



## CROSS COUNTRY RELAY

On Thursday 9th October, six girls and six boys from years 4-6 joined ten other Primary schools competing in the Spelthorne Schools Cross Country Relay at Bedfont Lakes, organised by Impact Athletics Club. The event revives the much-enjoyed Bracknell Schools Cross-Country Relays, last held several years ago. The challenging course included several hills, gravel footpaths and grass stretches providing the children with an exciting, competitive, and fun team relay.

Each child performed outstandingly, showing strength, resilience and superb teamwork encouraging and supporting each other around the course. The girls finished in 2nd place overall bringing home silver. Support staff were very proud, and the organisers praised their performance and sportsmanship.

Year 4: Georgie, Pearl, Ollie, Will  
Year 5: Sofia, Ruby, Jack, Hayden  
Year 6: Cara, Georgia, Kaiden, James

## LITTER PICKING

Mr Boulton and Mr Goulden, our Chair of Governors have continued their monthly litter picking club with some keen Year 6's who want to help make a difference in the local community.

They collected two sacks worth from Hengrove Park within 20 minutes. A great effort!



# BUTTERFLY AUTUMN WALK

Last week, Butterfly Class went on an Autumn walk around our school grounds. Before we left we watched a video that explained all about Autumn and gave us ideas of what to look for on our walk.

To help us identify the autumnal objects, Mrs Draper had made us all an 'Autumn view finder' using Widgit.

It was lots of fun and we couldn't believe that we had so many autumnal things within our school grounds.

When we got back to our classroom, we wrote about what we saw, using our view finders to remind us and help us with spelling some new vocabulary like 'conkers'.



# TAG RUGBY

Mrs McKenna and Coach Michael took Logan, Jack, Joshua, Ciaran, Hayden and Charlee down to St James Senior Boys' School for a Tag Rugby Competition.

They competed well against tough opposition, demonstrating great respect and resilience.

Well done boys!



## Pool 1

TIME	TEAMS	PITCH	
1.30	Ashford Park V Trafalgar	1	3-7
1.30	Cleves V Manorcroft	2	7-4
1.50	Ashford Park V Cleves	1	6-6
1.50	Monorcroft V Trafalgar	2	3-6
2.10	Ashford Park V Monorcroft	1	4-5
2.10	Trafalgar V Cleves	2	6-3

## Allergies - Please do not bring sweets or chocolates into school

We kindly ask that you do not send sweets or chocolates into school with your child, nor allow them to bring any in themselves.

Recently, sweets were distributed unknowingly, and unfortunately, this resulted in a child being hospitalised. Thankfully, the child has made a good recovery.

However, this incident highlights the serious risks that can arise, especially for children with allergies or other health conditions.

To help us safeguard all children, please support us by ensuring your child does not bring sweets or chocolate into school.

**Update: this also includes giving out sweets at the end of the day, when children are being collected by their Parents / Carers.**

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.

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## Arbor



After the October half term break, **please ensure that your child's lunch options are uploaded onto Arbor on a weekly basis.** If your child has packed lunches, please fill this in too. Our aim is to reduce admin time in the classrooms, we are a big school with a lot of children to cater for - so your support would be appreciated.

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## Year 7 Secondary school admissions

The national closing date for secondary places for September 2026 is **31 October 2025.**

If your child is in year 6, we advise you to research potential schools and visit them before applying. Full information on how to apply is available on the [Surrey County Council website](#)

If you have any queries, please contact the School Admissions team via [schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk). If you are unable to apply online you can call 0300 200 1004 to request a paper application form.

## Parking

We have had more complaints about parking in the local area, particularly around Queens Walk. Please park considerately in the surrounding road and do not block residents driveways.



## Gate codes for Clubs

**The gate codes have changed for clubs - please check Arbor under the relevant club to check for the new code.**

Morning clubs – codes can be accessed 5 minutes before and 10 minutes after start time.  
After School clubs – codes can be accessed 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after start time.

## Smart Schools Council



Mrs Allen leads the APPS Smart Schools Council, empowering every pupil at Ashford Park to be heard, to speak up and to use the power of their voice to make good changes!

Please click on the green image to read this week's Smart School Council News.

Paisleigh-Grace has had a massive achievement in Maths showcasing her counting in 2's up to 10 using dienes. The wonderful Miss Martin has helped Paisleigh gain confidence and understand her multiplication. Well done Paisleigh, you superstar!



### New to Reception Parent Tours for September 2026

Our Parent Tours held on 9<sup>th</sup> October were very well attended.

We have two other dates coming up:  
13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm and 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am.  
Please see our website page to book: [Reception Admission Information](#)

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 we advise you to research potential schools and visit them before applying. Full information on how to apply is available on the [Surrey County Council website](#)

The closing date for on-time applications to start infant, junior or primary school is 15th January 2026.

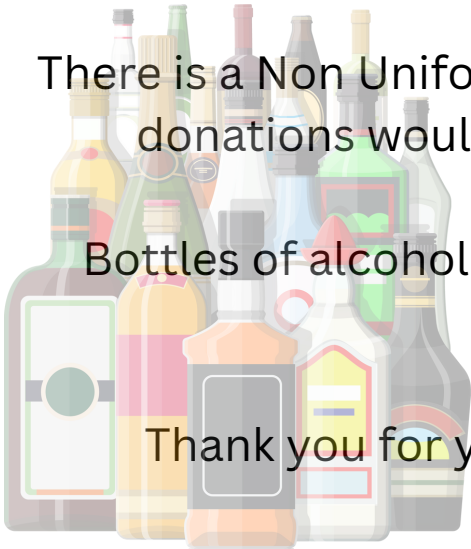
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## Non Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola

There is a Non Uniform Day on the **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, bottle donations would be appreciated for the Christmas Fair.

Bottles of alcohol or soft drink only please, unopened and in date.

Thank you for your support for the PTA Christmas Fair.



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### SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP

We are continuing to pray for your children, their families and teachers – good health, safety and protection for all.

If there is someone or something you'd value specific prayer for, and feel comfortable to share with us, we'd love to hear from you. Please be assured that it will be kept in strict confidence.

Our next meetings 10a.m -12 are:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

You are most welcome to join us for any part of the time.

If you'd like more information please contact:

Val Edwards: [info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org)

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## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

# 95.4%

## Class Winners

KS1 Mole Class  
98%

KS2 Robin Class  
98.6%

# OTHER KEY DATES!

INSET Days 2025/26  
24th October 2025  
13th February 2026  
22nd May 2026  
22nd July 2026

## October

- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Consultations in classrooms
- 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Non Uniform Day - Bottle donations appreciated, for PTA Xmas Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Half term

## November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 London Transport Museum
- 8<sup>th</sup> – PTA Firework Display, gates open at 4.30pm, blast off at 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day - uniformed groups can wear their uniforms e.g. Cubs and Brownies
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Individual photographs, no PE today
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day: Anti-Bullying Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> – New to EYFS Parent Tours 6.00-7.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms, 3.30 and 5.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Non Uniform Day, £1 donation appreciated for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 visit to St Hilda's Church
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations catch up session
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Acorn Celebration Morning – parents invited to share their children's learning
- 28<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Fair in the hall from 5.00 - 7.30pm

## December

- 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Choir to perform at Salvation Army Carol Concert at 2.00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children would be appreciated
- 12<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Choir Concert at 3.30pm accompanied by refreshments
- 14<sup>th</sup> – KS2 to perform to St Hilda's Church congregation TBC

98% of our school community are now signed up to Arbor - thank you.

If you haven't already accessed Arbor this year, please sign up ASAP:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

