



Newsletter - 26th September 2025

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 30th September - First Kindness Ambassador meeting of the year.

Wednesday 1st October - Year 5 to Biggin Hill Museum.

Thursday 2nd October - 8.30am-8.45am, Year 4 Open Morning for parents.

Friday 3rd October - Harvest Assembly. Children are invited to bring a donation into school for Westerham Foodbank.

Monday 6th October - Year 6 Activity Leader training with Mrs Collins.

Tuesday 7th October - Individual and sibling photographs being taken.

Thursday 9th October - 2.45pm, Year 1 Open Morning for parents.

Friday 10th October - Fire Service visit to Reception Class.

Friday 17th October - Last day of term 1 (Autumn 1).

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.

PUPIL VOICE 2025-2026

Junior Leadership Team

Year 6 pupils completed application forms for various roles on the school's Junior Leadership Team (JLT). As well as the Year 6 House Captains, we're delighted to announce the JLT positions awarded for this academic year:

Activity Leaders - Emily, Fox, Frankie, Isabelle, Isla, Isla-Rose, Luke, Natalie

Community Leaders - Audrey, Frankie-Ella, Poppie, Ronan, Travis

Learning Leaders - Amelie, Cali, Lacey, Thea

Library Leaders - Amber, Ashley, George

School Councillors - Jake, Poppie-Bow

School Council

Year 1 - Amelia & Louie

Year 2 - Liberty & Harry

Year 3 - Evie

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Bonnie

Kindness Ambassadors

Year 1 - Lennix

Year 2 - Jesse

Year 3 - Tom

Year 4 - Louie

Year 5 - Beau

Year 6 - Sophie

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Hilary Harber joined us at school to mark the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight last week. A quiz started our assembly to get us thinking about Fairtrade items and then we learnt about the tea supply chain - from growing and picking to processing, shipping and purchasing.

We learnt that Fairtrade means that farmers and workers have a fair wage, have fair living conditions and have a fair chance to deal with climate changes that might affect crops. Hilary told us how we can look out for the Fairtrade mark on items we might buy in shops to make a positive difference to farmers around the world.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

As well as contributing to our school's value board, children are able to bring pictures of their sporting achievements into school so that Mrs Collins can display them on the school sports board. Parents can email photos of their children's sporting achievements, medals or certificates to their child's class teacher or directly to Mrs Collins.



ROCKSTARS!

We're really enjoying hearing rock music at school on Monday mornings since we started lessons with RockSteady this year. Children have the chance to learn to play drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and to sing.

Wren says "It's fun learning different notes. It's good to be in a space with the other people in the band and keep the beat!"

We look forward to the concert at the end of term!

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance over the last two weeks:

Reception Class (Wrens) - 97.5%

Year 1 (Robins) - 97.5%

★ **Year 2 (Kingfishers) - 99.5% - Congratulations Kingfishers!** ★

Year 3 (Woodpeckers) - 98.7%

Year 4 (Kestrels) - 98.5%

Year 5 (Owls) - 91.7%

Year 6 (Eagles) - 95.8%

Aim High, Achieve More!

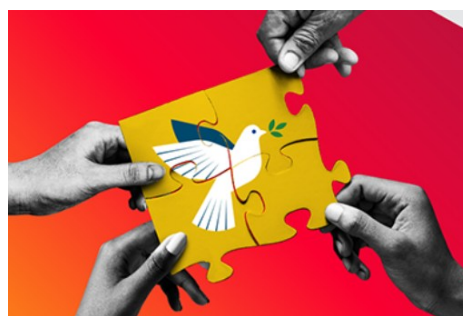
UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Reverend Debra joined us in assembly last week and spoke to us about the United Nations International Day of Peace. She spoke about important things we can do to keep peace with others, including, respecting each other's space and respecting each other's different views and opinions. She then shared a verse of Maryam Bukar Hassan's poem 'Peace is a verb'. Maryam is the United Nations' first Global Advocate for Peace, a Nigerian creative artist, poet, and social activist. Reverend Debra invited us to take inspiration from Maryam's poem and write our thoughts about peace to post in our school letter box. Here is an excerpt of Maryam Bukar Hassan's poem:

*I used to think that peace was a place
A final destination we arrive at after all wars have ended
But I have come to understand that peace is not a line we cross
It is a choice we make over and over and over again
Especially when it is the hardest
Especially when it feels far away.*

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*And so today I speak peace into the bones of this world
Into the rubble into the rage; into the ruins
Because if war teaches us how to shatter
Then peace must teach us how to stay
To stay soft; to stay human; to stay*



THANK YOU

Children in Reception Class and Year 1 have been busy weeding and planting after we received a very kind donation of plants and flowers from one of our parents. We were also very grateful to receive a donation of woodchip for our mud kitchen and story area. These donations really do make a big difference - thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to Miss Norman and her family who welcomed baby Ivy into the world in the summer holidays. We all send Miss Norman our very best wishes and look forward to meeting Ivy soon!



PENALTY NOTICES

Information from Surrey County Council

A reminder from Surrey County Council that if parents/carers 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.



ST MARY'S TATSFIELD

All Age Services

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

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



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Upcoming Online Courses

Building your Child's Resilience

Developing Early Communication Through Song, Play and Stories

Develop Skills to Support 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 Understand Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

First Steps to Understanding Masking

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

Help your Teen manage Anxiety

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 LGBTQ+ Child

Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience

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

Ofcom investigates *porn sites over age checks*

Ofcom has been investigating four companies running 34 porn sites over possible failure to follow new age verification rules aimed at protecting children. The Online Safety Act enforces these checks and new requirements for "robust" or "highly effective" age checks went live on July 25, 2025, for websites hosting pornography and other restricted content.

The Online Safety Act came into being in October 2023 and is a set of laws that protects children and adults online. It puts a range of duties on social media companies and search services, making them more responsible for their users' safety on their platforms.

The Act requires providers to implement systems and processes to reduce risks their services are used for illegal activity, and to take down illegal content when it does appear. The Act protects online users, ensuring that major platforms are more transparent about which kinds of potentially harmful content they allow and give people more control over the types of content they want to see. The strongest protections in the Act have been designed for children. Platforms are required to prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content and to provide parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online should they arise.

Ofcom is the independent regulator of Online Safety. It sets out steps providers can take to fulfil their safety duties in codes of practice and has a broad range of powers to assess and enforce providers' compliance with the framework.

To read about the new online age checks please click the link below for the Ofcom guidance:

Ofcom: Online age checks now in force

To read the BBC News article, click the link below:
BBC Article: Ofcom investigates 34 porn sites over age checks

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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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