their goal was to keep their paratrooper safe by creating the slowest descent — discovering that the parachute with the greatest air resistance fell the slowest.

Pupils particularly enjoyed planning a fair test and after analysing their results decided that next time they could extend their research by experimenting with different materials to explore their impact on air resistance and also repeat it to improve validity.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been reading the book *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. Their task this week was to create a comic strip depicting the story of Prince Otto, Princess Mariposa, and the fate of their child Prince Florian. They have become incredibly engrossed in the story, wondering what could happen after its ending, and we can't wait to see where their imaginations take them next!



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.4%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	94.5%
Overall attendance to date	94.7%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Blyton 97.5%

2nd Place - Mozart 95.9%

3rd Place - Darwin 95.8%

Most improved - Mozart by 1%

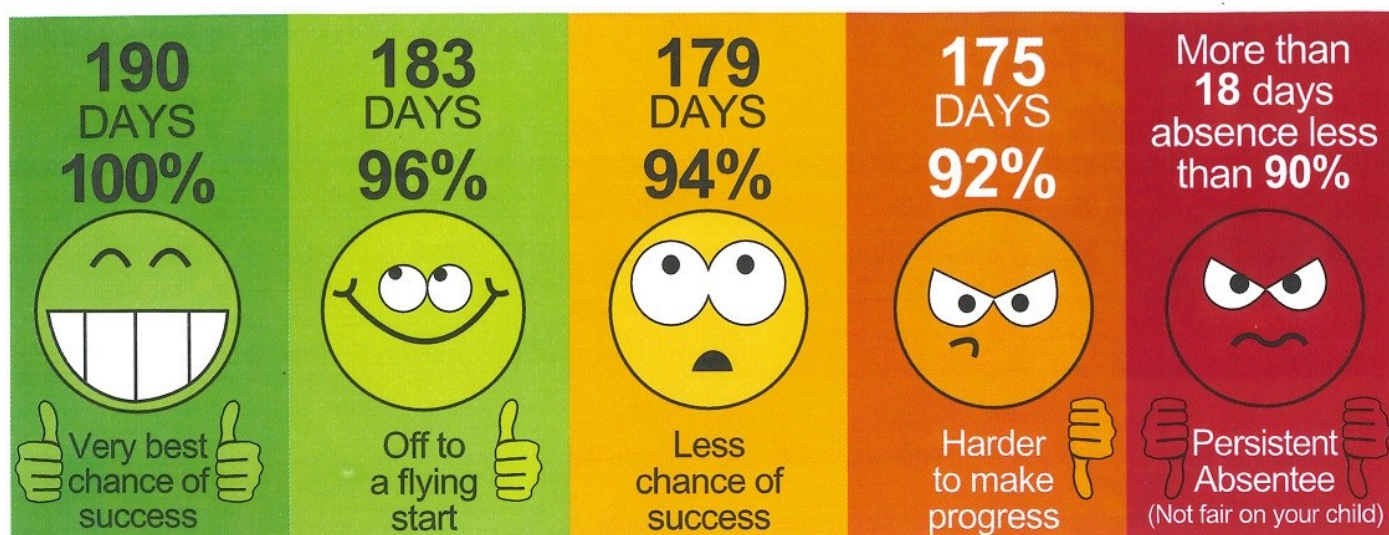
Statutory Notice

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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