



## Newsletter - 7th November 2025

### DIARY DATES

**10th November-14th November** - Anti-Bullying Week (Power for Good)

**Monday 10th November** - Odd Socks Day

**Monday 10th November** - KS2 inter-house dodgeball competition

**Tuesday 11th November** - Remembrance Day

**Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th November** - Parents' Evenings

**Thursday 13th November** - 8.30am-8.45am Year 5 Open Morning

**Friday 14th November** - Non-uniform day for Children in Need (optional donations at the gate)

**Friday 21st November** - Red/green (Christmas colours and Tatsfield colours!) non-uniform day for PTA collection for the Christmas Fair - donations for hampers/Elfridges

**Friday 21st November** - Scholastic Book Fair starts after school in the entrance hall

*Please check term dates on the [school website](#) before booking holidays.*

*Absence for holidays is not authorised and could result in a penalty notice fine. More information on page 3.*

### POSITIVE PLAYTIMES

An area of our school playground has been developed into a digging area for the children to use at lunchtimes. Mrs Collins listened to what pupil feedback, and digging and exploring was a popular request! This area is developing over the next few weeks and children are enjoying the new activity. The generous donation from [Re:Water](#) following our Movement in March event has funded the resources for this area - thank you Re:Water and thank you Mrs Collins!

We are continuing to focus on lunchtime activities for the children. If you are able to donate any of the following, this would be greatly appreciated:

- spades and digging tools
- lego
- cardboard boxes
- masking tape for junk modelling

Donations can be left in the gazebo in the mornings. Thank you!



### SCHOOL CHARITY 2025-2026

Our School Council would like the school community to help to choose our school charity for this year. The final list to choose from [using this link](#) is:

Allergy UK [Allergy UK | National Charity](#)

Sal's Shoes [Donate Unwanted Shoes | Sal's Shoes](#)

The League of Friends for Tonbridge Cottage Hospital ([HOME - The League of Friends of Tonbridge Cottage Hospital](#) )

Westerham Foodbank [Food Bank - Westerham Town Council](#)

Children and parents can vote. Voting will close at 4pm on Friday 14th November.

## SPORTING SUCCESS

Just before half term, we had our first South Tandridge sport event with 28 children representing Tatsfield at cross country. Every single runner showed pure resilience and determination to run as fast as they could over the mile course whilst teammates were encouraging and supporting them. Our red t-shirts were noticeable across the whole race field but a special mention goes to Reuben, Lilia, Amelie, Beau, Callum and Fox, all who placed in the top 5 for their race. It was an enjoyable event to support at and a great start to the sporting calendar at Tatsfield.

Last week, a band of Year 3 and 4 children excitedly attended the Handball Festival at Oxted School. To begin, children practised key skills, including: throwing and catching, dribbling hitting a target to score. Then, they played seven games, applying the skills they had learnt. All of the players demonstrated excellent teamwork, demonstrated improvement of the skills and lived out the school values, particularly resilience, respect and challenge. Most notable was Sonny for his excellent, strategic play, goal scoring and gaining possession of the ball. In addition, Rily showed incredible grit and between matches, gave her teammates a pep talk with key pointers to improve play in the next match! Overall, we were placed a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place!

On Tuesday, Early Years and Key Stage 1 participated in their first inter-house competition. All of the children were involved in the afternoon completing 7 activities for their house. The results were:  
**Yellow House** 495 points **Green House** 482 points **Red House** 440 points **Blue House** 394 points

We want all children to be involved in sporting activities outside of PE lessons. If your child has been invited to an event and cannot attend, then please respond to the invitation letter so we can make sure a full team can attend each sporting event or competition.



## STEM

We were delighted to be involved in a STEM workshop with Gatwick Airport recently, where all KS2 pupils were able to explore a range of scientific and technological activities. It was great to be able to apply knowledge that the children had already learnt, as well as learn new skills. Children worked well in their groups, developing communication and team work skills alongside their STEM activities.



## ATTENDANCE

**Class attendance over the last two weeks:**

★ **Reception Class (Wrens) - 98.8% - Congratulations Wrens!** ★

Year 1 (Robins) - 96.8%

Year 2 (Kingfishers) - 97.8%

Year 3 (Woodpeckers) - 97.5%

Year 4 (Kestrels) - 97%

Year 5 (Owls) - 96.4%

Year 6 (Eagles) - 93.7%

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## TERM DATES 2025-2026

### Autumn 1 – Term 1

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025

*INSET Days 1st, 2nd and 3rd September*

### Half-term (2 weeks)

Monday 20th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

### Autumn 2 – Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025 (finishing at 2pm)

### Christmas Holidays (2 weeks)

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

### Spring 1 – Term 3

Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026

*INSET Days Monday 5th January 2026 and Tuesday 6th January 2026*

### Half Term Holiday (1 week)

Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

### Spring 2 – Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026 (finishing at 2pm)

### Easter Holidays (2 weeks)

Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026

### Summer 1 – Term 5

Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

*Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday*

### Half-term Holiday (1 week)

Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

### Summer 2 – Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 - Thursday 23rd July 2026 (finishing at 1.30pm)

## PENALTY NOTICES - GUIDANCE FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

A reminder for 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. 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. 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.

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### Upcoming Online Courses

- Build Emotional Resilience with Storybooks
  - Building your Child's Resilience
  - Building your Teenager's Resilience
  - Developing Early Communication Through Song, Play and Stories
  - Developing your Child's Self-Esteem
  - Exploring Behaviour Strategies
  - First Steps to Understand Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance
  - First Steps to Understand My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism)
  - 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
  - Navigate the options after Year 11 (college, apprenticeship, work)
  - Sensory Routines to Support your Child's Behaviour & Learning
  - Sensory Routines to Support Your Child with ASD, ADHD and other
  - Supporting your Teenager Online
  - Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience
  - Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understand 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 News

#### The impact of the Online Safety Act's Protection of Children Codes

Three months on from when measures designed to make the online world safer for children came into force as part of the Online Safety Act's Protection of Children Codes, InternetMatters.org has considered five ways that the Act has had an impact:

1. Many platforms are using age verification
2. Terms of service are getting easier to understand
3. Algorithms are being redesigned to reduce harms
4. Platforms are improving parental controls
5. Platforms are being held accountable

You can read the full report by clicking the link below:

[InternetMatters.org: 5 Ways the Online Safety Act is changing how children experience the online world](#)

#### Instagram AI Content PG13

AI characters (chatbots) were introduced into many apps around three years ago and there have been many reports of the failures of the safety guardrails, resulting in children being exposed to chats, advice and guidance which is entirely age-inappropriate. Instagram has introduced a new way for parents to manage their teens' access to one-on-one chats with AI characters. Users of Teen accounts should now only see content that's similar to what they would see in a PG13 movie. The new features:

- Allow parents to turn off their child's access to one-on-one chats with AI characters entirely.
- Allow parents to block specific AI characters.
- Parents will get insights into the topics their children are chatting about with AI characters.

[Click here for more information on PG-13 Ratings guiding Instagram Teen Accounts](#)

[Click here for more information on Meta's approach to AI Safety](#)



# ST MARY'S TATSFIELD

## All Age Services

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A shorter service with hymns and songs suitable for families led by Team Rector Reverend Helen or Team Curate Reverend Debra

10am Sundays 21 September, 19 October,  
16 November, 21 December

## Messy Church

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Crafts and Stories for families on the theme of Creation; children of all ages welcome.

3pm 5 October, 9 November, 7 December



[www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys](http://www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys)



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**We are starting MESSY CHURCH at St Mary's.  
Our theme is CREATION and here are the dates for 2025.**

<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LIGHT</b>
<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WATER</b>
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PLANTS, VEGETABLES AND TREES</b>



**Each session will be held in the Church and start at 3pm for about an hour. There will be a story, some crafts and songs.**

**All and any age group is welcome**

**Parents, grandparents and carers – you will have a chance to join in with the activities, with tea and coffee also available.**



**There is no charge**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Contact: Reverend Debra - 07436 172130  
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It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Tatsfield Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

**It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Tatsfield Primary School**



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means  
= £30 weekly cash prize  
= £2,080 a year for our school



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