



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our entire Town Farm community for the support and enthusiasm shown throughout.

A particular highlight has been our Sports Days across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school and to see the encouragement and celebration shown for all children taking part. We hope you enjoyed sharing these moments with us.

Our children were exceptional throughout, demonstrating determination, resilience, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. Whether competing, cheering others on or simply giving their best, they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves.

A special thank you goes to TK and Ms Barnes for coordinating and delivering such well-run events. Their planning and organisation ensured that everything ran smoothly and created an enjoyable experience for children, staff and families alike.

This week we also welcomed a team of five experienced school leaders as part of our Challenge Partners Review. The school review provided an opportunity to showcase Town Farm and reflect on our work as a school community. I am delighted to share that the team identified many examples of strong practice across the school, alongside constructive next steps that will help shape our ongoing pursuit of excellence.

I would like to thank Ms Elliot, deputy headteacher for leading this process so successfully, our children for representing the school with confidence and maturity, and our staff team whose dedication and commitment continue to make a difference every day. Their willingness to go above and beyond for our children never goes unnoticed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned half term break,

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

w/c 25 May - **Half-term**

1 Jun - Year 4 Multiplication Checks

2 Jun - Swimming starts for Mozart, Beethoven and Hawking classes

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

22 Jun - Swimming starts for Ive, Darwin and Hillary classes

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

w/c 6 Jul - International Week

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

make the most of the sunshine and have a safe and restful week with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Summer 2.

Mr Bhatti

Highlights from the week

Year 1

This half term in music, Year 1 have been learning all about finding and developing their singing voices. They have explored beat, pulse, rhythm, call and response, as well as echo songs. In their final lesson of the topic, the pupils focused on identifying pulse using instruments. They listened to and joined in with songs, tapping their instruments in time with the pulse of the music.



Year 4

Mozart and Beethoven class took their science knowledge into a practical by creating Cup Phones! Through their understanding of sound waves and vibrations each pair built something in which they could communicate with one another. All pupils were successful and very soon had working cup phones which were used and enjoyed throughout the afternoon.



EYFS

The final week of our topic "Brilliant Bug Ball! Was a very busy one in Early Years. On Monday we celebrated Bee Day (ahead of the national celebration on Wednesday). There was bee bubble painting, hive sensory play, bee stories, bee colouring and bee building. Along with a very popular session where we learnt about how honey is made and then did some honey tasting. On Tuesday the Reception parents were invited in to watch the dance performance "grow" and then were involved in a shared art activity. Wednesday was a very successful Sports Day -so good we did it twice! The week ended with a Brilliant Bug Ball where staff and children dressed up as minibeasts and enjoyed an afternoon of dancing.



Year 3

This half term, in year 3, we have been working with the Delight charity to deliver an immersive writing experience for our pupils. This has culminated in the tiny gardener, Walter Welliboots, visiting our classes and leaving muddy footprints all over the tiny worlds they have created for him. Thank you to all the parents who came to our open classroom event yesterday and shared with your children their experiences as 'The Best Storytellers in the World!'



Year 5

Our Art topic for Year 5 is Drawing and Making Flowers in the style of Alexander Calder and David Olvera. We created 3D flowers from paper straw. We folded, twisted, curled and stuck together to create a 3D display.



Acorn Room

In the Acorn room this week we have been exploring all the herb's we have been growing in our Acorn room vegetable patch.

The children have enjoyed making perfume and potions and lots more. The children have been experiencing a range of smell's from the fruit and herb's.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.0%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	95.0%
Overall attendance to date	94.8%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Mozart 97.4%

2nd Place - Monet 97.3%

3rd Place - Hawking 96.6%

Most improved - Milne & Monet 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:

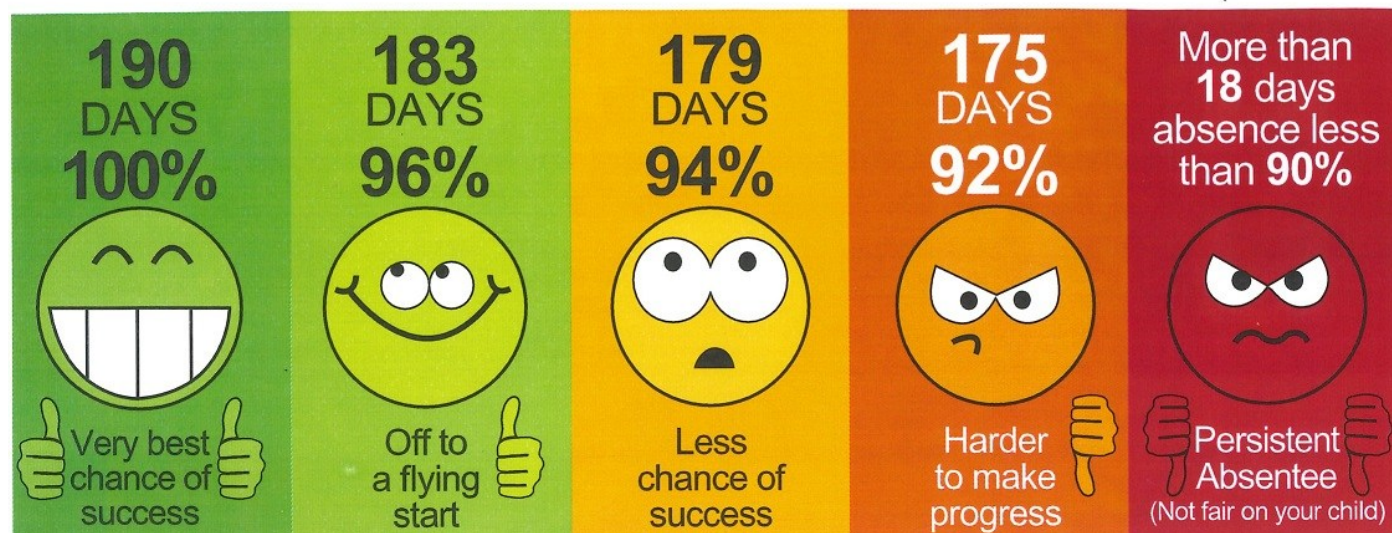
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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

11 May - 21 June 2026

Spelthorne Borough Council is exploring the potential redevelopment of part of Memorial Gardens in Staines-upon-Thames, with plans to install a multi-use games area on the green next to the Riverside Car Park.

Your feedback is important to help us design an area that meets the needs of the community and enhances the park for everyone. Please take a few minutes to share your views.

The survey is open from 11 May - 21 June 2026.

To take part, visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/gamesarea or use the QR Code.

For a printed survey, email communications.marketing@spelthorne.gov.uk or call 01784 444260.



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Half term book launch with Mel Taylor-Bessent!

Waterstones Staines, Saturday 23rd May, 10:30am



Join us to celebrate Mel's hilarious new diary-style series 'Riley Wright is Always Wrong' with friendship bracelet making and a book signing.

Visit waterstones.com/events for details.

Tickets: £5 / Ticket & book: £10

