



TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

We have had another productive and positive week at Town Farm as the new academic year continues to gather momentum.

September is a crucial time in school, as we establish clear classroom routines, build strong relationships, and set high expectations for learning and behaviour. At Town Farm, we are proud of our three core school rules, which underpin everything we do:

- **Excellence** – the quality of being outstanding.
- **Endeavour** – try hard to do or achieve something.
- **Equanimity** – to remain calm in a difficult situation.

These rules are central to developing character, confidence, and a strong sense of responsibility in all of our children.

We were also delighted this week to appoint our Year 6 prefects, including our Head Boy and Head Girl. They were proudly presented with their prestigious blazers and ties during assembly this morning. We are confident they will be excellent role models and look forward to the many ways they will support our school community throughout the year.

We look forward to next week when our Class MPs and Eco Warriors will be appointed through democratic class votes. They will be presented with their special ties during assembly on Monday. These leadership roles, alongside our prefects, are an important part of life at Town Farm. They provide children with meaningful opportunities to develop responsibility, leadership skills, and a sense of service, while giving them a voice in shaping our school community and promoting positive change.

Our Town Farm trips programme has also begun, providing valuable opportunities to enrich learning beyond the classroom. This week, our Year 1 children enjoyed a local walk as part of their geography learning, taking part in a scavenger hunt to identify landmarks and explore their local area.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Miss Elliott
Deputy Head

Dates for your Diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

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

7 Nov - Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip

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)

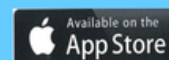
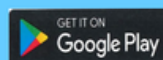
EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

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.

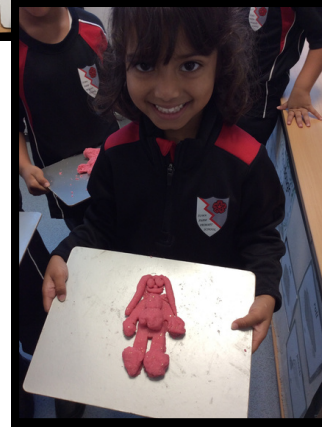
The Arbor App is available on:



Highlights from the Week

Early Years

In Early Years, we are continuing our topic, Bears, Bears Everywhere, and have been enjoying reading We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children have enjoyed using their gross motor skills on the soft play equipment as they climbed over and under obstacles, just like in the story. We have also been busy creating our own binoculars to take on a bear hunt and drawing maps, so we don't get lost. Reception have also enjoyed going to PE and visiting the library this week. Nursery and Reception children continue to explore a wide range of resources, with the playdough remaining a particular favourite.



Year 1

The children in Year One enjoyed an exciting geography field trip this week as we explored our local area. Armed with clipboards, maps and plenty of enthusiasm, we set off on a bright, sunny day to follow our planned route and record our observations along the way. During our walk, we spotted several of the different types of houses that we had been learning about in class and visited the historic St Anne's Well, from which the village of Stanwell takes its name. The children were fascinated by the beautiful St Mary's Church and its impressive spire, and we also stopped at the War Memorial, where we took time to reflect on the soldiers whose names are commemorated there. The walk provided a wonderful opportunity for rich discussion and the development of new vocabulary, while helping the children deepen their understanding of the local area and the community in which they live.



Year 2

Year 2 pupils enjoyed learning about local habitats by exploring different areas of the school grounds. They became young scientists as they searched for minibeasts and other living things in a variety of habitats. The children carefully looked under logs, searched in small cracks and crevices, examined leaves, and explored the sensory garden to discover where different creatures live. They learned about the importance of habitats in providing food, shelter, and protection for animals, while developing their observation skills and curiosity about the natural world.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about recycling and looking at posters that have moving parts. This week we followed instructions, in our D.T. lesson, that taught us how to make a waving hand using a lever and linkage mechanism.



Year 4

This term in Art, Year 4 have begun exploring the fascinating world of insects through drawing. The children are developing their observational drawing skills by carefully studying a variety of insects and recording what they see in their sketchbooks. They are learning to identify and replicate different lines, shapes and patterns, paying close attention to the intricate details that make each insect unique. As part of this work, pupils are also developing their pencil techniques. They are learning how to create light and dark tones and use shading to add texture and depth to their drawings. Through experimentation with different pencil pressures and marks, the children are beginning to create more realistic and detailed artwork



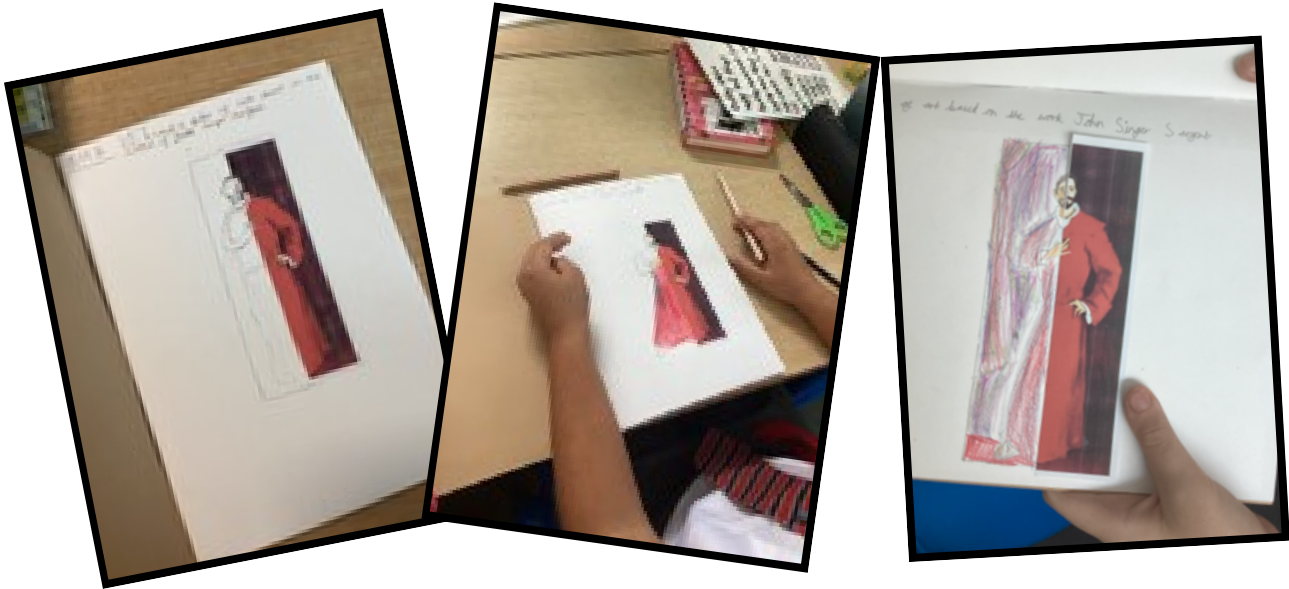
Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about Changing Materials, they experience Now, Press, Play, an audio learning experience, where they act out and follow instructions by wearing a headset. They experienced alien characters who taught them about solids, liquids and gases.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the work of the famous artist John Singer Sargent. As part of their art lessons, the children studied his striking portrait Dr Pozzi at Home and developed their observation and colouring skills. Their challenge was to creatively complete the missing half of the portrait, carefully considering colour, style, detail, and composition to match Sargent's original work. The pupils demonstrated excellent creativity and artistic flair, producing impressive pieces that showed both imagination and a strong understanding of the artist's techniques. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the fantastic results they achieved.



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AUTHOR VISIT

£7.99

Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 9 OCT

MEET LUCY NOGUERA!
HER WARM AND REASSURING STORIES HELP CHILDREN EXPLORE EMOTIONS, FAMILY, RESILIENCE AND CHANGE, MAKING HER THE PERFECT AUTHOR TO CELEBRATE ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY.

YOUNG MINDS

WEAR A HINT OF YELLOW WITH YOUR UNIFORM ON FRIDAY

PRE-ORDERS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK INCLUDING MULTI-BUY OFFERS OR MEET LUCY AFTER SCHOOL IN THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER.

Roald Dahl Day Sweet Shop

HELLO!

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

OUTSIDE THE UPPER SCHOOL HALL

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ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO BUY TASTY NEW BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

TFS PTA
Town Farm Primary School PTA
Helping children achieve their dreams and potential
Charity No. 1011242



Town Farm Primary School PTA

Bringing children, parents, families and staff together.

We are looking for parents, carers, friends and staff to help support our annual events.

Town Farm PTA Community WhatsApp community



Join our Town Farm PTA Community WhatsApp to:

- Get announcements of events and important information.
- Join the PTA chat to share ideas and ask questions,
- Join PTA Volunteers to offer your time at events.

Chat to the Team

Claire Lyndsey Michelle Simon



What Our PTA Is Here For

Supporting Education
Helping to provide resources, opportunities and facilities that benefit our children's education.

Building Our School Community
Bringing parents, carers and staff together through social and community events.

Promoting Pupil Wellbeing
Supporting activities and initiatives that help improve the wellbeing and experiences of all our children.

Reasons to be part of the PTA community.

- Connect with other parents and families.
- Volunteering is a rewarding experience.
- Gain extra skills whilst supporting events.
- Show your children how to be a positive role model.
- Help raise funds for extra curricular resources to support all the pupils in the school.

You can find us here:



@TownFarmPTA



PTA@town-farm.surrey.sch.uk

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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/town-farm-primary-school-and-nursery-pta>



A reminder about... **ILLNESSES**



As we move into **winter months**, we know coughs and colds become more common.



Children can often attend school with **mild symptoms**.



Please refer to **NHS guidance** if you are unsure whether your child should be in school.



If your child is **genuinely unwell**, please keep them at home and inform the school.



Working together to keep our school healthy.



THANK YOU

Thank you for helping us keep our healthy and ready to learn.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

A guide for parents and carers



HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis, Headlice & Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Cough / Sore Throat No need to stay off school or nursery, give pain relief at home and we can top up at school during the day	Headache No need to stay off school or nursery, give pain relief at home and we can top up at school during the day	PLEASE NOTE This guidance is to help parents and carers make decisions about their child's health and when to keep them off school. When in doubt, seek advice from a healthcare professional.		

Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	93.4%
Overall attendance	95.1%

Best Attendance this Week

1st Place - Picasso 99.3%

2nd Place - Hillary 98.6%

3rd Place - Beethoven 97.6%

Most Improved - Hillary with 10%

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:

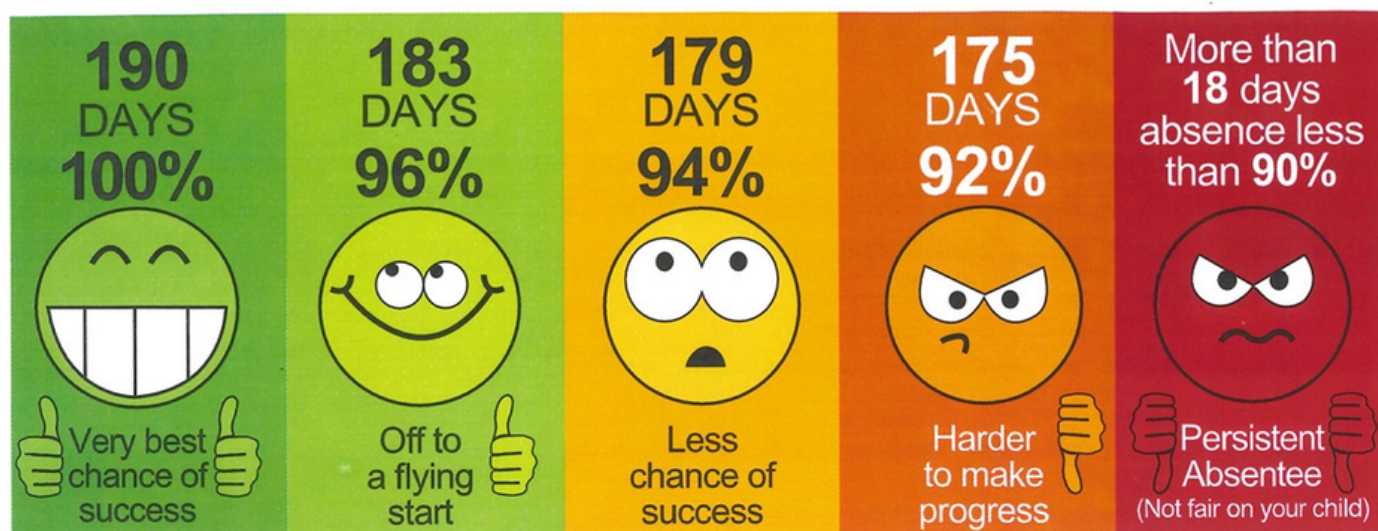
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt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



BISHOP WAND
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
— REALISING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL —

Open Evening for Admissions 2027

Our Open Evening will be held on
Thursday 1st October 2026

Open Morning Tours:
From the 22nd September until
15th October 2026

Please see the School website for further details
www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk



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DIFFERENCE**



**Thomas Knyvett
College**

Belonging
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New leadership Renewed ambition The highest expectations

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 1 October 2026
5:30pm – 8:00pm

PRINCIPAL PRESENTATIONS
6:15pm – 6:45pm
7:00pm – 7:30pm
in the Main Hall

- Meet our students and staff
- Explore our classrooms and facilities
- Try our Canteen food tastings
- Explore our curriculum, clubs and enrichment
- Discover what makes TKC special

Thomas Knyvett College
Stanwell Road, Ashford, TW15 3DU

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ALL ARE WELCOME

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Schools



THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026
5.30pm - 8.00pm
Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school
You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk.
More details are on our website.

Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE
Tel: 01932 219400 Email: info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk
Website: www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk
Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

"I wanted to say how impressed my husband and I continue to be with the quality of care provided by Thamesmead. Both of my children are so happy within the school environment" – Year 7 & Year 9 parent

"We never had any doubt choosing Thamesmead was the right decision. We're proud to be part of the Thamesmead community." – Year 8 parent.

"As parents, we see not just the academic progress, but the confidence, independence and character the school helps to develop in its students" – Year 9 parent.

NEW OFSTED REPORT CARD AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE



RIVERS ACADEMY
West London An Aspirations Academy

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24th September 2026
5.30- 7.45pm

AT RIVERS ACADEMY OUR VISION IS TO
INSPIRE CHILDREN TO BECOME THEIR
PERSONAL BEST BY ENGAGING THEM IN
AUTHENTIC EDUCATION.

74% OF OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVED LEVEL
4+ IN ENGLISH AND MATHS GCSE IN
SUMMER 2026!



'Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain. They receive high-quality careers advice and guidance'

'Pupils benefit from an excellent education. The school's curriculum is highly ambitious for all'

We offer a Year 7 Space Graduate Pathway for students who have a special interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)