



TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As we move further into the autumn term, our focus remains on ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve their potential. We want our children to develop strong foundations in learning, confidence to embrace challenges and the values necessary to make a positive contribution to society.

Primary School of the Year finalist 2026

I am delighted to share that Town Farm Primary School & Nursery has been shortlisted for Primary School of the Year at the Education Today Awards 2026.

This is a significant achievement and reflects the collective efforts of our staff, the support of our families and the commitment of our children. It is particularly pleasing to see the work of our school community recognised at a national level. Whatever the final outcome, reaching this stage is a source of considerable pride for us all.

Supporting Holly's Heroes

It was a pleasure to welcome representatives from Holly's Heroes to our school and present them with a cheque for £1,507.00, raised through the generosity and hard work of our school community. We are extremely grateful to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts. The opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile local charity reflects our commitment to helping others and making a positive difference beyond the school gates.

Looking ahead

We remain committed to providing the highest quality education and experiences for every child. Thank you for your continued trust and support, which are essential to the work we do together.

Have a lovely and restful half term holiday.

Mr Bhatti OBE
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

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

SCHOOL CATEGORIES

Primary School of the Year

Captain Shaws
Church Lane Primary & Nursery
Derby Primary School
Elm Tree Community Primary School
Essex Primary Academy
Goldsmith Primary Academy
Granton Primary School
Hackney New Primary School
Inkberrow Primary School
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary
Thomas Bullock CE Primary
Town Farm Primary School

Secondary School of the Year

Ark Alexandria Academy
Ark Wakefield Academy
Chase Terrace Academy
Gordon's School
Mulberry Academy Hastings
Oakwood Academy
Rusley Village Academy
Smiths Wood Academy
St Michael's Catholic College
The Winston Churchill School

Independent School of the Year

Alchemy School
ALP Sittingbourne
The Blue Coat School Birmingham
City of London Freemen's School
Cranleigh School
Donhead Preparatory School
Emley Grays School
Hampton Court House
Howe Green House School
Regent Grammar School
RGS Worcester
Shrewsbury House School

Outstanding Multi Academy Trust

Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust
Endeavour Multi Academy Trust
Inclusive Multi Academy Trust
Lion Academy Trust
Mosaic Learning Trust
Nexus Multi Academy Trust
Pioneer Learning Trust
SDBB Multi Academy Trust
St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust
The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust
The Inspire Multi-Academy Trust
Willow Tree Academy

Best Use of Technology / ICT in School

Castleside Primary School
Cranleigh School
Donhead Preparatory School
Keelham Primary School
King's Interhigh
Lusley Primary School
Oster Hill Academy
OneSchool Global
RGS Worcester
The Great Heighes Network - Bradford to Botswood
Water Meadows Primary School

Creative School of the Year

Donhead Preparatory School
Epinay Business School
Gordon's School
Hampton Court House
Mulberry Academy Hastings
Perry Wood Primary and Nursery

Overall School of the Year

ALP Sittingbourne
Apollo Centre
Charles Darwin Primary Academy
Cresswell Hill Special School
Emley Grays School
Glenwood Special School
Gordon's School
New Hall School
Oakwood Academy

NEW FOR 2026: Pupil Mental Health Initiative of the Year

Mulberry Academy Hastings
Oak Hill School
St Hilary's CE High School

Highlights from the Week

EYFS

To celebrate the end of our 'Bears, bears everywhere' topic in Drawing club, our EYFS children had a wonderful Teddy Bear's Picnic! The children and our teddy bears enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, including a delicious picnic. The children showed great enthusiasm and imagination throughout the day, making it a memorable experience for everyone. It was lovely to see so many special teddy bears joining us, and the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their furry friends while creating happy memories together.

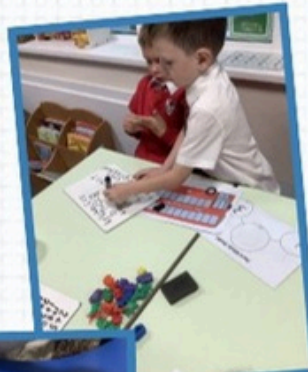


Year 1

This week in Year One, we have continued to explore number bonds to 10 and how we can use our knowledge to create number sentences. We have also been using the part-part-whole model to support our understanding.

The children particularly enjoyed a practical activity where they worked in pairs. Taking turns to roll a dice, they placed the corresponding number of sorting objects onto the bus and recorded each number on their part-part-whole board. They then worked out the total (the whole) before using their findings to write the matching number sentence.

It was wonderful to see the children developing their mathematical skills through hands-on learning, teamwork and problem-solving!



Year 2

In Year 2 Geography, we have been learning about our Wonderful World by looking at ariel-view photographs of different places. We used our observational skills to carefully study the pictures and spot key features such as mountains, rivers, buildings, roads, and green spaces. We discussed what we could see, shared our ideas with our partners, and compared different environments. This helped us to develop our geographical understanding and learn how to identify the features that make each place unique.



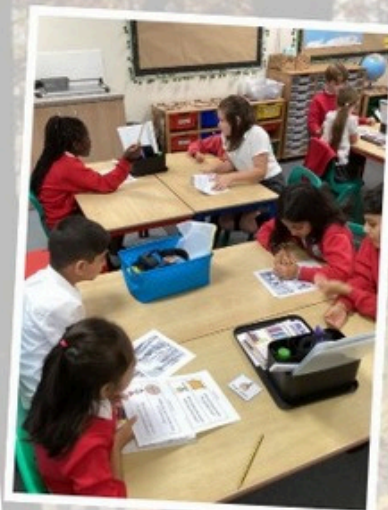
Year 3

Year 3 were very excited to share all that they have been learning, with Active Surrey over the past 5 weeks, with their grown-ups at a special celebration workshop, where everyone received a certificate in recognition of the pupils completing the course.



Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been exploring the exciting book *Into the Forest*. The children have carefully analysed the illustrations, looking for clues and using evidence from the pictures to make predictions about the story. They then took part in hot-seating activities, stepping into the role of the boy from the story and answering questions in character. This helped them to develop a deeper understanding of his thoughts, feelings and experiences while building their speaking and listening skills.



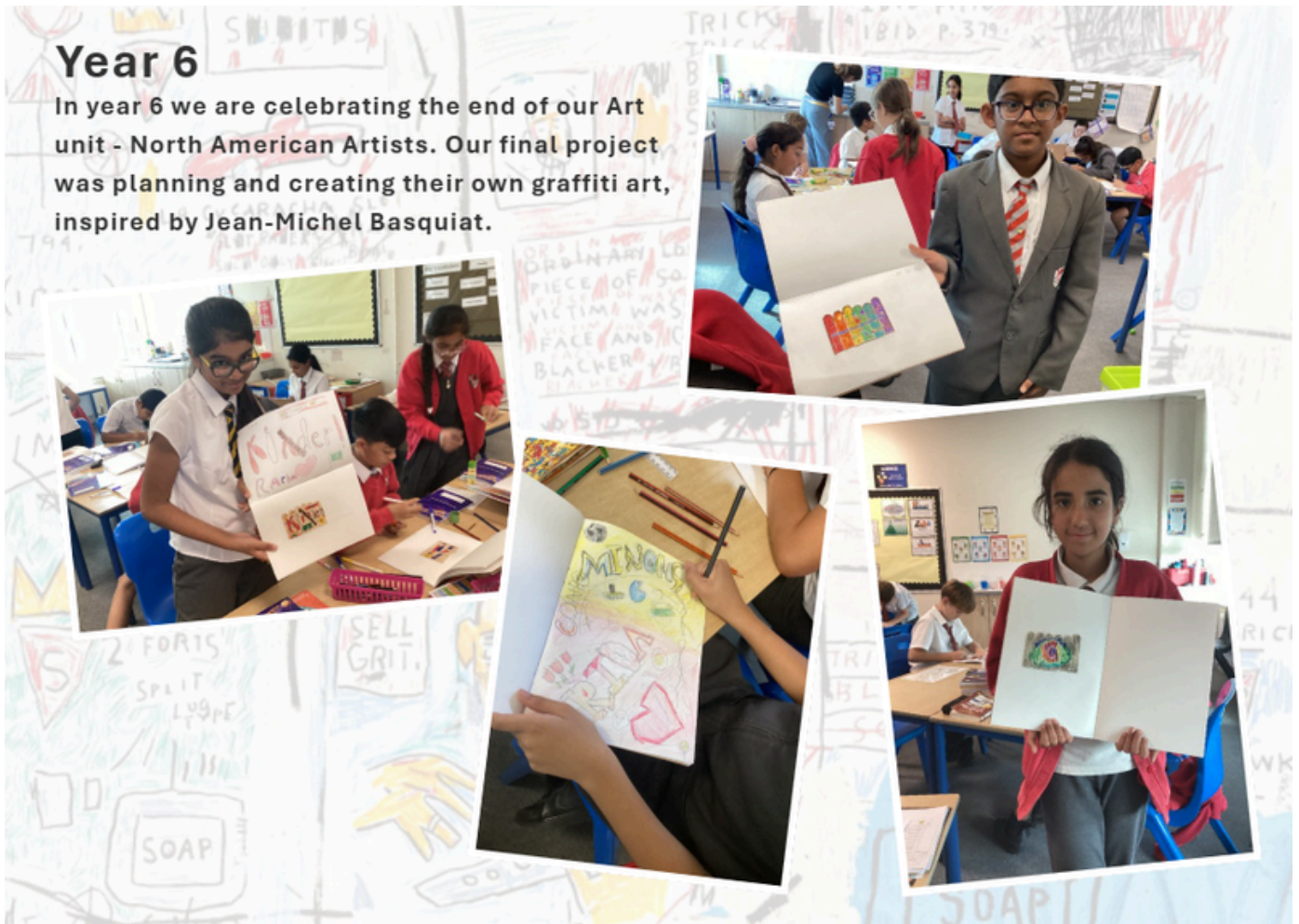
Year 5

Year 5 were invited to an amazing online workshop with The Royal Ballet and Opera. The children acted out and sang alongside with opera singers and artist. They had a fabulous time.



Year 6

In year 6 we are celebrating the end of our Art unit - North American Artists. Our final project was planning and creating their own graffiti art, inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.



information

Can you help the Eco Warriors?

We'd really like to prepare the sensory garden for next Spring's insect visitors!

Could you donate a pack of Spring flowering bulbs?

If you can, please send a pack in with your child for them to hand to Mrs Hancock (Mozart Class) the week beginning **Monday 2nd November.**

The Eco Warriors are excited to get planting!





Town Farm Primary School
& Nursery



OPEN EVENING

For prospective parents of
Nursery & Reception age children



Thursday 26th
November 4:30pm



Come along
to meet
the staff



Tour the
facilities



See what
Town Farm
can offer
your child



Having a clear out over half term?



The Great Book Giveaway



*This December we want every child to take home a
book for Christmas.*

*If you have any pre-loved books in good condition,
please hand in to the school office or your class
teacher.*



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	95.5%
Overall attendance	96.2%

Best Attendance this Week

1st Place - Monet 99.3%

2nd Place - Milne 98.2%

3rd Place - Picasso 97.9%

Most Improved: Milne & Monet by 4%



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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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.



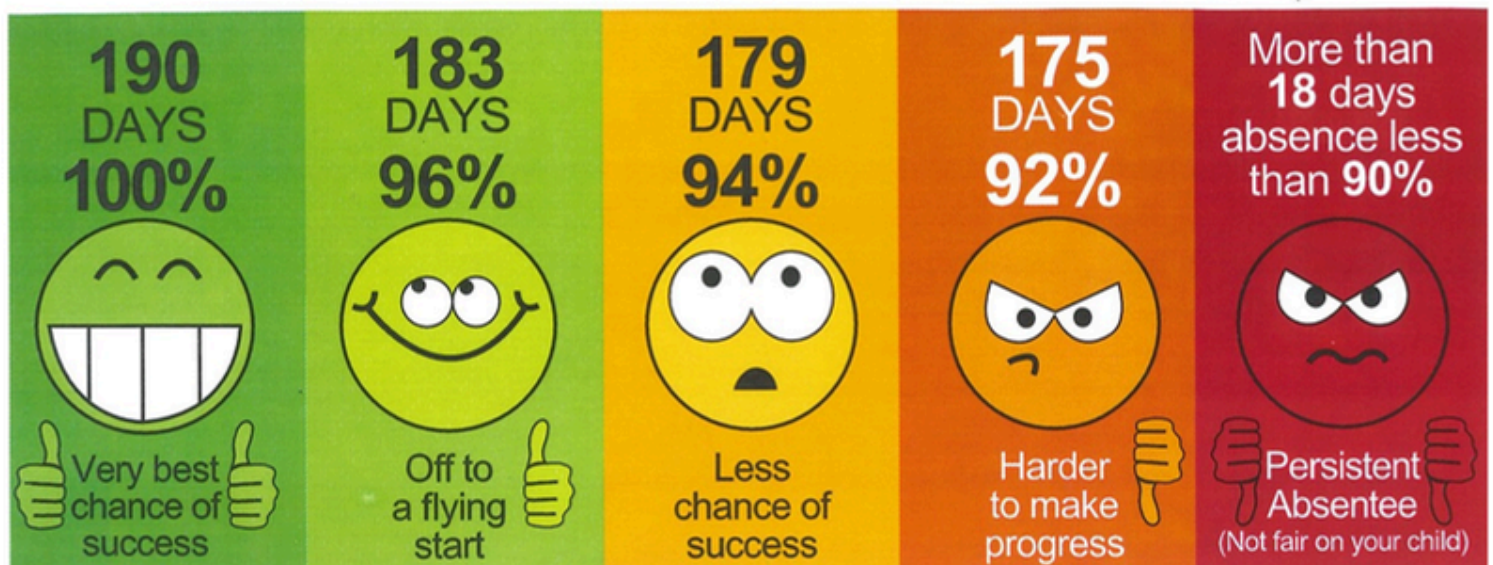
Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore **cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests** without the written permission of the Headteacher.



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.

ASHFORD TOWN GIRLS TASTER SESSIONS



 Robert Parker Stadium, Short Lane, Stanwell, TW19 7BH

 Thursday 15th & 22nd October 5PM - 6PM

Be active | Have fun | Make friends | Play football



Wildcats football sessions are the perfect way for girls of all abilities aged 5-8 years to get involved with football

SIGN UP HERE

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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.

