



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the rather mixed weather this week, there has been plenty of sunshine inside Town Farm with another busy and successful week across the school.

A huge well done must go to our Year 6 pupils, who have approached SATs week with such maturity, resilience and determination. We are incredibly proud of the way they have conducted themselves all week. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the entire year and have shown true Excellence, Endeavour and Equanimity during the tests. Their positive attitudes, calm approach and perseverance have been wonderful to see.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the staff involved in making the week such a success. From the early breakfast club offered each morning, to the additional revision sessions and support provided throughout the day, staff have gone above and beyond to ensure that the children felt confident, supported and ready to do their very best.

Earlier this week, our Year 5 children enjoyed a fascinating trip to Eton College, where they continued their learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children were highly engaged throughout the visit and represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and thoughtful contributions.

We were also delighted to welcome author Mel Bessent -Taylor into school this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the writing process, the inspiration behind stories and the importance of reading for pleasure. It was a wonderful opportunity to inspire our young readers and writers.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to our annual Sports Day on Wednesday. Fingers crossed for some improved weather conditions! We know the children are excited to take part and we cannot wait to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit on display.

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 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
- 20 May - Sports Day (see below for timings)
- 22 May - EYFS Brilliant Bug Ball
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 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

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday morning.

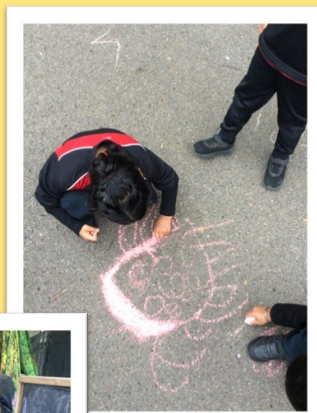
Mrs Shrimpton

Deputy Headteacher

Highlights from the week

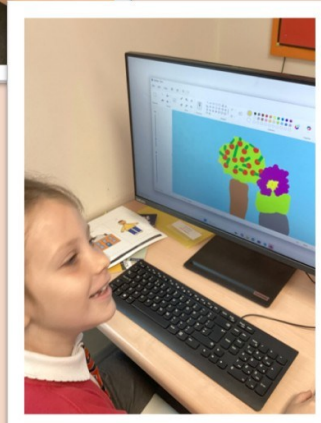
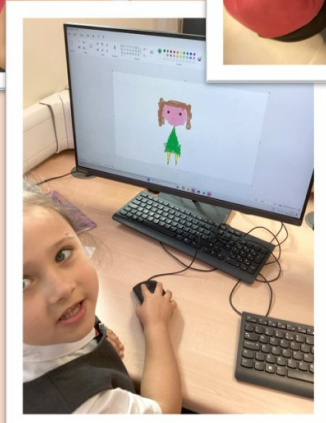
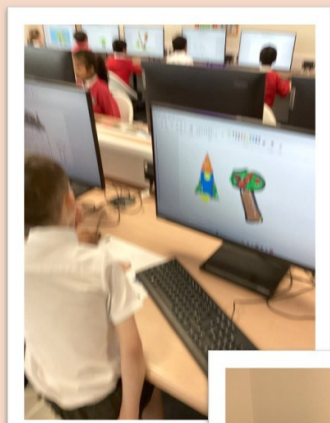
EYFS

In EYFS, we have begun an exciting new story called *Aarrghh Spider* as part of our *Brilliant Bug Ball* topic. On Monday morning, the children arrived at school to find that lots of things had been turned upside down! There was lots of excitement and laughter as the children spent the day continuing the fun by turning different objects upside down and trying to trick their teachers and friends. Alongside our story, we have been very creative in class, making colourful spiderweb patterns, painting detailed spiders and using chalk to draw giant spiders outdoors. The children have also enjoyed using playdough to design and create their own spiders, showing lots of imagination and fantastic fine motor skills throughout the week. We also went on a minibeast hunt around the outdoor area and were very excited to discover a real caterpillar, which sparked lots of discussion and curiosity about the different creatures we might find in nature.



Year 1

This week, in Computing Year 1 have been learning how to use Paint to create a digital painting. The children were able to apply their skills of click and drag using the mouse to create the digital artwork. They explored how to use the paintbrush and how to fill objects with different colours.



Year 2

In Year Two computing lessons, we have been learning how to use Scratch to create fun games, animations, and stories. We learned how to move characters, add sounds, and make commands using coding blocks. Scratch has helped us to develop our problem-solving and creative thinking skills while working together and sharing ideas. We enjoyed experimenting with different designs and learning how computer programs work in a fun and exciting way.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have continued practising their times tables using TTRS. Over this week and last week, the children have also completed their OUMTC assessments. The children have shown great determination and enthusiasm, and many are feeling motivated to improve their scores and challenge themselves further.



Year 5

Year 5 visited the Museum of Antiquities this week to deepen their understanding of the Ancient Greeks. During the visit, pupils explored ancient pottery, acted out a famous Greek tragedy, examined Greek writing to crack secret codes, and discussed how Greek civilisation continues to influence modern society today.

Afterwards, they visited the Natural History Museum, where they were fascinated by the vast collection of specimens, including butterflies, birds, fossils, skeletons, and a stunning coral display.

A huge thank you to the education team at Eton for fully funding this wonderful opportunity for our pupils and helping to create such a memorable and enriching experience.



Year 6

Congratulations Year 6! This term, Year 6 have been hard at work preparing for their SATs assessments - we are incredibly proud of everyone and are thoroughly impressed with their hard work and how they have demonstrated resilience and equanimity. Now, we look onward to our Year 6 production which we started working on this week. We can't wait for you to see what we have in store!



Inspiring Author Visit from Mel Taylor-Bessent

We were delighted to welcome children's author Mel Taylor-Bessent to school for a truly inspiring visit with our pupils. She shared how she finds inspiration for her stories by writing about the things she loves, imagining what she would like to change or invent, and letting her creativity run wild. Pupils loved hearing how these ideas inspired her Christmas Carolls, Imagination Island series, and her exciting new book, Riley Wright.

There was huge excitement around the exclusive book sale, with pupils having the very first opportunity to purchase signed copies of Riley Wright — a full two weeks before the book officially goes on sale! Mel thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and signing their books, making the event even more special. Mrs Ravenor shared,

"I love how Mel engages our pupils as a local author and shares her ideas in such an accessible way that everyone can see themselves as writers. The excitement she brings for writing and reading is inspirational!"

A huge thank you to our PTA for supporting the event by helping with sales in the library after school and for also purchasing multiple signed copies for our school library for all pupils to enjoy. We hope everyone enjoys finding out why Riley Wright is always wrong!



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	95.0%
Overall attendance to date	94.8%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Darwin 98.6%

2nd Place - Hawking 98.0%

3rd Place - Darwin 97.9%

Most improved - Picasso by 4%

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:

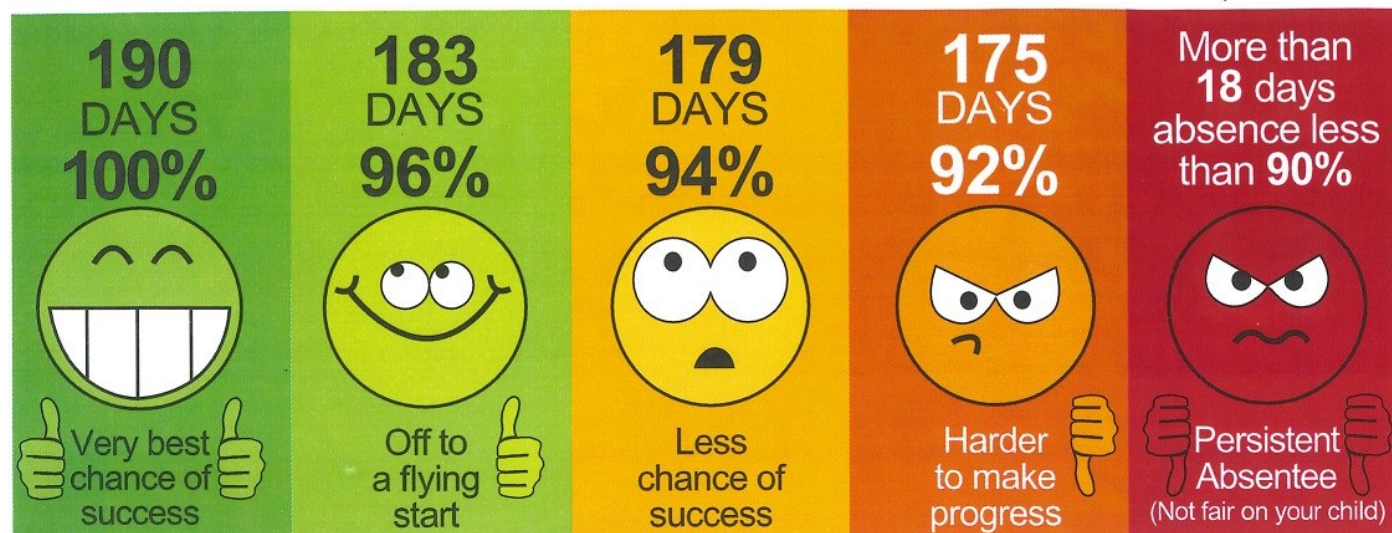
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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

STANWELL FAMILY CENTRE

1.30 – 3.00pm

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Thursday 30th April



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Healthy eating, sleeping

Thursday 21st May



**EMOTIONS &
BEHAVIOUR**

Thursday 25th June



SCHOOL READINESS

Thursday 16th July



DENTAL HYGIENE