



TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

It has been a fantastic week at Town Farm, with the children settling brilliantly into their new classes and learning already happening at quite a pace. It has been wonderful to see pupils becoming familiar with their new routines, working hard and approaching the start of the year with such enthusiasm.

This week also saw the start of our 'Welcome to Year' parent meetings, where teachers and have been sharing key information and expectations for the year ahead. Meetings for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have already taken place, with Year 2 taking place today. Year 1, Reception and Nursery meetings will be held next week. Please do come along if you can – it is a great opportunity to meet the teams and find out more about the year ahead.

Our new Life Skills curriculum is also beginning to take shape. This week, Year 3 started the 'Be Your Best' programme, supporting children to develop important skills, confidence and resilience for life beyond the classroom.

We were also pleased to welcome Barnardo's into school this week to support some of our children with their wellbeing. Working with external organisations such as Barnardo's helps us to provide additional support for pupils when they need it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend when it comes.

Mrs Shrimpton
Deputy Head

Dates for your Diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

- 14 Sept - Welcome to Year 1 Parent Meeting
- 15 Sept - Welcome to Year R Parent Meeting
- 23 Sept - Welcome to Nur 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
- 18 Nov - Parent Workshop Maths @ 2:45pm
- 25 Nov - Parent Workshop - KS2 Reading
- 26 Nov - Open Evening for Prospective Parents at 4:40pm

Timings for Parents' Meetings

Year 1 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

BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR

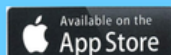
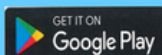
- We're looking for a parent to join
- our Governing Board and help
- shape the future of our school. No
- special qualifications needed, just
- commitment, enthusiasm, and a
- desire to support children's
- education.

Interested? Contact the School
office for more information

The Arbor App

Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and logged on. Please ensure all contact details are up-to-date. You will need the app to book your parent consultation.

The Arbor App is available on:



Highlights from the Week

Early Years

The children in Early Years have enjoyed their first full week of the Year. We have launched into our topic of Bears, Bears, Everywhere and started our first book - "We're going on a Bear Hunt" by Micheal Rosen. The children have been using the text in Drawing Club each day and impressing the staff with their drawings and communication skills. In Continuous Provision the children have been making friends and learning to use resources in creative ways - making monsters eyes, preparing smoothie's, building towers and exploring their environment



Year 1

Year One children have had a mysterious start to their new topic, 'Navigating Loneliness'. We arrived one morning to discover an abandoned spaceship that had crash-landed in the Acorn Room! After searching for clues, we noticed that the garden gate was open and spotted two pink footprints on the wall. We wondered whether the aliens had been zapped back up into space or perhaps were hiding somewhere in our school.

We soon found out! The following day, a strange object was discovered hiding in the classroom. We investigated and discovered Beegu, a small yellow alien who seems to be lost and lonely. We are very excited to find out more about Beegu and help her on her journey.

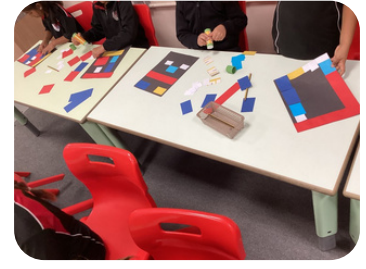
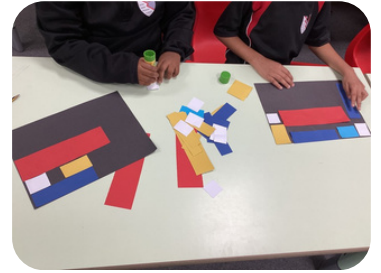
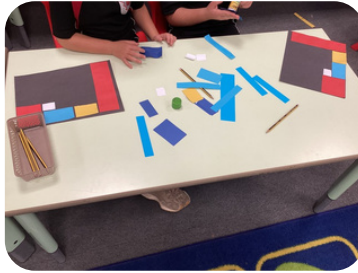
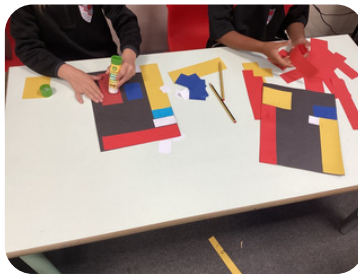
In Geography, we have been learning about the different types of homes that people live in. The children then designed plans for their favourite homes before putting their ideas into action and building their own homes using a variety of construction resources.

Finally, in Maths, we have been developing our counting skills using a range of practical resources, including counters, beads and cubes. The children have enjoyed exploring numbers and developing their confidence through hands-on activities.



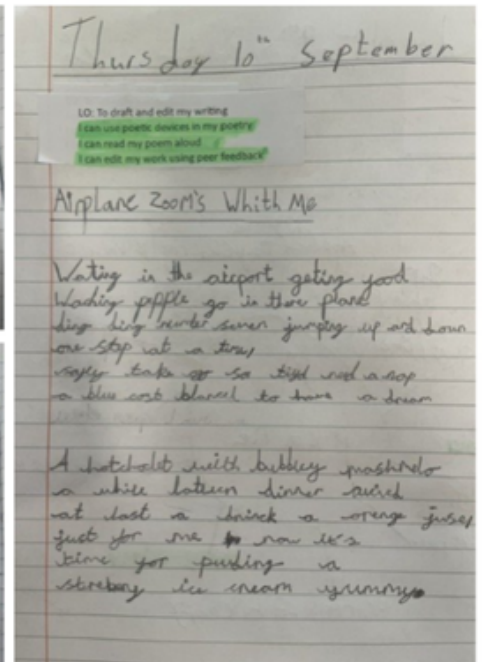
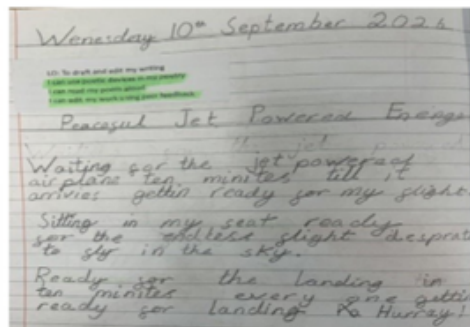
Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning about Piet Mondrian and his distinctive abstract art. The children explored how he created pictures using straight lines, squares, rectangles, and the primary colours red, blue, and yellow. They then designed their own Mondrian-inspired masterpieces, using a range of shapes and carefully placed lines. The finished artwork was colourful, creative, and demonstrated a good understanding of Mondrian's techniques



Year 3

In Year 3, we have been exploring our new book 'Milo imagines the world'. The children have been imagining their own worlds and what it is like to be an author or an illustrator.



Year 4

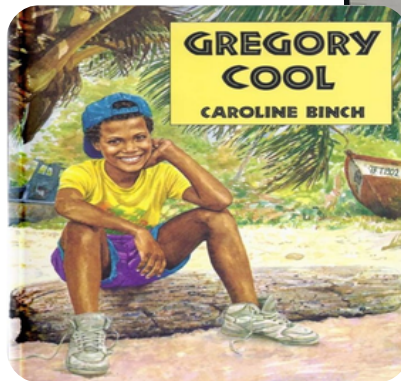
Year 4 have had a great start back this September! We've started a number of new topics and have already learnt so much and have been especially good at making connections to our previous learning and across subjects. In Science this week, we have learnt about the importance of conservation and the role Gerald Durrell had in helping save habitats and the plants and creatures living in them. We ran an experiment that showed the impact of deforestation on habitats. We've also started our new book, Gregory Cool, which has got us thinking about what it would be like to live in another country. This book has also provided great connections with our Geography topic, All Around The World.

Thursday 10th September 2026

LO: To recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
SC: I can explore deforestation and conservation in Madagascar.
I can investigate the effects and dangers of deforestation in Madagascar.
I can set up an enquiry to find out about soil erosion and report on my findings.

Madagascar	Conservation
• Southern Hemisphere	• Protecting Animals plants and the birds
• On the coast in Africa	• Try to help animals plants habitats
• Formed around 160 million years ago	
• 4th Largest Island in the world	
• Has Tropical forests	
• 90% living things Madagascar is home to	
• Data: 90% of the world's rarest plants	
• 80% of the world's rarest animals	
• On Madagascar	

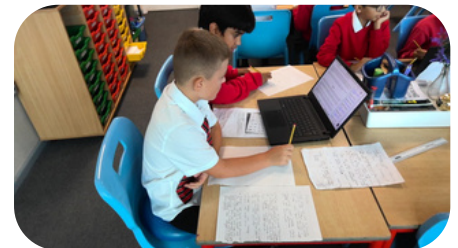
Deforestation	Gerald Durrell
• Cut down trees	• Conservation
• Use to make charcoal and wood	• Helped save and protect animals
• Trees cut for wood	• Love animals
• Burned grass and land	• Try to be kind
• Lost habitats	• Born in India in 1925
• Animals slowly die or extinct	• Set up a zoo in 1945
	• Died in 1995
	• Durrell's



Year 5

Year 5 Set Sail for Antarctica!

After conducting their own research, our pupils have written their CVs and personal statements, faced tough questions in an interview with Sir Ernest Shackleton and have made it on 'The Endurance' to set sail for Antarctica. Over 5000 men applied but only 24 crew members were selected for the most dangerous voyage on Earth to inhospitable Antarctica - in a race to cross the frozen continent. Are you brave enough to apply?



Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to prepare their campaigns for the role of MP (Mini Parliament). They have carefully designed persuasive posters, created memorable slogans, and written thoughtful manifestos outlining their ideas for improving our school. Throughout the process, pupils have developed their speaking, listening, and leadership skills while considering the needs of others. We are looking forward to hearing their presentations and seeing the enthusiasm they bring to the election.



We Reward Reading at Town Farm!

Did you know your child can be rewarded with free books from our vending machine?

To earn a golden ticket, your child must read 30 times at home (maximum of 5 per week) to receive their first golden ticket to a free book.

The next target is to read 40 times, then 50 times and finally 60 times. If your child reads every day, they will receive 4 free books of their choice across the year. This adds up to 180 reads in total from September to July!

Why do we invest so much into inspiring our pupils to read?

Reading is a vital life skill that is important in every subject at school and is directly linked to your child's wellbeing. It is proven to reduce stress levels, nurture calmness and increase vocabulary enabling children to better articulate their thoughts, ideas and feelings. It is exciting to 'escape' into another imaginative world and many books can help children understand others, themselves and their emotions better.

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Health Advice for Your Children

Our community health advisor Sarah Barnes will be doing drop-in sessions at school from 10am until 12am on Monday 5th October, Monday 9th November and Monday 7th December. If you have any health concerns about your children and would like to discuss them, please do ring the office to book a slot - appointments will last for 20 minutes.

Freemantles Cygnets Programme

There are still spaces available on the 7-week Freemantles Cygnets Programme, which will now begin on Tuesday 22nd September at 1.15pm at The Spring Family Centre, Springfield Primary School, Sunbury. The course has a £10 booking fee.

The programme is for parents and carers of school-aged children with autism or suspected autism and covers areas including understanding autism, communication and social interaction, sensory needs and supporting behaviour. A formal diagnosis is not required.

Parents and carers can book directly via the Freemantles Cygnets booking page.

For any questions, please contact ABetts@springfield.surrey.sch.uk or surreyparentworkshops@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk.

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.



We kindly request that parents ensure all clothing items are labelled with names so that any lost property can be promptly returned to the correct pupil.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	94.80%
Year 1	95.10%
Year 2	97.30%
Year 3	93.60%
Year 4	92.10%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96.60%
Overall attendance	94.20%

Best Attendance this Week

1st Place - Blyton 99.2%

2nd Place - Picasso 98.6%

3rd Place - Zephaniah 97.3%

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:

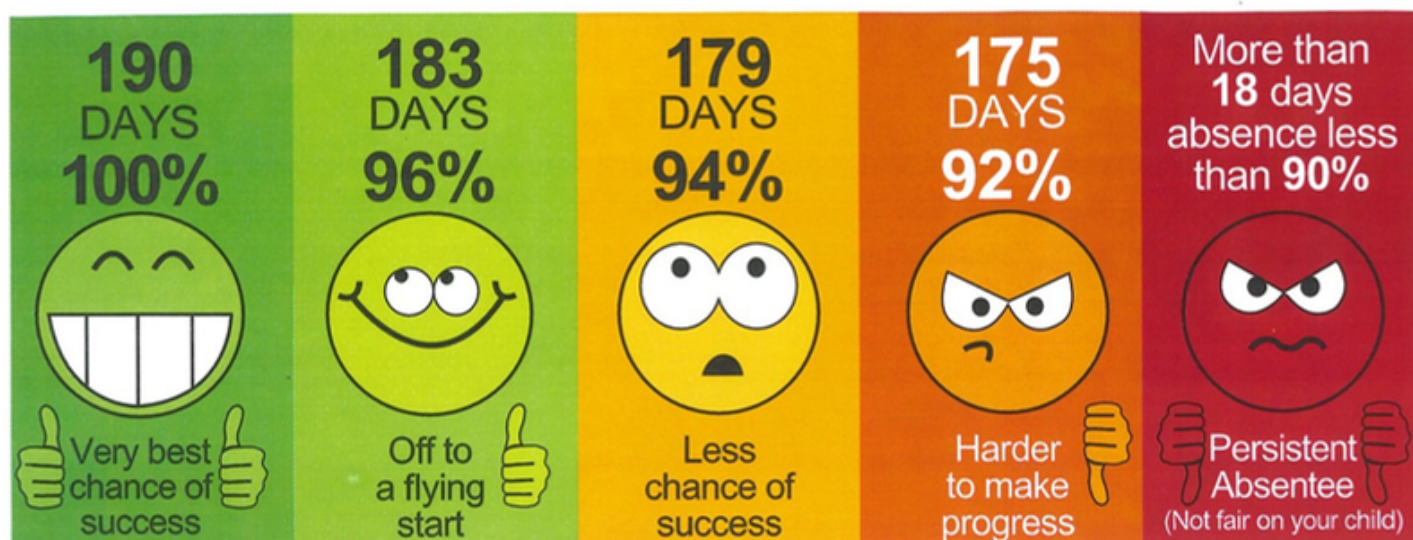
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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

Community news is provided by outside organisations and Town Farm is not responsible for the content.





Little Diamonds

- ❖ A smaller stay and play group for children with additional needs and their parents/carers
- ❖ Offering fun activities and sensory resources
- ❖ Opportunities to chat with other families, to share ideas and experiences
- ❖ Advice and support available
- ❖ Weekly drop-in (term time)
- ❖ No need to book





Stanwell Family Centre
 Hadrian Way, Stanwell TW19 7HE
 Wednesdays (Term Time) 1pm-2.30pm



spelthornefamilycentres@surreycaretrust.org.uk
 01784 241407

— SPELTHORNE EAGLES —


COMMUNITY OPEN SESSIONS

NEW TO BASKETBALL OR JUST
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**PROUD TO BE NAMED
COMMUNITY CLUB
OF THE YEAR**



TURING HOUSE TUESDAYS

U10/U12's	5:00 – 6:30pm
U14/U16's	6:30 – 8:00pm

MEADHURST CLUB

U6's	SAT	9:15 – 10:00am
U8's	MON	4:30 – 5:45pm
U10/U12's	THU	5:00 – 6:15pm
Small Group Skills	SAT	11:00 – 12:00pm
Shooting Clinic @ BISHOP WAND	TUE	5:00 – 6:15pm

REACH ACADEMY

All Girls	WED	5:00 – 6:00pm
U14/U16's	THU	7:00 – 8:30pm

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