



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at Town Farm as we have celebrated International Week across the school. Children have enjoyed exploring different cultures, traditions and countries from around the world, celebrating the rich diversity of our school community. This has complemented the excitement many have been feeling around the World Cup. Today, our children proudly wore their international clothing and shared information about their heritage, cultures and countries with their classmates. It was lovely to see such pride, curiosity and respect for one another's backgrounds.

We were also delighted to welcome Caroline Jopp and Gillian Woodward from the Spelthorne in Bloom Committee to school this week. We were excited to showcase our developing outdoor environment, including our SuDS pods, sensory garden and newly planted trees. Their visit was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work that has gone into creating spaces that support both learning and wellbeing.

Last Friday's Summer Fayre was a fantastic success. A huge thank you again to our PTA, staff, children, parents and families for their support, generosity and enthusiasm in making the fayre such an enjoyable occasion for everyone. We are pleased to confirm that a total of £2908 was raised, which will directly benefit our children.

We ended the week with a fantastic MoneyReady workshop for Year 6 today, which forms part of our important life skills curriculum and ongoing work around financial fluency. The session provided our children with valuable knowledge and practical skills to help prepare them for the future.

Today, your child will be bringing home their end-of-year report, which reflects the incredible effort,

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 14 Jul - Year 6 Gala
- 15 Jul - Year 6 Production @ 2pm
- 17 Jul - Reception Class Graduation @ 2:30pm
- 22 Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9am
- 22 Jul - **END OF TERM (finish at 1:30pm)**

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

- 1 Sept - INSET Day
- 2 Sept - Years 1 - 6 Return to school
- 7 Sept - Welcome to **Year 6** Parent Meeting
- 8 Sept - Welcome to **Year 5** Parent Meeting
- 9 Sept - Welcome to **Year 4** Parent Meeting
- 10 Sept - Welcome to **Year 3** Parent Meeting
- 11 Sept - Welcome to **Year 2** Parent Meeting
- 14 Sept - Welcome to **Year 1** Parent Meeting
- 15 Sept - Welcome to **Year R** Parent Meeting
- 23 Sept - Welcome to **Nursery** Parent Meeting

Timings

- Years 1 - 6 Parent Meeting at 2:45pm
- Year R Parent Meeting @ 2:30pm
- Nursery Parent Meetings @ 9:15am or 2:45pm

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

perseverance and progress they have shown throughout the year. We are immensely proud of all that they have achieved and hope you enjoy celebrating their successes with them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Elliott
Deputy Head

Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre.
We are super proud to announce that we have raised...

£2908

In September we will update you about what we are using the raised funds for.
As always, it goes to enhancing the education of our pupils and giving the children extra experiences and opportunities.



BE A GOOD EXAMPLE. PARK SMART. KEEP KIDS SAFE.

POOR PARKING PUTS CHILDREN AT RISK.



DON'T DOUBLE PARK
It blocks visibility and puts kids in danger.



DON'T BLOCK CROSSWALKS OR SIDEWALKS
People walking—especially children—need a clear path.



DON'T BLOCK BUS LANES OR DROP-OFF ZONES
It delays buses and creates unsafe situations.



DON'T PARK WHERE IT'S NOT ALLOWED
Obey signs and keep traffic moving.



OUR KIDS' SAFETY DEPENDS ON ALL OF US.

♥ **PARK WITH CARE.**
THEY'RE COUNTING ON YOU.



DON'T IDLE. LET THEM BREATHE.

Idling creates harmful pollution that children breathe in.

⌚ **IDLE LESS.
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.**



BETTER AIR
Healthier kids.



CLEANER PLANET
Less pollution.



SAVE FUEL
Save money.



LESS THAN 10 SECONDS?
TURN IT OFF.



SECURE THE FUTURE. START WITH SAFE CHOICES TODAY.
THANK YOU FOR PUTTING OUR CHILDREN FIRST.



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.

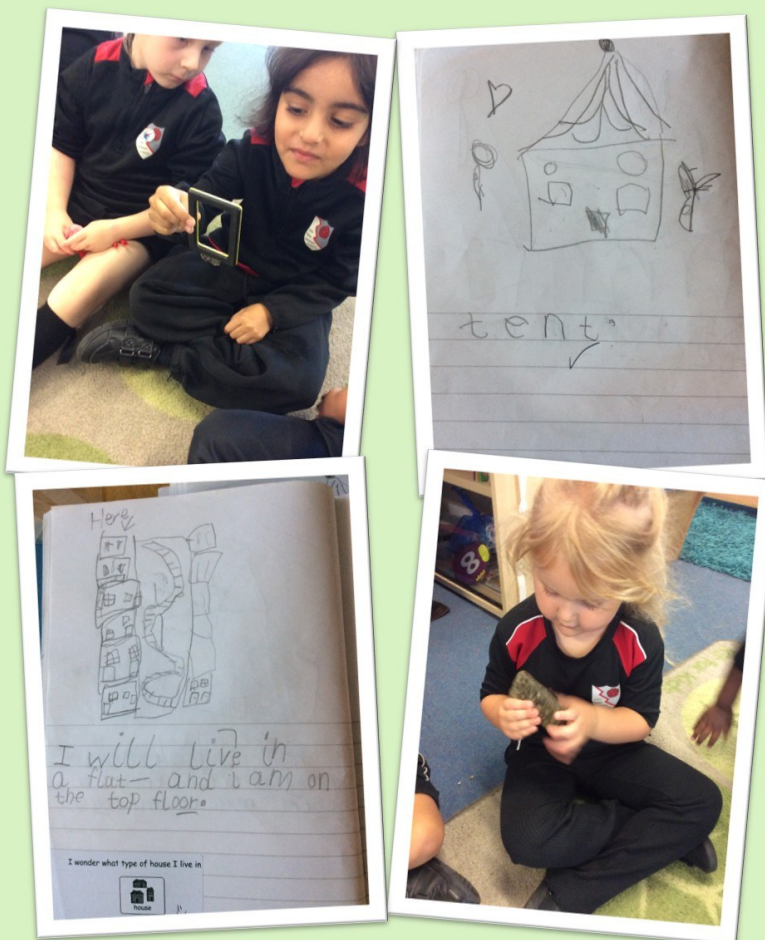
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Highlights from the week

EYFS

As we finish our **'Up, Up and Away'** topic, we have been reflecting on all the amazing things we have learned about our world, including countries, continents and planets. This week, as part of International Week, we have been learning all about Australia and have enjoyed tasting a variety of delicious foods from around the world at lunchtime. We were also incredibly lucky to explore the NASA Lunar Sample box, which was a very exciting experience. We discovered that one of the meteorite samples was magnetic and had great fun investigating it by using our magnetic shapes to see if we could pick it up. What a fantastic way to end a wonderful topic full of exploration and discovery!



Year 1

During Dream Brighter Week, Year 1 along with Reception and Year 2, were delighted to welcome Matt and Maisie Banks from Thames Water. They spoke to the children about their important roles and highlighted the value of water in our everyday lives. The visit included a fun challenge where members of staff competed to see who could put on Thames Water protective equipment the fastest! To finish, the children took part in an interactive demonstration showing why it is important not to block toilets and learned what can and cannot be flushed away. It was an engaging and informative experience enjoyed by all.



Year 2

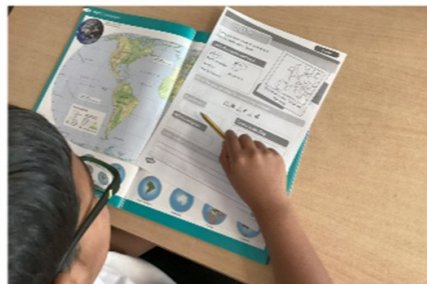
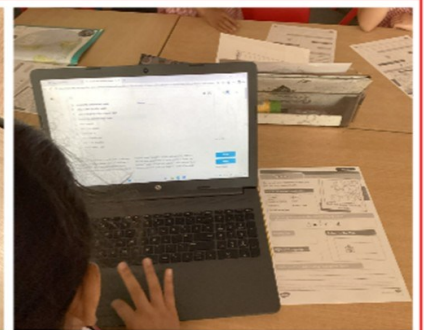
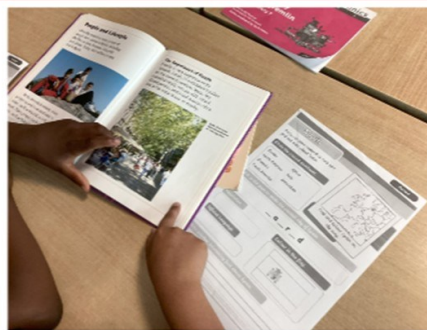
In Design and Technology, Year 2 enjoyed making a healthy fruit salad while developing their food preparation skills. The children learnt about the importance of hygiene, including washing their hands and cleaning the fruit before preparing it. They practised a range of safe cutting techniques using child-friendly knives, such as the bridge hold and claw grip, to chop, slice, and halve different fruits with increasing confidence. Throughout the activity, the pupils explored different textures, colours, and flavours while learning how to prepare ingredients safely and carefully. They worked independently and collaboratively, demonstrating excellent focus, teamwork, and pride in creating a colourful and delicious fruit salad.



Year 3

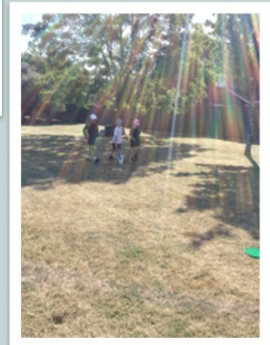


In year 3 we have been learning all about Spain, for 'International Week', through conducting our own research using the library, internet and our class atlases.



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic time during outdoor Learning, bringing their mathematics skills to life through an exciting World Cup-themed challenge! Working together in teams, pupils explored a variety of measuring instruments and carefully selected the most suitable tools to measure different features of a football pitch. They measured the pitch, calculated its perimeter, worked out the distance between the goals, measured the length and height of the goals and investigated the dimensions of the important penalty area. They also were given the choice to measure items in our sensory garden based upon other interests they may have. The session was full of teamwork, discussion and problem-solving as pupils checked the accuracy of their measurements. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged, enthusiastic and confident in applying their learning in a real-world context.



District Sports

On Thursday 2nd July, 40 of our pupils proudly represented the school at the District Sports competition at Walton Excel. Throughout the morning, our pupils demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship while competing against other local schools.

Our team took part in a variety of events, including field events - throwing and long jump, as well as track events -long-distance running, sprint races and the relay. Every pupil gave their very best effort, encouraged one another and showed great resilience throughout the competition.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved, and it was wonderful to see our pupils supporting their teammates and celebrating each other's achievements.

Thanks to the fantastic performances across all events, our combined scores meant that we finished joint 4th overall—a brilliant achievement for the team!

A huge thank you goes to all 40 pupils who represented the school with such pride and enthusiasm. We would also like to thank our parents and families for their encouragement and support throughout the day.



International Week

This week was International Week at Town Farm. Each year group learnt about a different country.

EYFS - Australia, Year 1 - Mexico, Year 2 - Brazil, Year 3 - Spain, Year 4 - Italy, Year 5 - China and Year 6 - India.

Children also enjoyed trying the cuisine from some of these countries as part of the school dinner menu, including using chopsticks to eat the Chinese chow mein (noodles)!



Did you know that ...

- Australia is the only country in the world that is also a continent?
- Mexico is actually in the continent of NORTH America and not SOUTH America?
- Brazil is the largest country in South America and it is the only one where they speak Portuguese and not Spanish?
- The Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona (Spain) was built over a hundred years ago and it still isn't finished?
- Italians love their coffee: cappuccino, espresso, latte, americana, mocha - the list goes on!
- China has borders with 14 different countries and its main symbols are the giant panda and the dragon?
- India has 23 different spoken languages and at least 5 different religions?

Mini Parliament Welcomes Councillor Helyn Clack

We were delighted to welcome **Councillor Helyn Clack** to our Mini Parliament. She spoke about what inspired her to become a councillor, explaining that the support her youngest child received with SEND motivated her to help other families and make a positive difference in the community by becoming a councillor.

Councillor Clack shared some of the many responsibilities of our local council, including overseeing local libraries, transport, road safety and the Bikeability programme, which has benefited our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils recently. She also highlighted initiatives such as providing upcycled bicycles to help more children access cycling opportunities.

During the session, she spoke honestly about the difficult decisions councillors sometimes face, particularly in small communities where schools may need to merge if pupil numbers fall. She encouraged our pupils to be fearless, confident and ambitious, emphasising that every child deserves the same opportunities to succeed. She also stressed the importance of education, describing it as the key to success and freedom, and highlighted the value of specialist support alongside mainstream education to ensure every child can thrive.

It was an inspiring visit, and our Mini Parliament members thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about local democracy and the important work of elected councillors.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	94.8%
Overall attendance to date	94.8%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Ahlberg 97.6%

2nd Place - Picasso 97.3%

3rd Place - Zephaniah 97.1%

Most improved - Picasso by 6%

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:

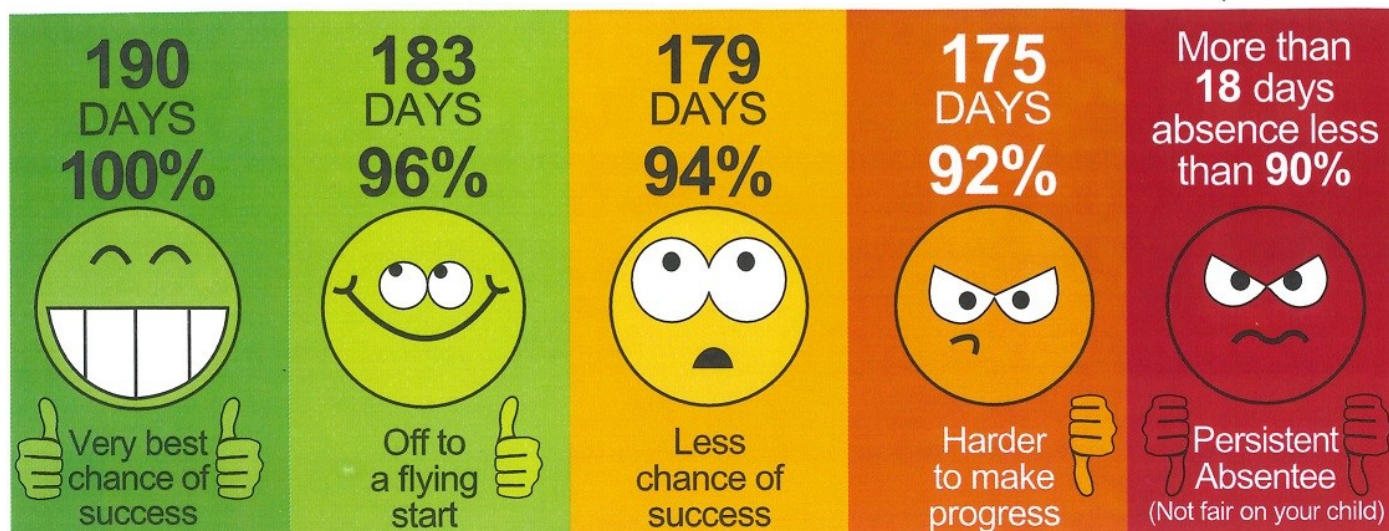
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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

In support of the Festival of British Archaeology



A Family Activity Day

dress as a Roman soldier,
follow the teddy trail,
artefact handling,
play Roman games,
make a mosaic,
design jewellery,
and more!



Hosted by Spelthorne Museum
Staines Library Hub
18th July 2026
11am to 3.30pm
Admission Free





The Matthew Arnold School Open Events



OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER
5.30PM - 8.00PM
HEADTEACHER TALKS:
6.00PM AND 7.00PM

OPEN MORNINGS

7, 8, 9, 12, 13 OCTOBER
9.00AM - 10.00AM
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