



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been lovely to see the brighter weather and the children have returned to school routines brilliantly.

It has already been a busy and exciting week across the school. Our Reception children have begun a wonderful new project with the charity Delight, called *Delight in Growth*, which enriches both dance and science learning. Please see the Reception section below for a more detailed overview of this exciting initiative.

Year 5 have also had a very active week, welcoming Brentford Football Club for a *Joy of Movement* workshop, alongside a *Try-It-Out* Bikeability day. The children showed great courage, resilience and determination - living our Town Farm values - while making excellent progress with their cycling skills. These are important life skills and developing an understanding of safety is essential. As you may have seen on our Instagram account, Dr Bike from Active Surrey also visited this week, offering free bike checks and repairs.

A huge thank you goes to the British Gas team, who gave up their time over the Easter break to mulch trees and install and plant Sudspods on the KS2 playground outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. We are incredibly grateful for their support.

We are delighted to share that the Easter Disco and Easter Egg Raffle raised an amazing £1,340. A percentage of the total will be donated to Holly's Heroes charity, with the remainder going towards the development of our new outdoor classroom for all children to enjoy. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Looking ahead to next week, there is plenty to look forward to. Year 4 will be taking part in their Level 1 Bikeability training, and Year 3 will enjoy their Egyptian workshop in school on Friday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Elliott
Deputy Head

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 22 Apr - SATs presentation to Year 6 parents @ 2:45pm
- 23 April - St George's Day (*Scouts/Guide/Brownies can wear their uniforms*)
- 24 Apr - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
- 27 Apr - Year 2 Money Ready Workshop
- 27 Apr - Living Eggs delivered
- 28 & 29 Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training
- 29 Apr - Parent Workshop - Yr 4 Multiplication Tables Check @ 2:45pm
- 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
- 11 May - Author Visit & Book Sale
- 12 May - Year 5 Eton College
- 19 May - Year R Dance performance & Family craft activity: Rosen AM @ 10:10am and Donaldson PM @ 1:50pm
- 20 May - Parent Workshop: Phonics Preparation @ 2:45pm
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 20 May - Sports Day
- 1 Jun - Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 3 Jun - Year 5 Wetlands
- 3 Jun - Bude Preparation for Yr 6 parents
- 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. Nursery closed to current nursery children
- 2 Jul - Prize Giving
- 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

The children in Early Years have returned from their Easter

holidays full of enthusiasm and ready to begin our new topic, *The Brilliant Bug Ball*, which explores minibeasts and everything that grows. Reception have also had the exciting opportunity to take part in a new project from 'Delight in Dance' called *Grow*.

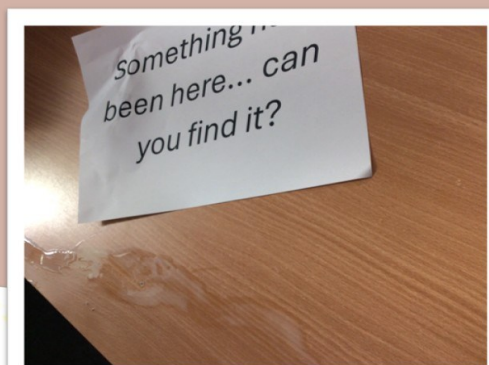
This week, we enjoyed a performance by two "Seedologists," who used dance to bring the lifecycle of a seed to life across the seasons. The children were invited to take part throughout, helping to place leaves on the stems, gather autumn leaves, and even demonstrate how seeds stay warm during winter.

After the session, the children decorated their own small flowerpots and planted a bean in each one. Now we just need to remember to water them regularly and keep them in the sunlight as we watch them grow.



Year 1

Year 1 had a suprising start to the summer term. When they returned to their classrooms, they discovered an unusual slimy trail leading out to the sensory garden. Curious to find its source, they followed it outside, where they uncovered a very grumpy slug hiding in the bushes. The children were fascinated and eager to find out what might have made the slug so angry.



Year 2

In Year 2, the children are exploring the story *The Cat Sat on the Mat* from *The Necklace of Raindrops* by Joan Aiken, developing their reading and comprehension skills in a fun and engaging way. They learn to recognise simple sentence patterns and repetition, which helps build confidence in early reading. Through the story, pupils discuss the characters, especially the cat, and think about what is happening and why. They also practise retelling the story in their own words, using actions, drawings, or simple sentences. This supports their understanding of sequencing and encourages creativity, while also helping them improve their vocabulary and speaking skills.



Year 3



In Y3 this half term our D.T. topic is Edible Gardens – this week we identified different herbs and learnt how to grow them.



Year 4

Year 4 have recently begun exploring a new class text, introduced through an engaging and interactive approach. To spark curiosity, pupils were presented with a series of clues designed to help them infer the book's genre and overarching themes.

As part of this introduction, the children have been delving into Norse mythology, examining a selection of intriguing objects such as rope and a map. These artefacts encouraged discussion, prediction, and critical thinking, enabling pupils to piece together hints about the story and its setting. This immersive experience has generated excitement and enthusiasm, laying a strong foundation for their upcoming study of the text.



Year 5

Year 5 started their 6 weeks supported by Brentford coaches to be more active. The Joy of Moving programme is designed to inspire the joy of moving through play in four key areas:

Physical fitness Motor coordination Cognitive functions & creativity Life skills

The first session was a huge success: pupils enjoyed the pulse rate experiment and working collaboratively on the field in team games, competing in their house colours. See the live action on our @townfarm Instagram!

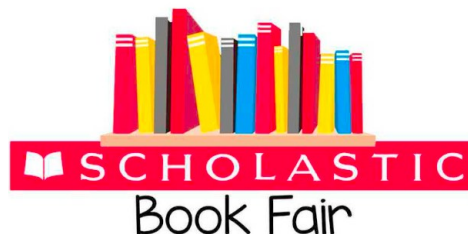


New Annuals for the School Library

Our MPs were thrilled to receive a new collection of annuals for the school library—a firm favourite among our pupils, offering something to match a wide range of interests.

Funds raised from the Roald Dahl Day sweet shop in September, with support from our PTA, help us purchase books throughout the year for our children.

Our library includes a suggestion box open to everyone, because pupil voice is essential. We believe every child deserves to discover a book they truly connect with—one they can enjoy, share with others, and see themselves reflected in.



We are pleased to report we achieved the ambitious target of £1000 in sales and earned £501.40 in rewards to spend on the Scholastic site for our library!

Congratulations!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.

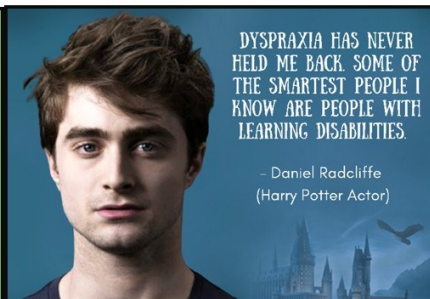
Together we have raised... **£501.40** for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

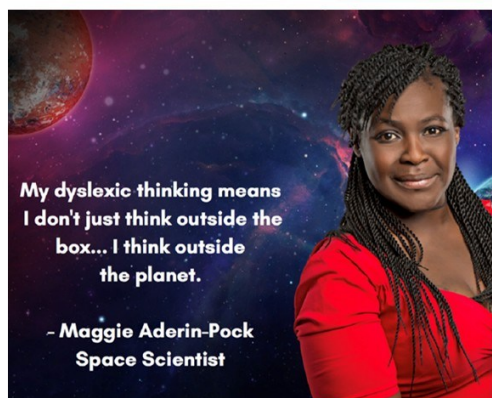


At Town Farm we are proud of how we support all pupils to reach their full potential and celebrate their unique qualities.



DYSPRAXIA HAS NEVER HELD ME BACK. SOME OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE I KNOW ARE PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.

- Daniel Radcliffe
(Harry Potter Actor)



My dyslexic thinking means I don't just think outside the box... I think outside the planet.

- Maggie Aderin-Pock
Space Scientist

Source: www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk



BILLIE EILISH
ONE OF THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL
SINGERS AND
SONGWRITERS
HAS TOURETTE
SYNDROME



Did you know that climate change activist Greta Thunberg is autistic and has ADHD?

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Global Awareness Month: Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity is based on the idea that everyone has a unique brain and their own unique way of thinking and experiencing the world. It is important to recognise and respect that everyone's brain works differently. This means everyone learns differently.

Differences in the way our brains are wired means that you may find some things challenging that others find easy. You may also find things easy that other people find challenging.

Everyone has their own strengths and challenges.

Some of the different ways of thinking, learning, interacting and perceiving the world have been given labels, such as:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) (4% of the population)
- Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) (2% of the population)
- Dyslexia (10% of the population)
- Dyspraxia (6% of the population)
- Dyscalculia (5% of the population)
- Tourette's Syndrome (1% of the population)

Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome and struggled in school, are now very successful. Multiple role models attribute their success to their unique way of thinking and perceiving the world around them.

Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.6%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	93.8%
Overall attendance to date	94.6%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Hawking 98%

2nd Place - Ive 96.9%

3rd Place - Zephaniah 96.6%

Most improved - Picasso by
12%

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:

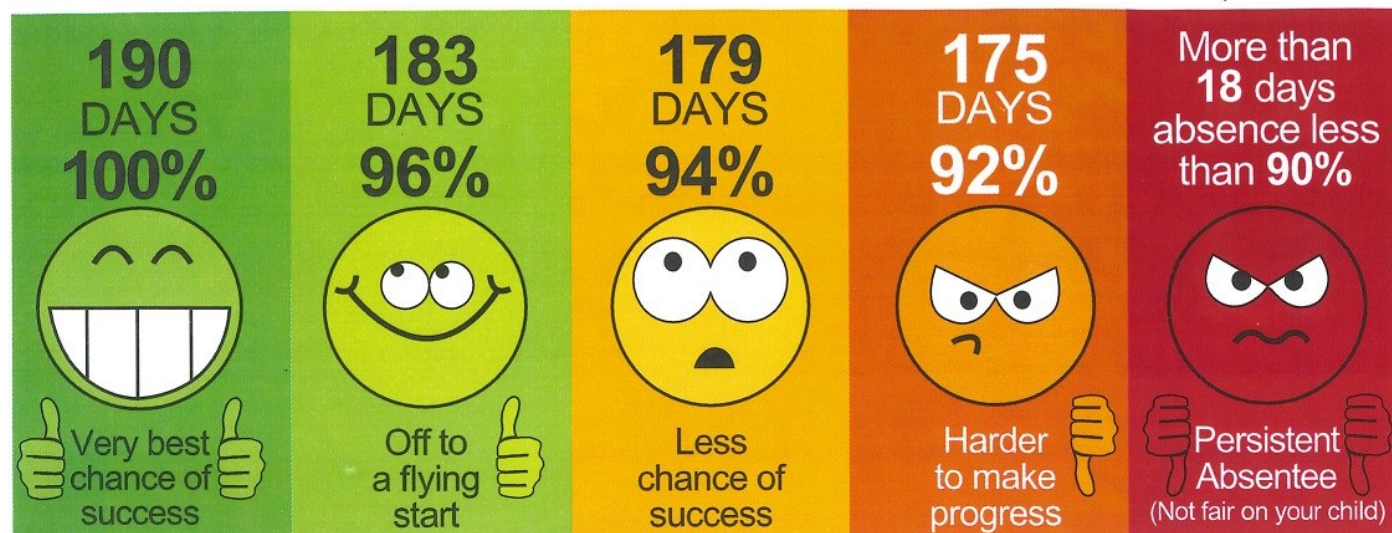
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt 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.



Team up and Tee off at your local Golfstarz League!



Ages 8-12

Location: Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Drive, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

Register Today
(Includes Kit + Free Practice Round)

START DATE: 2ND MAY

6-WEEK LEAGUE AFTER THE FREE PRACTICE ROUND

VISIT OUR LEAGUE WEBSITE OR THE LINK IN OUR BIO TO FIND OUT MORE

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Preloved maternity, baby and children's items including clothes, toys, books and much more!



Sunday 26th April
2-3.30pm
Early entry at 1.45pm for NCT members

Buy and sell clothes, books and equipment etc for children of all ages plus maternity items

Entry £2 per person (children free)
Cash, contactless and major credit/debit cards accepted

Hosted by: Echelford Primary School
Park Road, Ashford TW15 1EX

Sponsored by:

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To register as a seller or volunteer
Visit linktr.ee/nctsae



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

***Summer Term 2026 ***

Come along for a friendly and informal chat with your

School Nursing Team

STANWELL FAMILY CENTRE

1.30 – 3.00pm

No need to book, just drop in!

Thursday 30th April



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
Healthy eating, sleeping

Thursday 21st May



EMOTIONS & BEHAVIOUR

Thursday 25th June



SCHOOL READINESS

Thursday 16th July



DENTAL HYGIENE