

Newsletter - 13th June 2025

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17th June - Class photographs Tuesday 17th June - Sponsored scoot/run/walk for our school charity (advice that helmets should be worn by children using scooters) Wednesday 18th June - Year I to the British Wildlife Centre Thursday 19th June - Rocksteady assembly Friday 20th June - Year 5 Outdoor Adventurous Activity day Friday 20th June - PTA Frozen Friday ice-lolly sale after school Monday 23rd June - Year 6 to PGL Tuesday 24th June - Year 3 to Wakehurst Place Thursday 26th June - Year 3 Singing Picnic Friday 27th June - INSET day, school closed to children Friday 4th July - Break the Rules Day & Rainbow Hamper donations, if parents are able to contribute (posters on page 4 & 5) Sunday 6th July - PTA Colour Run! More information on page 5 **Thursday 10th July** - 6pm, Year 6 Production (for Year 6 parents) **Tuesday 15th July** - Sports Day on school field (am - KS2, pm - EY and KS1) Monday 21st July - 2pm, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (for Year 6 parents)

Please check term dates on the <u>school website</u> before booking holidays. Absence for holidays is not authorised and could result in a penalty notice fine.

ENRICHMENT WEEK

This year's theme for Enrichment Week was 'belonging'. Classes took part in a range of activities throughout the week with their own class teachers and with their house groups. It was wonderful to see how the varied music, art and sport activities developed over the week and to see the children's enthusiasm in the different sessions. The end of Enrichment Week culminated in an incredible dance showcase on the school field. Every class created a dance around the theme of belonging and performed confidently in front of an audience of parents - we think we had more than 100 parents watching the performances! Don Rae has led dance workshops at Tatsfield for 20 years and we thank him for his ongoing partnership with our school. An article about Enrichment Week will be in the next edition of the TLT Trust Talk magazine.





KIND SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR'S COLOUR RUN







GREAT RONNIE, GREAT BRITAIN

Congratulations to Ronnie in Year 6 who has been selected for the Great Britain Kickboxing Squad for this year. Ronnie and will be competing in Italy at the European Championships in September. He has shown dedication and commitment to his sport over many years and we're all very proud of his achievements. Good luck in September, Ronnie!





YEAR 2 MULTI-SKILLS

Congratulations to the Year 2 Multi-Skills team who took part in the Tandridge Multi-Skills event a Hurst Green School last week. Mrs Ford said that the children participated brilliantly in the event and worked well as a team. Through their sportsmanship and skills in each event, they scored 700 points overall! Well done!

COMPASSION & KINDNESS

Our school value of kindness has been demonstrated by Brooke in Year 3 as she has decided to donate 12 inches of her own hair to the <u>Little Princess Trust</u>. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give hair and hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year. If you'd like to support Brooke and read more about her story, please click <u>here</u>.



BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACE

Please remember that the disabled access car parking space in the village car park should only be used by people who need it. Parents, grandparents and members of staff who have a blue badge displayed in the car should be the only people who use this space at school drop off and pick-up. We ask parents to be aware of this when using the car park - not all disabilities are visible.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance for the last two weeks : Reception Class (Wrens) - 95.6% Year I (Robins) - 100% Congratulations Robins! Year 2 (Kingfishers) - 99.8% Year 3 (Woodpeckers) - 99% Year 4 (Kestrels) - 95.8% Year 5 (Owls) - 98.5% Year 6 (Eagles) - 94.2%

PENALTY NOTICES

Information from Surrey County Council

Reducing absence from school is a key priority nationally and locally because missing school damages a pupil's attainment levels, disrupts school routines and the learning of others. Above all, missing school seriously affects children's longer term life opportunities.

If parents consider that there are exceptional circumstances that require their child to be absent from school during term time, please complete <u>this form</u>, including as much detail as possible to support the absence. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

What is a Penalty Notice?

Under existing legislation, parents/carers commit an offence if a child fails to attend school regularly and the absences are classed as 'unauthorised' (those absences for which the school has not given permission). Depending on circumstances such cases may result in prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. A Penalty Notice is an alternative to prosecution, which does not require an appearance in Court but is used as a means of enforcing a pupil's attendance when there is a reasonable expectation that their use will secure an improvement. If the Penalty Notice is paid in full and on time, then parents will not be prosecuted for this offence.

The Authority does not take the decision to issue a Penalty Notice lightly and would prefer to work with parents/ carers to improve attendance without having to resort to any enforcement actions. Poor school attendance can affect a child's future employment and life opportunities, and the Authority will use the powers if this is the only way of securing school attendance. Each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice to each child who is failing to attend school regularly.

How are they issued?

By post or are hand delivered to the home of the parent/s.

What are the costs?

Payment within 21 days of receipt of a Notice is £60. This rises to £120 it paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

How to pay?

Details of payment arrangements will be included on the Penalty Notice. Parents need to be aware that payment in part or by instalment is not an option with Penalty Notices and must be paid in full.

When are they used?

Surrey County Council considers that regular attendance at school is of such importance that Penalty Notices may be used in the following circumstances were unauthorised absence occurs.

I. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged in Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

2. Unauthorised 'leave at absence' in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). In such cases the Headteacher/ Governing Body will request that the Local Authority issue a Penalty Notice. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been previously warned of their liability to receive a penalty notice.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where attendance has fallen below 90% and there are no less than 7 unauthorised sessions during the preceding 6 school weeks. The parents' failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival alter the close of registration without good reason. In these cases, a written warning of a parent's liability to receive a Penalty Notice will be given.

Is there an appeal process?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a notice has been issued.

What happens if I do not pay?

Parents have up to 28 days from receipt to pay the Penalty Notice in full, after which the Authority is required under the Act to commence proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the original offence of failing to ensure the regular school attendance of the child. If proven, this can attract a line at up to £2,500 and/or three months imprisonment, or a range of disposals such, Parenting Orders or Community Sentences.

Tatsfield Primary School PTA



BREAK TATSFIELD PRIMARY'S RULES FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

EACH RULE IS 50p TO BREAK OR BREAK ALL 5 FOR £2

DON'T WEAR FUNKY SOCKS!

DON'T HAVE CRAZY HAIR!

DON'T WEAR NAIL POLISH OR TATTOOS!

DON'T WEAR TRAINERS!

DON'T WEAR YOUR OWN T-SHIRT!

Please bring money in an envelope into class, Thank you.

If your child is in receipt of fsm, please contact Mrs Jewitt for any financial help.

RAINBOW Hamper RAFFLE

EAR 3

GREEN

FRIDAY 4TH JULY

EAR 1

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Skittles

RED

Please leave your year group colour donations in the gazebo

EAR 5

ngers

PURPLE

Please make sure food is in date and not perishable.

Aim High, Achieve More!

YEAR 4

YEAR 2

Tatsfield Primary School PTA presents Sunday 6th July From 1pm SINGLE TICKETS: £7 PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN: £2 ticket includes sunglasses children & adults T-shirts not provided Please wear your own t-shirt. **BUY YOUR TICKETS AT:** WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/TATSFIELDPTA

If your child is in recipt of fsm please contact Mrs Jewitt for more information.



This event is kindly sponsored by: R.THORPE HEATING & PLUMBING LTD and WESTERHAM CARS

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Courses for Parents & Online Safety Information





Upcoming Online Courses

Building Your Child's Concentration

- Building your Child's Resilience
- Building your Teenager's Resilience

Develop Skills to your child's Sensory Needs (ASD, ADHD and other)

Developing your Child's Self-Esteem

Empowering Your Child: Positive Ways to Handle Anger and Meltdowns

Exploring Behaviour Strategies

First Steps to Understanding Masking

First Steps to Understand My Neurodivergent Child

Help your Child to Manage Anxiety

Help your Child to Develop Positive Bedtime Routines

Help your Child to Develop Positive Friendships

Learn, Play & Thrive - The Toddler Years

Sensory Routines to Support your Child's Behaviour & Learning

Starting School: Navigating Anxiety and Expectations for Parents

Supporting your LGBTQ+ Child

Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience

Using Play, Songs and Stories to Support Your Child's Early Years

Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Violence

Please note that some of these courses may have waiting lists and some run to more than one session. For full details of these and other courses offered by Surrey Adult Learning and how to book, click below.

SEARCH COURSES

Online Safety Information

2025 report on media use and attitudes

On 7th May, Ofcom published its annual report looking at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17. The report also includes findings on parents' views about their children's media use, and how parents of children and young people aged 3-17 monitor and manage their children's use.

The key findings related to online safety in the report include:

- There has been an increase in 3-5-year-olds using social media platforms
- More children are watching livestreamed videos, a growing trend over the past three years and 16% of 3-17s livestream their own videos
- Girls continue to be more likely than boys to experience nasty or hurtful interactions online
- The majority of parents do not think the benefits outweigh the risks of their children being on social media, messaging and video-sharing apps
- More than seven in ten (72%) parents are concerned that their child would be unable to distinguish between the real and the fake online
- Children aged 8+ who have had lessons in online safety at school are more likely to say they are very useful to them, compared to last year
- The three most common online safety topics taught in schools are: How to recognise harmful content (63%), how to keep personal information safe (63%), and being kind and respectful to others online (62%)
- More than half of children aged 8-17 who use smartphones to go online are not allowed to use them at any time in school

To read the full report, click the link below:

Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report (Ofcom)



Beating asthma together- parent and carers session 18th June 7.30-8pm

The surrey heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is:

- Spot the signs before they escalate
- Learn what works at home and in school
- Build a solid action plan
- Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared—<u>click here to book</u>

Rhythms that transform. Discover the real you! Latin, Fusion Dance Fitness





Tatsfield Primary School, 3 Ship Hill TN16 2AH Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00 pm £9.50 Per Class Buy Six Classes get 7th Free* tallyterent@gmail.com

* A block of 6 plus 1 free classes must be used within ten weeks of purchase