

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the annual lockdown drill on Monday, I am pleased to report that the boys engaged with the exercise incredibly well. As always, we learn things from such activities which allows us to add to our already robust processes. However, a big thank you to all staff and students for their support during this important activity.

Congratulations to all those boys who took part in the Cross Country earlier in the week, details of which are in Gabe's report below. Finally a reminder that next Wednesday (15th October 2025) we will be having the school photos which will be available to purchase online soon after.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Lord

Friday Curriculum

9H have been working on repairing and revamping a part of the wooded area today. They have cleared and begun to lay a base for an extension of the bike track, as well as cleaning and tidying the campfire area. A huge effort was shown by the group in moving wheelbarrow loads of stone for the path from the front of school.



Mr Moody

Cross Country

This Wednesday, KS3 and KS4 athletes took part in the first sporting event of the academic year, travelling down to The Royal Alexander and Albert School to compete against schools from across the borough. All students ran well with notable performances from KS3: Jacob Ryan (4th); Jonah Mee (5th); Daniel Leonard (7th); Kai Bagwell

(10th). Also from KS4: Harry Franklin (3rd); Jack Bristow (4th) and Thomas Emms (6th). Well done to everyone who participated:

KS3

Callum Duff
Daniel Leonard
Elliot Palmer
Frankie McSorley
Jacob Napier
Jacob Ryan
Jonah Mee
Kai Bagwell



KS4

Dominic Hanley
Ethan Lyons
Harry Franklin
Jack Bristow
Jayden Peters
Kasra Alavi
Lithar Po-Ba
Michael Hanley
Ollie Taylor
Thomas Emms

Gabe

Thales Open Evening

Please see information below regarding the Thales Apprenticeship Open Evening on **Thursday 13th November**. This is an invitation only event and is not being advertised externally.



Invitation to Thales Crawley Insight Event – 13th November 2025

Would you like to learn more about the Thales apprenticeships? If so, join us for the Crawley Insight event on Thursday 13th November.

The Crawley Thales UK Insight evening will give you the opportunity to learn about our different business areas and what our apprenticeship programmes can offer you. Come and meet some of our current apprentices and find out what it is really like to be an apprentice at Thales. Our Future

Talent Team will also be there to give you advice on the application process and assessment centres and answer any questions you may have.

This event is for anyone interested in an apprenticeship with Thales, either ready to apply now for our September 2026 intake, or for future years.

Entrance is by invitation only, and we are only able to accept ticket requests from a school email address.

The following time slots will be available:

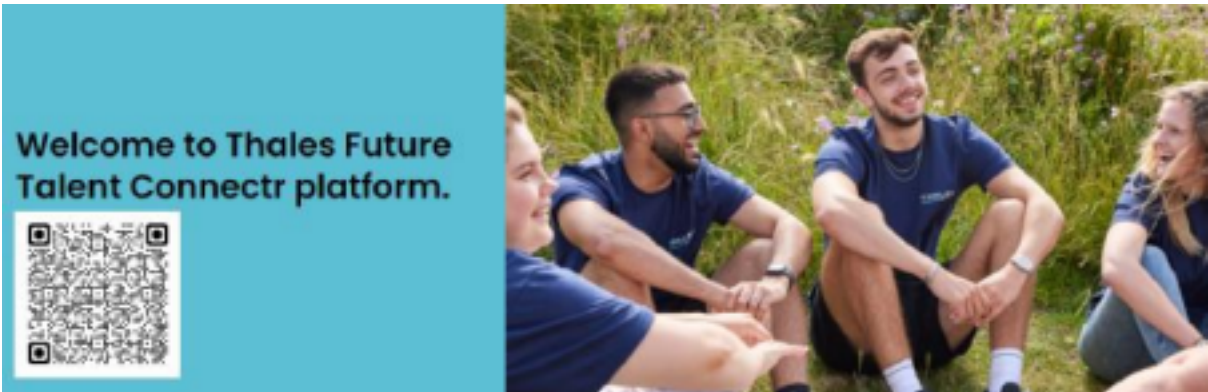
- Session One 17.00 – 17.45
- Session Two 18.00 – 18.45
- Session Three 19.00 – 19.45

To register for tickets please follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thales-crawley-apprenticeship-insight-event-13-november-2025-tickets-1734915532059?aff=oddtcreator>

This event is by invitation only. Spaces are restricted so tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. For any enquiries please contact suppearlycar@uk.thalesgroup.com

Due to our strict security requirements, all attendees must be registered in advance, have photo ID, only arrive during the designated time slot and only register for one slot. We will also be operating a no bags policy on the night.

For more information about roles this year or future years, we have a graduate and apprentice future talent platform, where our future talent can engage with digital buddies and access information about Thales. Buddies will be able to offer insights on our roles, share information on what it's like to work at Thales and help develop their skills and knowledge on how to make a good application, as well as how to best perform at an assessment centre. To register scan the QR code:



Thought for the Week (W/C: 6/10/25) Growth Mindset & The Learning Pit	Thought for the Week (W/C: 13/10/25) World Values
<u>The Baton</u> Noah Atkins	

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are Rhys Brown <i>For excellent engagement and active learning</i> Ollie Hall <i>For concentration and hard work</i>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova are Noah Atkins <i>Improved effort & resilience</i> Charlie Histed <i>Academic achievement</i> Alex Rose <i>Independence & excellent work</i> George Cooke <i>Resilience & active learning</i> Kayden Wheatcroft <i>Cooperation & active learning</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Thomson is KS4 Freddie Ponsford <i>Outstanding contribution and input</i> & awarded by Miss Newcombe KS3 Alex Hofer <i>For his excellent engagement</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Callum Jordan <i>For consistent effort and positive approach</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood Archie Gillam <i>For his engagement and enjoyment in reading</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Arthur Edmondson
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle are Zac Picksley <i>For independence</i> Freddie Collins <i>For homework</i>

House Points

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Kamauri Craig	850 House Points
Hayden Howells	450 House Points
Loui Salliss	400 House Points
Harry Origgi-Fernando	300 House Points
Arthur Edmondson	200 House Points
Harley Schooling	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	School Photos
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Royal Opera House Visit
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Early finish – 1.30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help
Monday 13th October 10-11:30am
Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm
 90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs
£24.
 Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



 October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

 What to Expect:

 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies**

 **Pony Care**

 **Riding and Mounted Games**

 **Connect with Nature**

 **Make New Friends**

Scan the QR code or click this link to book: [Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)



Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 15TH OCTOBER.

Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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Experienced SEN tutor to support
children with additional needs

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