



TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week we have had at Town Farm! This week was our Life Skills Week, beginning with organisation team games in Monday's assembly. Throughout the week, every year group completed practical activities from their Life Skills booklets, which have now been sent home for families to continue working through together during the year. Please see the year group pages below for more information about the skills covered.

Year 3 took part in an exciting Money Ready workshop, focusing on the difference between wants and needs. Children took on job roles, such as police officer or builder, to earn 25 Money Ready pounds before planning a seaside trip using their earnings. They had to decide what was essential and what they could manage without. We were delighted that every child managed to save 5 Money Ready pounds, and everyone took home a Money Ready keyring.

Our Rise and Read sessions in the library were very popular. Thank you to all the families who joined us, and to our English and Library Team for organising such a special opportunity. We also enjoyed an exciting author visit on Tuesday, inspiring our children through books, storytelling and the world of writing.

Year 6 had a fantastic visit to The Imperial War Museum to kick start their learning about World War II. Experiences such as this are incredibly valuable, allowing children to visualise history and explore the topic in a practical, hands-on way. The children were impeccably behaved and asked some excellent questions. I have a feeling their next topic is going to be very well received, with lots of thought provoking learning ahead.

All in all, it has been a very exciting and successful week at Town Farm, with children learning, exploring and developing skills in so many different ways. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to our final week of learning for this half term next week.

Miss Elliott
Deputy Head

Dates for your Diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

- 12 Oct - Yr 3 Be Your Best Assembly
Parents invited @ 2:30pm
- 15 Oct - Autumn Stomp
- 19 Oct - Half term**
- 2 Nov - Pupils return to school
- 6 Nov - Year 6 Pollution Workshop
- 9 Nov - Healthy Ambassador training
- 12 Nov - Parents' Evening
- 16 Nov - Anti-bullying Week
- 16 Nov - Odd Sock Day
- 18 Nov - Parent Workshop Maths @ 2:45pm
- 20 Nov - Mufti day (details to follow)
- 25 Nov - Parent Workshop - KS2 Reading
- 27 Nov - Mufti day (details to follow)
- 26 Nov - Open Evening for Prospective
Parents at 4:30pm
- 4 Dec - Christmas Fayre
- 8 Dec - KS2 Carol Concert
- 9 Dec - EYFS & Yr 1 Christmas Production

(Dates subject to change)

EYFS = Nur & Reception

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

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.



Highlights from the Week

EYFS

We are continuing our exciting topic, Bears, Bears Everywhere, and have started our new story, The Everywhere Bear. The children were thrilled to discover that our class bears, Julia and Michael, had been everywhere in the school, even visiting Mr Bhatti's office! We have also been enjoying Life Skills Week and are working hard to become Super Hygiene Heroes. Mrs Chilton visited us to talk about how we can achieve this by becoming more independent with toileting, blowing our noses, washing our hands and cleaning our teeth. We were also delighted to welcome Nayel's mummy, who is a dentist. She shared lots of important information about looking after our teeth, including the importance of regular visits to the dentist and brushing our teeth properly. We are all learning valuable skills to help us become Super Hygiene Heroes!



Year 1

The children were delighted to take part in our first Life Skills Week of the year. In Year 1, we are focusing on developing independence skills, particularly dressing themselves and remembering to use good manners. We began by practising taking off our shoes and socks and then putting them back on again. The children showed great determination and did a fantastic job. Next, we challenged ourselves with buttons and zips, taking turns to practise fastening and unfastening our cardigans and coats. We discovered that many of us are becoming increasingly confident with these skills. We also identified some areas for further practice, including putting jumpers on and taking them off independently, as well as mastering shoelaces. The children also spent time practising their manners through a range of role-play activities. We picked a card and then acted out everyday situations, such as buying something from a shop, accidentally bumping into someone, and receiving food from the staff in the dinner hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and had lots of fun, while also reinforcing the importance of being polite and respectful.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been developing their independence during Life Skills Week by practising buttons, zips, dressing skills and personal hygiene.



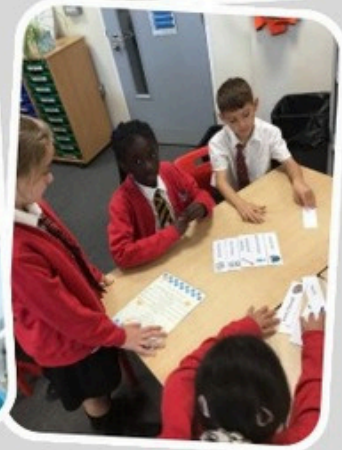
Year 3

In Year 3, we have been learning in geography, how to use a map to name and locate areas of high ground in the U.K. We brought this lesson to life by setting the pupils a mission to locate missing hikers, from clues about their location sent through from Mountain Rescue U.K! We also identified all the high ground in the U.K. using playdoh to make the mountains 3D.



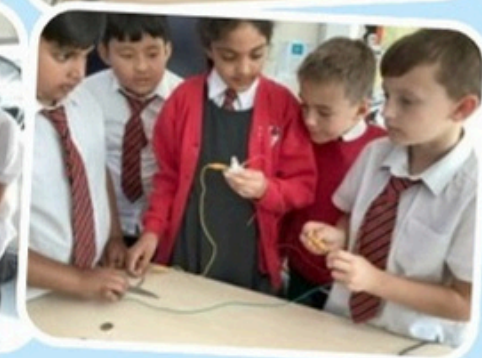
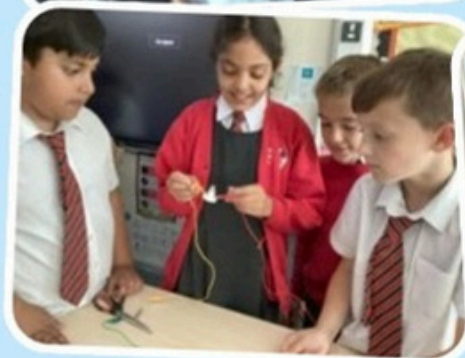
Year 4

Life Skills Week in Year 4 focused on three key themes: Friendship, Communication & Organisation and Etiquette & Manners. As Friendship Doctors, we explored how we can resolve conflict without making things worse and we were able to prescribe 'medicine' to make things better between friends. We turned our hand at instructing a robot to carry out tasks to help us get better at following multi-step instructions. Deciding which five items to take to a desert island was quite tricky but it was a good way to understand how compromise helps. To help develop our use of manners and correct etiquette, we sorted through polite and impolite responses to situations, deciding what was the right thing to say or do. We've all thought a lot about how we can include these skills in our day-to-day lives and we'll be referring back to them over the coming months to embed them. Have fun trying out the life skills sent home on Monday! We look forward to receiving the forms once you've become confident in those skills!



Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been investigating which conductors make a bulb shine brightest. They worked in groups and planned their investigation. They tested which materials are better conductors. Many items were tested:- plastic rulers, sharpeners, radiator pipes, tables, door handles.



Year 6

Year 6 had an exciting and informative visit to the Imperial War Museum this week, where they gained a deeper understanding of significant events from the past. Through exploring fascinating exhibits, authentic artefacts and personal stories, the children learnt about the experiences of people affected by war and the importance of remembering these events. The visit sparked curiosity, encouraged thoughtful discussion and helped bring history to life. It also provided a fantastic introduction to their next history topic, World War II, giving them valuable background knowledge and inspiring them to learn more about this important period in history.



Rise and Read

What a wonderful week in the library welcoming in families for early opening as part of life skills week. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the fantastic range of books on offer including some new spooky titles thanks to the generosity of CLPE (part of the National Literacy Trust).



Author Visit

What a wonderful visit from local author Lucy Noguera! Our pupils loved their special assembly celebrating World Mental Health day and meeting Lucy. Many families also joined us in the library after school and purchased books from her beautiful collection. A huge thank you to our PTA for funding the visit, co-ordinating sales and for purchasing Lucy's full collection for all pupils to enjoy in the library using funds from the Roald Dahl Day sweet sale! Lucy was so complimentary about the conduct of our pupils, our thriving reading culture and commented upon the 'beautiful well resourced and organised library. I especially loved the 'book suggestion' box which was jam packed with book requests on brightly coloured sticky notes. Would love to come back soon!'



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Roald Dahl sweet sale. We raised...

£326!

for new English resources and opportunities, including lovely new books for the library and classrooms.

What an amazing amount!



Charity no 1177374

Town Farm Primary School PTA
Bringing children, parents, families and staff together

A huge thank you to our parent and staff volunteers who helped support the event. 🌟



Autumn Stomp Disco

Thursday 15th October

YrR-2 3:15-4:15pm
Yr3-6 3:30-4:30pm
£3.50 per child*

*Town Farm pupils only

Join us for our annual 'Autumn Stomp Disco', where your ticket not only covers the music, drinks and snacks, but also supports our school's PTA! This fun-filled event is a great way to enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing while contributing to our community initiatives.

Come on, Let's dance!

Pay online by
**Wednesday
14th October.**




With huge thanks to our sponsors





Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.6%
Overall attendance	96.3%

Best Attendance this Week

1st Place - Picasso 99.3%

2nd Place - Hillary 97.5%

3rd Place - Zephaniah 97.2%



A reminder about...

TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS



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.

£160
per parent/carer,
per child
Paid within 28 days

£80
per parent/carer,
per child
Paid within 21 days

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.

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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.



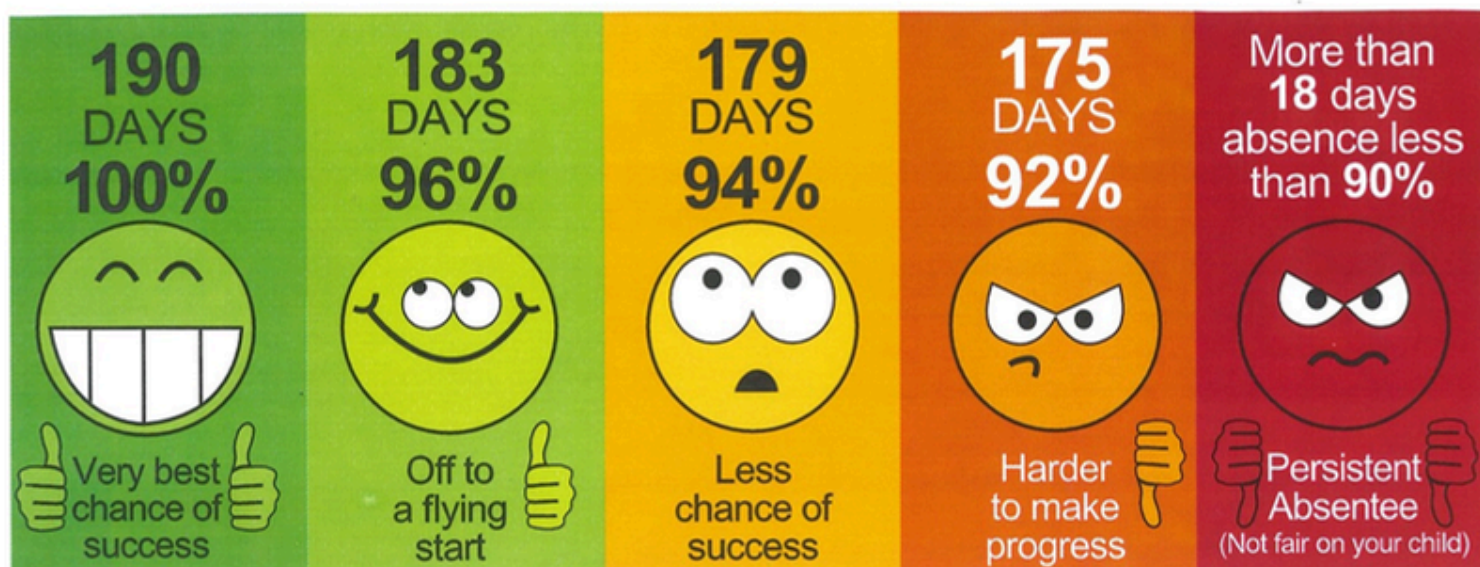
Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore **cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests** without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Every day counts. 

Together, we can support your child to achieve their best. 

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.





Girls play, learn and have tons of fun for ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, supportive space.

Location: St Hilda's Church
Stanwell Road
Ashford
TW15 3QL

Day: Wednesday

Time: 5:00 – 6:00pm

Contact: 3rdashfordrainbows@gmail.com
07983603086

Join a local Rainbows group: girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

♥ Friendship ♥ Adventure ♥ Skills for Life ♥

Discover Adventure Through Guiding and Scouting!

Millions of young people across the UK benefit from the opportunities offered by Girlguiding and Scouts. These organisations help children develop confidence, resilience and independence, while making new friends and enjoying a wide range of exciting activities.

From camping and outdoor adventures to community projects, creative challenges and leadership opportunities, Guiding and Scouting provide experiences that help young people grow, thrive and create lifelong memories.

We are always keen to promote opportunities that enrich children's lives beyond the school day.





Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.

Rainbows
For ages 4 to 7



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.

Brownies
For ages 7 to 10



Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

Guides
For ages 10 to 14



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.

Rangers
For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you girlguiding.org.uk

Registered charity number: 308016

If your child is interested in getting involved, we encourage you to explore the local Guiding and Scouting groups in our community. You never know where the adventure might lead!

Parking

We have received several complaints regarding people who are parking across neighbouring driveways and on the roundabout whilst dropping off and collecting their children from school. We ask that parents are mindful of where and how they park at both ends of the school day. It is important that we preserve the good relationship Town Farm has with our neighbours. We would also ask you to help keep everyone safe by not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines even if this means parking a little further away and walking.

Please also note that the car park is for staff and authorised visitors only.

