TOWN FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As another busy and successful week comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful things happening across our school. It has been a week filled with exciting opportunities, achievements and plenty of reasons to feel proud of our Town Farm community.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 Prefects and KS2 members of our Mini Parliament, who recently took part in specialist training delivered by The Eikon Charity, focusing on the Five Ways to Wellbeing. Following their training, these children have proudly taken on a new role as our Town Farm Wellbeing Ambassadors. They are already busy putting their learning into action by developing a wellbeing action plan for the remainder of the school year. Their role will be to help promote positive wellbeing throughout our school, sharing their knowledge and ideas with other classes and teaching their peers about the importance of looking after our mental and emotional health. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have and are delighted to see our pupil leaders taking such an active role in making Town Farm an even happier and healthier place to learn.

We are absolutely delighted and incredibly proud to announce that Town Farm Primary School has received the HarperCollins Reading for Pleasure Award – Highly Commended!

This recognition celebrates our successful commitment to promoting and encouraging a genuine love of reading amongst our children. At Town Farm, reading for pleasure is so much more than simply learning to read; it is an integral part of our ethos and school culture. We want every child to discover the joy, excitement and escapism that books can bring, developing a lifelong love of reading along the way. This achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the support of our families in helping us nurture a community of enthusiastic readers. Thank you for continuing to encourage reading at home and sharing in our passion for books. What a wonderful achievement for our school!

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our first Parents' Evening of the academic year. We always value the opportunity to meet with you, Share the excellent progress your children are making and celebrate their achievements, both academically and personally. Working in partnership with families is so important and these conversations allow us to recognise just how far the children have come, while looking ahead to their next steps and future successes.

Your continued support, encouragement and involvement make such a difference to your child's learning and development. We are grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families and for the time you take to be involved in your child's school journey.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Elliott
Deputy Head

Dates for your Diary

2026 - 2027 Academic Year

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
2 Dec - Parent Workshop - Phonics
4 Dec - Christmas Fayre
8 Dec - Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ 2pm St Mary's Church
9 Dec - EYFS & Yr 1 Christmas Production @ 9:15am or 2:30pm
9 Dec - Year 5 to visit Care Home
11 Dec - Panto
15 Dec - Years 2 & 3 Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm
16 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec - Christmas Lunch Day
18 Dec - **SCHOOL FINISHES @ 1:30pm**
5 Jan - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
6 Jan - Pupils return to school

(Dates subject to change)
EYFS = Nur & Reception
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 /KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Highlights from the Week

EYFS

This week in Early Years, we have continued exploring our *Imagine That!* topic through the beautiful story Rainbow Fish. The children have loved talking about the story and creating their own colourful rainbow fish using a variety of different materials and techniques. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and imagination shine through in their artwork.
In Maths, we have been learning about circles and triangles. The children particularly enjoyed taking their learning outside on a shape hunt, where they searched for circles and triangles in the environment around them. We were amazed by how many shapes they could spot and how confidently they talked about their discoveries.





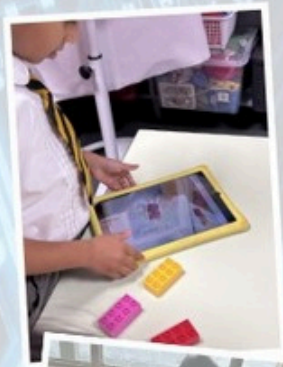




Year 1

This week in Computing, Year 1 have been learning how to create a set of visual instructions for others to follow. Working in groups, the children used iPads to take step-by-step photographs as they built models using Duplo bricks. They then shared their photographs with other groups to see if they could recreate the same models by following the visual instructions.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and demonstrated fantastic teamwork and problem-solving skills. They were also very successful at following the instructions provided by their peers to recreate the exact same models!

















Year 2



Year 2 explored different musical instruments, using them to practice keeping a steady beat. They listened carefully, tapped and played along to rhythms, developing their sense of timing, coordination and musical awareness while having fun making music together.





Year 3













In year three this term, we have been learning about European art and artists. This week we learnt about the artist Anselm Kiefer's life and work. We then drew broken and ruined buildings in his style. We focussed on including the detailed features found on buildings. We produced drawings that showed that we had looked many times at the object.

Year 4

Window Wonders!

Year 4 have loved creating rainforest themed art as part of our 'Rainforest Retreat' programme. This week we painted our very own birds using paint pens and biodegradable bags! We were able to practise our drawing skills by tracing a picture of a bird and then filled in the details. By choosing our own colours for the birds, we were able to make our own artistic choices. These will be displayed on our windows, creating a bright and colourful display we can enjoy.









Year 5









As part of our Celebrating Difference topic, pupils have been exploring bullying through a range of scenarios, discussing what might make situations worse and what actions could help make them better.

Through discussions and role-play scenarios, pupils considered how bullying situations can escalate when unkind behaviour is ignored, joined in with, laughed at, or shared with others. They also explored positive actions that can improve a situation, such as showing kindness, including others, standing up safely for someone, and reporting concerns to a trusted adult. These activities helped pupils understand the important role they can play in creating a safe, respectful and supportive school community. Next week, pupils will learn about different forms of bullying, including direct and indirect bullying.

Last week, pupils also explored racism and created anti-racism ribbons to promote respect, inclusion and equality. We are looking forward to Anti-Bullying Week next week and an exciting anti-discrimination workshop with Brentford FC Community Sports Trust in two weeks' time, helping pupils continue to develop understanding, empathy and respect for others.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 explored the important work of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and learned about the challenges facing endangered animals around the world. Using their research skills, the children investigated a range of species, discovering why they are at risk and the actions being taken to help protect them and their habitats.
Building on this learning, the children will now design and create shadow puppets inspired by their chosen endangered animals. This exciting art project links closely to our Science topic on light, as pupils will use their puppets to explore how shadows are formed and how their size and shape can change. By combining creativity, scientific enquiry and environmental awareness, the children will develop a deeper understanding of both the natural world and the properties of light.



AIR QUALITY WORKSHOP

Year 6 become Air Quality scientists!



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

Thank you to Toby who visited from the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust who taught us so much!

Some of our Year 6 children want to share the experience.

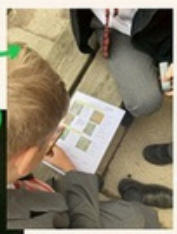
Lichen & Pollution

We learnt how lichen looks in healthy environments and what it looks like in polluted environments.
We found out that the air around our school is a little polluted. I wonder what we can do to change that?

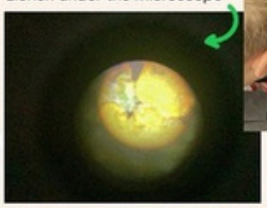
Scientists in action!

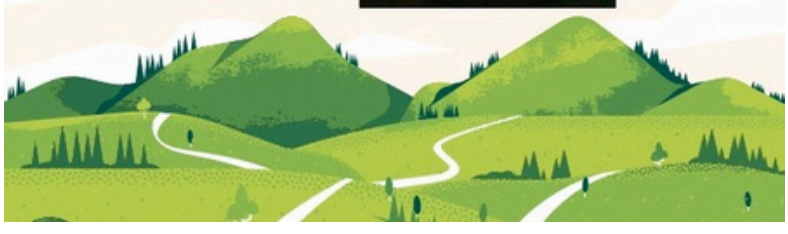
The equipment that we used to look at the lichen was incredible! It was like we were real scientists in a lab. Seeing all of this in action makes me more determined to be a scientist.

Recording our results



Lichen under the microscope





Fire Safety Information for Parents and Carers

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child recently took part in a fire safety session led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, where they learned key skills to help keep themselves and others safe.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to speak with your child about what they learned. As a follow-up, we'd also like to share some important steps you can take to help keep your family safe from fire - and be prepared in case of an emergency.

Fire Safety in The Home

How you can keep your family safe from fire:





- **Smoke alarms save lives:** Make sure you have working smoke alarms fitted on every level of your home. Test them once a week.
- **Fire action plan:** In case of an emergency, create a fire action plan with your family. Make sure everyone knows the quickest and safest way out - and that exit routes are kept clear. Home fire action plan - Surrey County Council Remember **'Get out, stay out and call 999!'**
- **Check before bed:** Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances (unless they are designed to be left on - like your fridge/freezer), turn heaters off, use fire guards, and properly extinguish candles and cigarettes. Ensure internal doors are closed to help stop the fire spreading.

Calling 999

- **Know your address:** Teach children their home address in case they ever need to call 999.
- **Calling 999 is free** from any phone and is answered 24 hours a day.
- **Accessibility:** For those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, 999 can be accessed in a variety of ways. Learn more at: Contact 999 using Relay UK - How to use Relay UK | Relay UK

Clothing Fires

What to do if your clothes catch fire:



Stop, Drop & Roll - stop moving, drop to the ground, and roll to smother flames.

For wheelchair users: Stop, Cover to Smother - use a material like a blanket or coat to smother the flames.



For more information visit
www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education

Seasonal Safety: Celebrating Safely This Autumn

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Autumn is full of exciting celebrations like Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas but it's also a time when the risk of fire injuries can increase. Whether you're watching fireworks, using candles and fairy lights or dressing up, here are some seasonal safety tips to help keep you and your family stay safe:

- **Firework Safety**: Whenever possible, attend organised displays. Store fireworks safely, keep away from children and dispose of them properly. Staying safe with fireworks
- **Burn First Aid**: Cool burns under cold running water for at least 20 minutes. Cover with cling film or a clean plastic bag. Call 999 if needed.
- **Candle Safety**: Never leave candles unattended. Keep them away from anything that can catch fire. Battery-operated tea lights are a safer option. Diwali poster a4
- **Costumes & Decorations**: Choose flame-resistant costumes (look for the **CE** or **UKCA** mark) and wear clothing underneath for extra protection. Keep decorations and candles away from doorways and paths to protect trick-or-treaters. Reflective tape and glow sticks make costumes fun and keep children visible at night.
- **Festive Lights Safety:** Check all lights for damage, switch them off when you go to bed or leave the house, avoid overloading sockets, and keep them away from flammable decorations.



You can find helpful posters and guidance on seasonal fire safety - including Bonfire Night and Diwali using the links provided above.

We've also included some **fun activity sheets** for your child to complete at home - a great way to reinforce the safety messages!

Further Information

Following our session, your child may have questions about fire safety. For more information, visit Fire safety information for parents and carers - Surrey County Council

We also offer free Safe and Well home visits, with personalised fire safety advice. We can also supply and install smoke alarms and other fire safety equipment at no cost.



To book a visit for yourself, a loved one, or someone you're concerned about:

- Visit Surrey Fire and Rescue service - Safe and well checks for your home - Surrey County Council
- Call free on 0800 085 0767
- Or text to 07971 691898 with: your name, contact number, postcode and primary concern (e.g., smoke alarms, a disability or safety concern)

For information on other potential risks in Surrey, and how to prepare, follow this link Risks in Surrey and how to prepare - Surrey County Council

Thank you for helping us keep your family and community safe.



For more information visit
www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education

information

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day!

Monday November 16th

Wear odd socks to school!



This year's theme is...

Break The Silence

Speak up, reach out, and be part of the solution!



We will continue to put kindness, safety and inclusivity at the heart of what we do.





Anti-bullying Week assembly led by Miss Keep

Anti-bullying week activities in class

Be kind | **Include others** | **Speak up** | **Support friends**

FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVE FUN

Wednesday 16th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing with Sticky Chipolata

Or

Butternut Squash & Mushroom Wellington with Yorkshire Pudding

With

Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Xmas Pudding Rice Krispie Balls

Or

Chocolate Orange Brownie





TFS PTA

Town Farm Primary School PTA

Friday 20th November

Non-uniform day

in exchange for:

- a box of chocolates/sweets
- a box of luxury biscuits
- new games or toys
- unwanted gifts sets



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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







Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	96.0%
Overall attendance	96.2%

Best Attendance this Week

1st Place - Darwin 99.3%

2nd Place - Hillary 98.2%

3rd Place - Blyton 97.8%

Most Improved: Beethoven by 6%



