



Dear Parents and Carers,

What glorious weather we have been enjoying this week. As the temperatures continue to rise, please do ensure that children come to school each day with a named sun hat, water bottle and sunscreen already applied so that they are comfortable and protected throughout the day.

It has been another incredibly busy and exciting week across the school. On Monday, our much-anticipated Living Eggs arrived and, after much excitement from the children, our very first chick hatched overnight. We are delighted to report that we now have eight healthy chicks — four boys and four girls. Thanks to our live webcam, the children have been able to watch the hatching process unfold in real time and have thoroughly enjoyed cheering each chick on as it made its entrance into the world. Next week, classes will have the opportunity to see the chicks a little more closely, which is sure to be another highlight.

Our children have also been busy developing important life skills beyond the classroom. This week, Year 3 took part in Walking Feet, a programme designed to support children's understanding of road safety and safe pedestrian habits. Meanwhile, Years 4 and 5 have continued with the Bikeability scheme, developing their confidence, bike handling and road awareness skills. We have been incredibly proud to hear such positive feedback from all adults involved, who commented on the children's excellent behaviour, polite manners and mature attitudes throughout these sessions. Well done to all involved.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday morning, ready for another busy week of learning.

Wishing you all a wonderful extended weekend break.

Mrs Shrimpton

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 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
- 15 May - End of SATs Treat sale
- 19 May - Year R Dance performance & Family craft activity: Rosen AM @ 10:10am and Donaldson PM @ 1:50pm
- 19 May - PTA Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 20 May - Parent Workshop: Phonics Preparation @ 2:45pm
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 20 May - Sports Day (see below for timings)
- 22 May - EYFS Brilliant Bug Ball
- 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
- 16 Jun - Wear blue for Holly's Heroes £1
- 25 Jun - School Readiness Meeting
- w/c 29 Jun - Dream Brighter Week
- 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
- 3 Jul - Summer Fayre
- 6 Jul - Moving up day
- 14 Jul - Year 6 Gala
- 22 Jul - **END OF TERM (finish at 1:30pm)**

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

- 1 Sep - INSET Day
- 2 Sep - Years 1 - 6 Return to school

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

Highlights from the week

EYFS

In EYFS the children have continued to be excited by our topic "The Brilliant Bug Ball". This week we started a new book called "What the Ladybird Heard" on Monday the children had a letter from the listening ladybird she asked them to go on a listening walk - they heard voices, the door, children talking, aeroplanes, birds and bees. The listening ladybird then wanted to accompany us on all our adventures. She came with us to our Delight in Dance session. She also came to see the eggs and then came back with us as the eggs hatched.



Year 1

Year 1 have learnt fantastic facts about slugs including why slug slime is amazing! They learned how slime helps them to travel on their gastro-pod and even protects them from predators. Year 1 then had a go making their own slug slime using glue, bicarbonate of soda and contact lens solution.



Year 2

In DT, the Year 2 children used templates to carefully cut triangle shapes from felt to start creating their own colourful bunting. Before making their bunting, they explored and evaluated different designs, thinking about which colours, patterns and layouts would be most effective. They then created their own designs with numbers and counting images so the finished bunting can be used to help younger children recognise numbers and practise counting in a fun and engaging way.



Year 3

As part of their D.T. unit on edible gardens, Year 3 planted cress and have also been growing herbs such as rosemary and mint. This week they have either been planting and harvesting edible plants from our sensory garden or harvesting their own cress to make a cheese and cress sandwich, which many of them thoroughly enjoyed!



Year 4

During a Year 4 science lesson, pupils participated in a sound

walk both inside the classroom and around the school grounds. They carefully listened to a variety of sounds in different environments, identifying and describing what they could hear.

This activity supported their understanding of how sounds are produced through vibrations. Pupils learned that when an object vibrates, it causes the surrounding air particles to move, creating sound waves that travel to the ear. They explored how these vibrations are detected by the ear and interpreted by the brain as sound.

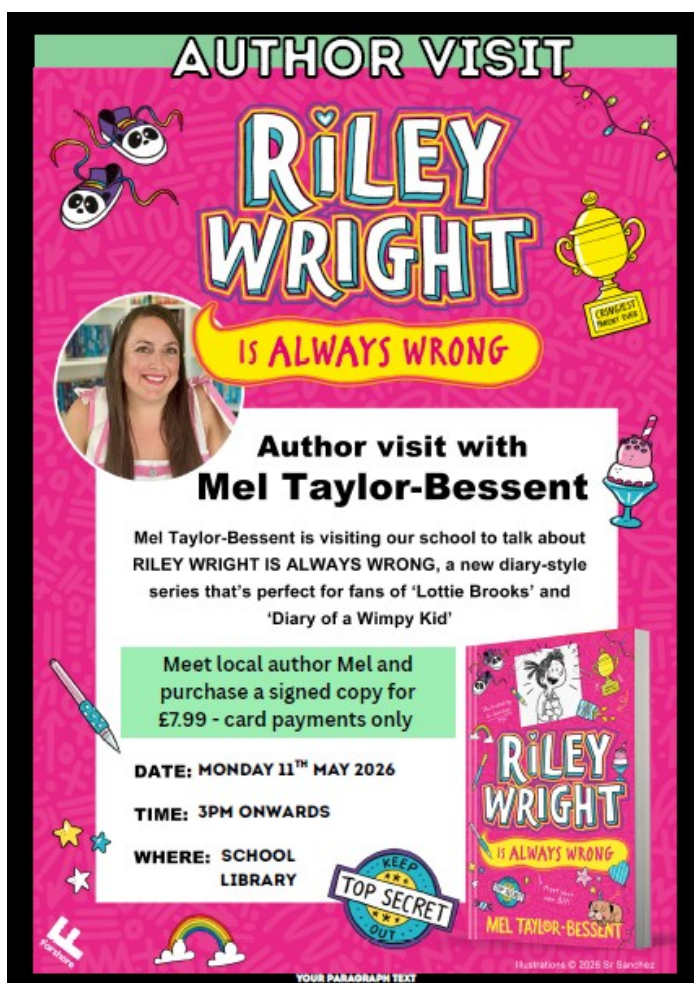
Through this practical experience, pupils developed their observational skills while gaining a clearer understanding of how sound travels and how we are able to hear in different environments.



Year 5

Our class have been enjoying our new text set in ancient Greece after the famous Trojan War. As Odysseus tries to sail home, he makes an enemy of the vengeful sea god Poseidon that dooms his quest to return home to rocky Ithaca. Pupils loved acting out and writing a recount of their first encounter, after the crew sealed their fate by blinding the son of Poseidon - the cyclops - and stealing his food!





Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.9%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	94.8%
Overall attendance to date	94.7%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Blyton 98.5%

2nd Place - Darwin &
Zephaniah 98.3%

3rd Place - Hawking 98%

Most improved - Beethoven &
Darwin by 2%

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:

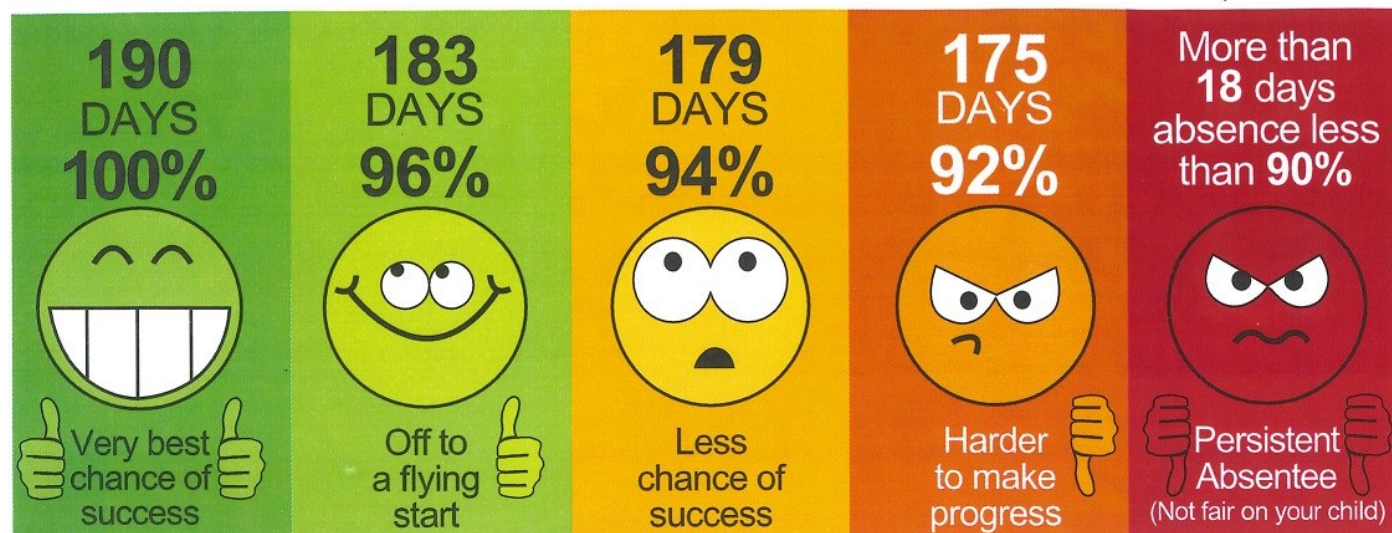
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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

FROM 26 - 29 MAY
BELL FARM SCHOOL
THOMSON HOUSE SCHOOL

BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW .



NERF WARS & LASER TAG

WHO IS GOING TO BE THE SHARPEST SHOOTER?



CRAFTY CORNER

CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE TO TAKE HOME!



RC RACING

WILL YOU WIN THE TIME TRIAL?

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Our Planet Our Future

Book Online
26th / 27th
28th / 29th
May 2026

Weybridge | St Georges Junior School
Staines | Staines Preparatory School

Reducing Waste

Children will take part in hands-on multi-activity play that inspire them to care for themselves, each other, and the planet. Together, we'll learn how small actions can make a big difference for our future.

Caring for our planet

Children are grouped by age to make sure every activity is tailored to their stage of development.

Creative

STEM

Play!

Cooking

Active

If your child has any medical, dietary, or SEND needs, please let us know beforehand so we can ensure the best experience for all children.

Our provision is child led - children choose what they take part in and explore their own interests.

01753 251077

Bookings Open!



For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE DROP IN SESSION



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertsevmuseum.org



May Half-term Holiday Activities

Lighthouse-Style Bird House
26 May 2026
Assemble and decorate a wooden bird house shaped like a lighthouse.
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £4.50
Booking is essential
Age: 6-12 (5 year olds with adult)

Weave a Bowl
28 May 2026
Learn to weave with recycled fabrics and create a woven bowl.
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £3.50
Booking is essential
Age: 7-12 (6 year olds with adult)

To book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>
Or phone: 01932 565 764



www.chertsevmuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

