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Dear families

It's been an exciting and busy week at Town Farm! Our year groups have been fully immersed in Science Week, engaging in hands-on experiments, investigations, and plenty of curiosity-filled learning. We are also incredibly proud of the pupils who represented our school at the recent Hockey Tournament—they demonstrated fantastic teamwork and determination, bringing home the gold medal! A huge well done to everyone involved.

Growing Our Online Presence – Thank You for 23.4K Views!

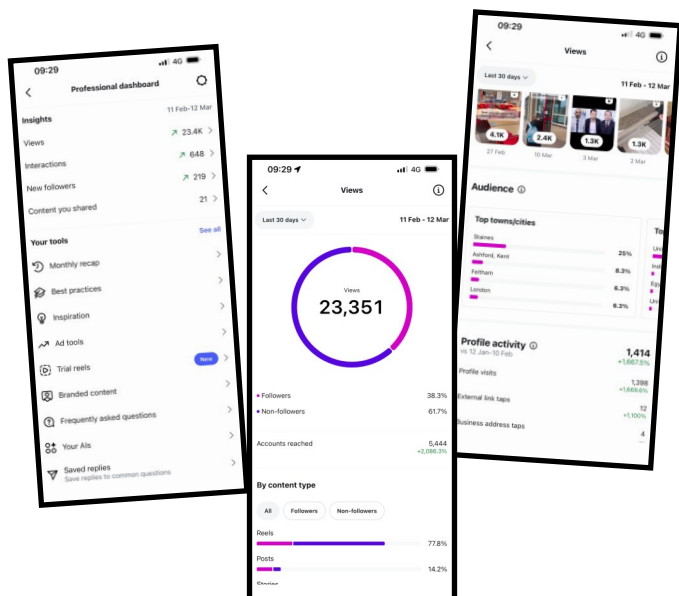
Over the past few months, we've been working hard to strengthen our online presence and make it easier for families to stay connected with everything happening at school. Thanks to your support, our content has now reached **over 23.4k views** across our platforms!

From celebrating pupil achievements to sharing important updates, events, and snapshots of daily school life, our online channels are becoming a vibrant window into our community.

We're excited to keep building on this momentum.

Follow us to stay up to date with what's going on in school and never miss a moment!

Have a good weekend



Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- w/c 16 Mar - Scholastic Book Fayre
- 20 Mar - Annual Beehive Cup
- 24 Mar - Nursery Parent book look @ 9am
- 24 Mar - Reception Parent book look @ 2:45pm
- 26 Mar - Nursery Parent book look @ 9am
- 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
- 27 Apr - Living Eggs delivered
- 28 & 29 Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training
- 30 Apr - Parent Workshop (Managing children's Friendship groups)
- 4 May - BANK HOLIDAY
- 7 May - Year 2 Hampton court
- w/c 11 May - Year 6 KS2 SATs
- 12 May - Year 5 Eton College
- 19 May - Year R Dance performance & Family craft activity: Rosen AM and Donaldson PM (times to be advised)
- 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
- 2 Jul - District sports
- 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



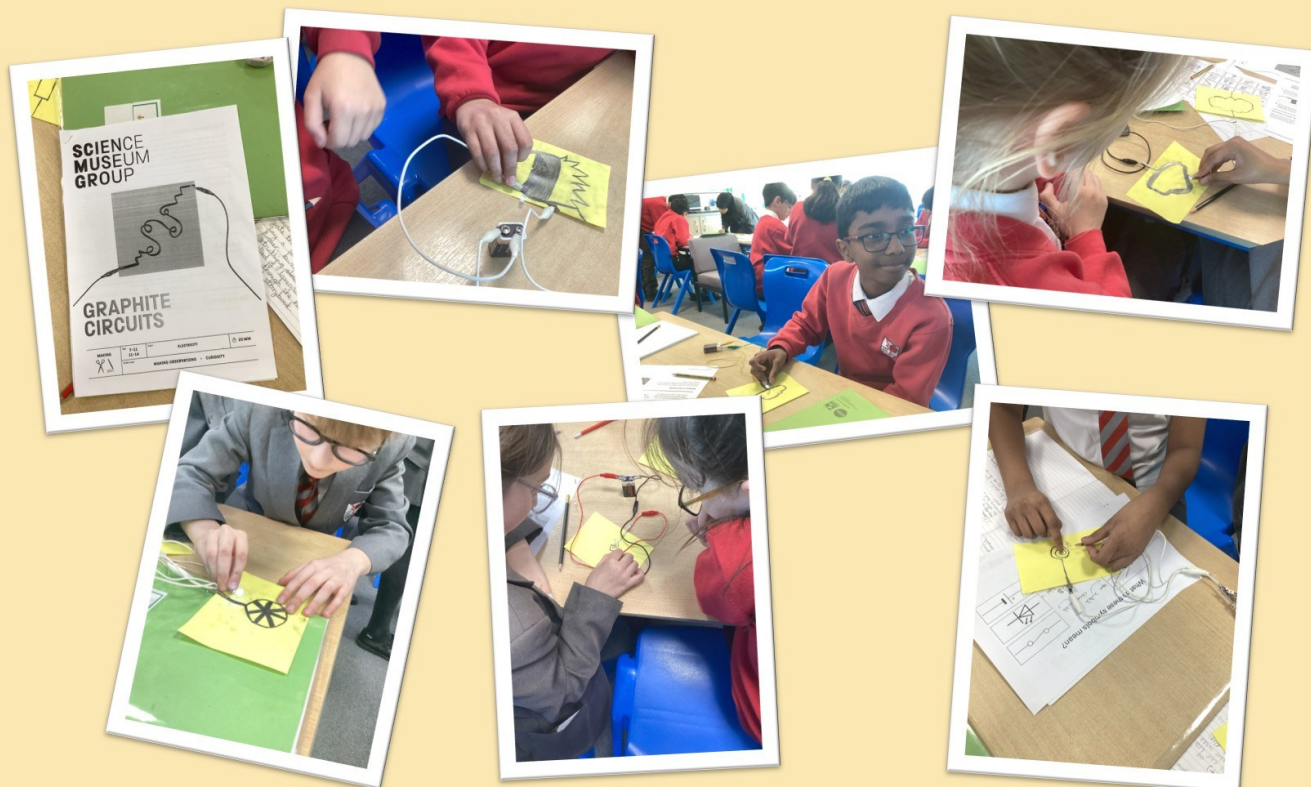
Check out our instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/townfarmschool?igsh=MWZtbDA4YTgyN3Z6cQ==>

Highlights from the week

Year 6

This week, Year 6 conducted an investigation into the properties of graphite and whether a drawing on a piece of paper would be sufficient enough to allow an electric current to pass through it and light up an LED. It took a lot of hard work, trial and error, and some help from our peers, but eventually our investigation produced a very interesting and *illuminating* result!



Year 5

Year 5 had to name and describe features of the planets in our solar system and place them in the correct order. They compared them to the sizes of fruits to create their own solar system and named them.



Year 4

Year 4 had an exciting day at the zoo this week to consolidate their Science learning. In Science year 4 had been categorising mammals and invertebrates and they had the chance to use these skills at Whipsnade Zoo. All students showed the Town Farm values and represented the school excellently.



Year 3

In science week, year 3, investigated air resistance and aerodynamics by making paper helicopters, planes and gliders. We compared how quickly a scrunched-up piece of paper took to fall to the ground, compared to the more graceful and slower descents made by our aircrafts. We particularly enjoyed racing our helicopters, planes and gliders against each other. We were surprised by how far our planes and gliders flew and how slowly our helicopters dropped, compared to the scrunched-up ball of paper.



We discussed:

Think and talk about...

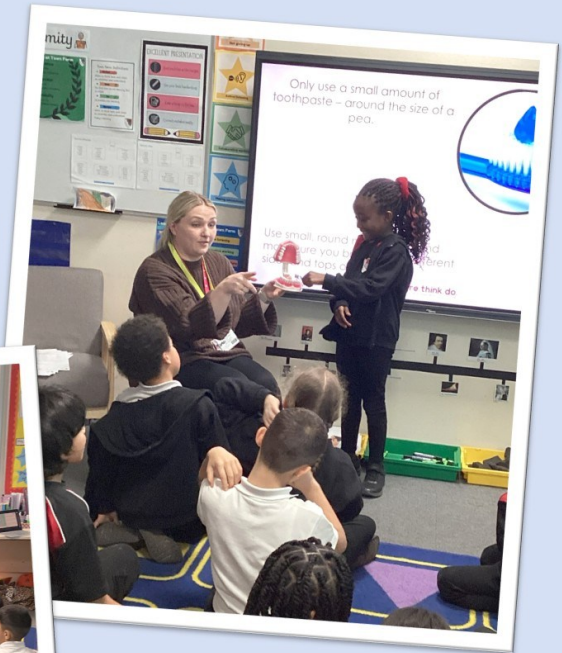
- Which design travels fastest and why do you think this is?
- Why do these designs behave differently to a scrunched-up piece of paper?
- How do your paper planes compare with the shapes of real planes you've seen?

Investigate...

- Which way does the helicopter spin? Can you make it spin the other way?
- What do you notice if you make the front of the plane heavier?
- Make your own plane design and see if you can make it travel further than the others.

Year 2

Year 2 pupils enjoyed a special visit from the school nurse, who came to talk to them about how to care for their teeth. The children learned about the importance of brushing twice a day, eating healthy foods, and visiting the dentist regularly. They also discovered how sugar can affect their teeth and why it is important to keep their smiles clean and healthy. The pupils listened carefully, asked great questions, and are now excited to take even better care of their teeth.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 had a visit from the school nurses, they talked to the children about dental hygiene. The nurses taught the children about the importance of keeping our teeth healthy; by limiting fizzy drinks and sugary foods, alongside brushing our teeth daily. The children were taught to remember the rule of '2 and 2'; brushing our teeth for two minutes, twice a day. The children were encouraged to make sure we look after our teeth and see the dentist regularly to help care for our teeth correctly.



EYFS

In Early Years, we are continuing our exciting topic **"Discovering Dinosaurs"** with a new story, *Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs*. The children were thrilled to discover a boxful of dusty dinosaurs and had great fun carefully washing them using brushes, sponges, soap and bubble bath! We have also been busy in the kitchen baking delicious shortbread cookies as a special treat for Mum for Mother's Day.



🎉
Congratulations!



**Gold medallists and winners of the Hockey
inspired shield**

Raffle ticket on sale from Monday

TOWN FARM'S EASTER EGG CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

**TICKETS ON SALE MORNING ONLY
£1 PER STRIP/20P PER TICKET**

BUNNY HOP BOOGIE

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

**EYFS and KS1 3:30 - 4:25
KS2 3:30 - 4:30**

Cost of disco: £4.00 to include a drink and a snack.

Your voice counts! Be informed.

Everyone welcome!

Town Farm PTA invites everyone to the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** followed by an **Emergency General Meeting.** (Single resolution: Proposal to dissolve the association.)

Special Resolution:
"That the Association be dissolved in accordance with the dissolution clause in the Parentkind Model Constitution (2018), and that any remaining funds, once all outstanding costs have been settled, are distributed in line with the Constitution."

**Tuesday 24th March
3:30pm
Upper school hall**

Charity no 1177374

Adults only.

Unfortunately no childcare can be provided.

Town Farm Primary School PTA
Bringing children, parents, families and staff together.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

DOG MAN Big Jim Believes
Diary of a Wimpy Kid PARTYPOOPER
POKEMON MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK
Capubara Kingdom
The Scarecrows Wedding
TOM GATES PESKY PETS PARTIES

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2020

DATE: Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th March
TIME: 3.15pm onwards
LOCATION: The Library
World Book Day tokens accepted for £1 off purchases

Scan to pay securely online!



Town Farm Primary School & Nursery

School Term Dates 2026 - 2027



	September 2026					October 2026					November 2026					December 2026						
M		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	
T		8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		
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	January 2027					February 2027					March 2027					April 2027						
M		11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
T		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		
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	May 2027					June 2027					July 2027					August 2027						
M		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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Beginning & end of term



Bank Holiday



INSET days (school closed to pupils)

NB: INSET days are subject to change.



School Holidays



Weekends

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Half-term: Monday 19th - Friday 30th October

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027

Half-term: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

Summer Term:

Monday 12th April 2027 - Wednesday 28th July 2027

Half-term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Dates are subject to change

Correct as at 14 Jan 2026

Nut-Free School Reminder

Please note that our school is **strictly nut-free**, which includes **all nuts and sesame seeds**, as well as any products **containing sesame oil or derived from sesame**.



To keep all children safe, especially those with severe allergies, please ensure that packed lunches and snacks **do not include any nuts, sesame seeds, tahini, hummus, sesame oils, or foods that may contain traces of these ingredients**.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.4%
Overall attendance to date	95.0%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Zephaniah 99.3%

2nd Place - Ahlberg 98.6%

3rd Place - Monet 98%

Most improved - Zephaniah by 3%

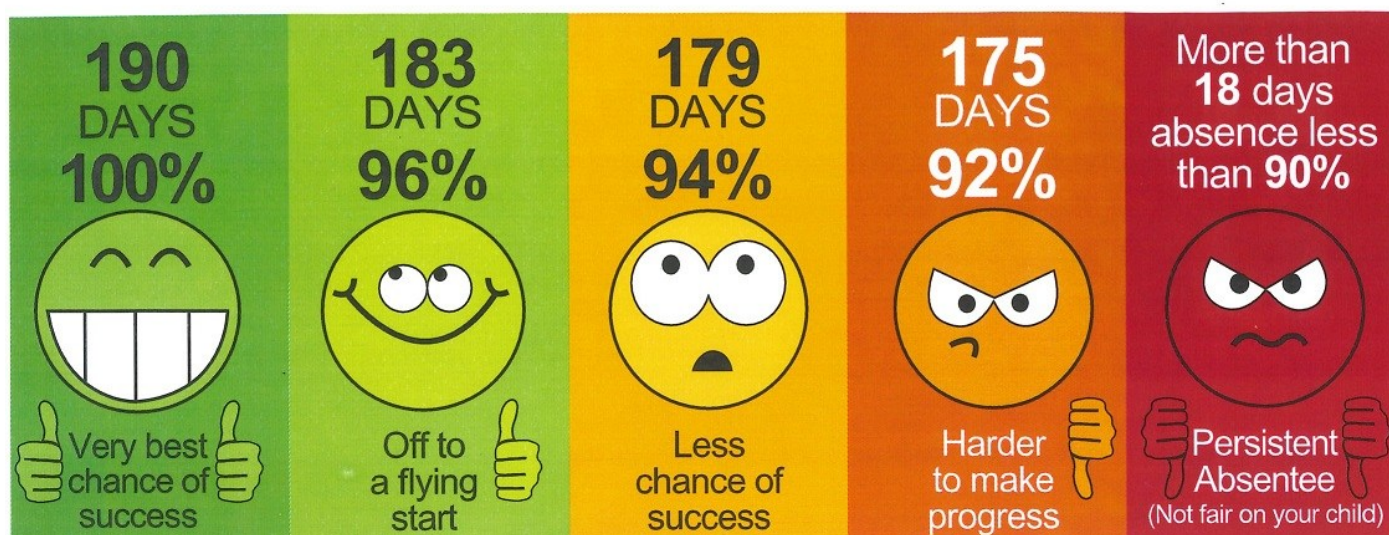
Statutory Notice

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 -

Community news is provided by outside organisations and Town Farm is not responsible for the content.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-years-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive **a gold coin, £5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between **16 February - 17 April 2026**.



www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk
storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page



National
Autistic
Society

EarlyBird
Plus
Licensed

EarlyBird Plus Program

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird Plus program for parents and carers of autistic children aged 6 to 10 years.

The six-session program covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- health and wellbeing
- connections.



"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."
Parent



The EarlyBird Plus programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

For more information contact:

Name: Surrey Family Support Services
Contact: Surrey.Familysupport@nas.org.uk



Easter Holiday Activities



Egg Cup and Cosy

31 March

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Decorate an egg cup and create an egg cosy

Cost: £4

Easter Craft and Trail

2 April

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Make pom-pom chicks and bunnies, and a basket from card. Then follow an Easter trail with a little treat at the end. Cost: £3

Victorian-Style Zoetropes

7 April

11am-12:30pm and 2-3:30pm

Make a Zoetrope and watch a Victorian-style moving image. Cost: £4.50

Abbey Tiles

9 April

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Find out about Chertsey Abbey tiles. Then make one of your own. Cost: £4

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

