

Newsletter - 27th June 2025

DIARY DATES

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 6

Tuesday 8th July - Year 6 Dress Rehearsal for all pupils

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)

Thursday 17th July - 8.45am, Parent Workshop in the Learning Zone to discuss the Equalities Policy and school ethos (more information below)

Thursday 17th July - Transition morning - children spend time in their new classes

Monday 21st July - 2pm, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (for Year 6 parents)

Tuesday 22nd July - End of the school year, school finishes at 1.30pm (Grasshoppers until 4.30pm)

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.

SPORTING SUCCESS!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Active Surrey Star Mark Award and the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With our pupils competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of the children for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Many thanks to Mrs Collins for her leadership of PE and sport across the school and to the staff who give up their time to support pupils in competitions and events outside of the school day.





PARENT WORKSHOP

We are reviewing our school's <u>Equality Policy</u> statement and our <u>school ethos</u> statement for the new academic year and would like to invite parents to contribute to this process. Parents are welcome to join a workshop with Mrs Jewitt on Thursday 17th July at 8.45am in the Learning Zone, or can send comments via email to the school office (<u>school@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk</u>).

KIND SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR'S COLOUR RUN









BEANS, GLORIOUS BEANS!

It's been another busy year for Gardening Club. They recently harvested the broad beans that they planted in the Spring. Proceeds raised from the recent sale will be 'ploughed back' into Gardening Club for next year!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD

We are delighted to report that we have maintained our Surrey Healthy Schools status for another two years. The award recognises the school's success in maintaining a healthy schools approach to wellbeing, health, inclusion and achievement. Thank you to Mrs Knock for working with the staff and pupils to secure this recognition.



SPONSORED SCOOT

Our school values of enjoyment, community, challenge, resilience, respect and kindness were all on display as the children scooted, ran and walked during the Sponsored Scoot afternoon. Not only were children active for the afternoon, it was also a chance to focus on raising money for our school charity for this year - Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex. The total amount raised will be shared in a future newsletter.

PGL

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous few days at PGL, Marchants Hill this week. They took part in a range of activities that required teamwork and endurance and really lived up to the school motto of Aim High, Achieve More! It was a great opportunity to further develop their Outdoor Adventurous Activity Skills before moving onto Year 7.





ATTENDANCE

Class attendance for the last two weeks:

Reception Class (Wrens) - 96.9%

Year I (Robins) - 93.5%

🬟 Year 2 (Kingfishers) - 99.3% - Congratulations Kingfishers! 💢



Year 3 (Woodpeckers) - 94.3%

Year 4 (Kestrels) - 94.6%

Year 5 (Owls) - 97.4%

Year 6 (Eagles) - 94.4%

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.



FRIDAY 4th JULY

BREAK TATSFIELD PRIMARY'S RULES FOR ONE DAY ONLY! EACH RULE IS 50p TO BREAK OR BREAK ALL 5 FOR

DON'T WEAR FUNKY SOCKS!

£2

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.



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.



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> 4 age categories: 6 yrs and under 7 to 10 yrs 11 to 15 yrs 16 yrs and above

Winners announced at our Country Festival on Sunday 20th July

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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

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



2025 report on media use and attitudes

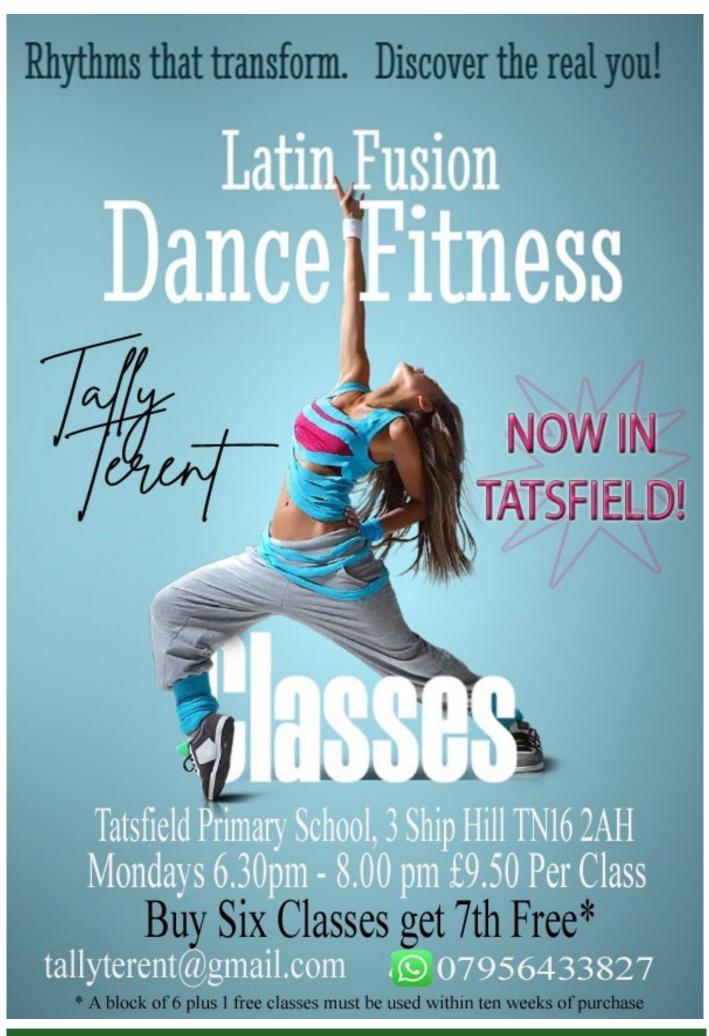
On 7th May, Ofcom published its annual report looking at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17. The report also includes findings on parents' views about their children's media use, and how parents of children and young people aged 3-17 monitor and manage their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





Would you like to earn some extra income whist contributing to our community?

Join our team for a 14-week mission as Children's Community Immunisation and Screening Assistants.

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to work within our team, visiting schools across Surrey to support with the delivery of the school based 2025 flu vaccination programme and the Year R and Year 6 Weights and Measures.

Please apply via HCRG Care Group on the links below:

Closing Date: 13/07/2025

NE Surrey - Elmbridge, Spelthorne

https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15883

NW Surrey - Woking, Surrey Heath & Runnymede

https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15885

SE Surrey - Leatherhead, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Tandridge, Reigate & Banstead

https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15886

SW Surrey - Guildford & Waverley

https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15887



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If you are the parent or carer of a child who is neurodivergent, you are *not alone*...

Join our free webinar with **Niki Methold**, HCPC Registered Dietitian and mum of three, designed just *for you*.

DATES:

Thursday 10 July | 1.30pm - 2.30pm Monday 14 July | 7.30pm - 8.30pm Scan the code to register for FREE



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