



TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

There is something special about the beginning of a new school year.

The quiet corridors soon fill with conversation, classrooms become places of curiosity once again, and familiar faces return alongside those joining our community for the first time. It is a privilege to welcome you all back to Town Farm, and I hope the summer has brought moments of rest, laughter and time together.

Every September offers us the same gift: a fresh page. For some children, this year will bring new friendships. For others, it will bring newfound confidence, unexpected talents or the courage to tackle something they once thought impossible. These moments rarely arrive with fanfare, but they are often the ones that shape a childhood.

As a school, we begin this year with confidence in what we know matters most. High expectations, strong relationships and a rich education remain at the heart of everything we do. We want every child to leave Town Farm not only with knowledge and skills, but with the character to navigate an ever changing world with kindness, resilience and ambition. Our guiding principles of Excellence, Endeavour and Equanimity continue to provide that compass. They remind us that excellence is found in effort as much as achievement, that endeavour means persevering when learning feels challenging, and that equanimity gives children the confidence to meet success and setbacks with perspective.

One of the things I am most looking forward to this year is expanding the opportunities children experience beyond the classroom. We are developing an even richer programme of clubs that we hope will ignite new interests, uncover hidden talents and open children's eyes to the remarkable variety of professions, trades and crafts that keep our communities moving forward. Whether a child discovers a passion for engineering, coding, construction, music, performing arts, cooking or environmental science, these experiences can spark ambitions long before career choices are made. We want every child to leave Town Farm believing that there are countless paths open to them and that their future is limited only by their curiosity and determination.

I would also like to thank our families for the trust you place in us. Education is at its strongest when home and school work together, and the encouragement children receive from both creates the secure foundation from which they can flourish.

Dates for your diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

- 7 Sept - Year 3 Be your Best Programme
- 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
- 25 Sept - Roald Dahl Sweet Shop
- 30 Sept - Individual School Photos
- 19 Oct - Half term**
- 2 Nov - Pupils return to school
- 9 Nov - Healthy Ambassador training
- 12 Nov - Parents' Evening
- 16 Nov - Anti-bullying Week

Timings for Parents' Meetings

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

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

The year ahead will undoubtedly bring moments to celebrate, challenges to overcome and memories to treasure. I look forward to greeting you at the school gates, seeing our classrooms come alive once again and watching our children continue to grow in confidence, character and aspiration.

Welcome back. Here's to another year of learning, belonging and growing together.

With warmest wishes,
Mr Bhatti OBE
Headteacher

Useful webinars for Parents:

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/events/school-readiness-webinar/> - School readiness webinar

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/events/emotional-and-behavioural-webinar/> - Emotional and behavioural webinar

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/events/toileting-support-webinar/> - Toileting webinar

Appropriate for all school aged children



What is Oxford Reading Buddy?

- Oxford Reading Buddy is an online service that helps children with their reading
- It contains hundreds of Oxford books and book-quizzes, all matched to each child's reading level
- Children can use it at home and at school
- It works on smartphones as well as computers and tablets



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How to use Oxford Reading Buddy: Logging in

- 1 Receive sign-in card
- 2 Go to: www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com
- 3 Enter the login details from your sign-in card



TIP
There's just one simple login for you and your child



TIP
Bookmark on all devices for easy access

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How will Oxford Reading Buddy help your child?

Oxford Reading Buddy will...

- Give your child access to lots of books so that they can practise reading
- Give them a 'buddy' to help them understand what they are reading
- Check how your child is doing and make sure they have books at the right level
- Report back to teachers so that they can see where your child might need more help
- Give your child badges for reading well and motivate them to practise more



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How you can help your child

- Encourage your child to read regularly, both on and off Oxford Reading Buddy
- Talk to your child about what they are reading
- Resist the temptation to help your child on the quizzes because their answers will help your child's teacher understand their needs
- Encourage your child to listen to the 'Buddy prompts', as these will help them improve their comprehension
- Be patient and encouraging, as children progress at different rates



TIP
Click the help button to visit the Support Site, where there is a special section for parents and carers

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Every pupil in KS2 will find in their Reading Records a login for Oxford Reading Buddy.

You can create a buddy, read online, complete quizzes and earn your **reading rewards!**

Teachers can track your child's progress online and assign exciting stories tailored to their reading level.



Attendance Matters

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.