

Newsletter - 12th September 2025

DIARY DATES

Monday 15th September - Year 3 Welcome Meeting at 4.30pm (in the classroom or on TEAMS)

Wednesday 17th September - Wrens Welcome Meeting at 4.30pm (in the classroom or on TEAMS)

Wednesday 17th September - PTA Coat and Bag swap: save some money and reduce waste - swap a bag or coat on Wednesday 17th September in the gazebo

Thursday 18th September - Year 5 Welcome Meeting at 4.30pm (in the classroom or on TEAMS)

Monday 22nd September - Fairtrade Fortnight begins

Monday 22nd September - Year I Welcome Meeting at 4.30pm (in the classroom or on TEAMS)

Thursday 25th September - Year 3 Welcome Meeting at 4.30pm (in the classroom or on TEAMS)

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. More information on page 3.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2025-2026

This week, Year 6 pupils led House Assemblies and delivered speeches to pupils in their house teams. Democracy was in action as all of the children in each group then voted for their chosen House Captains. Votes have been counted and we are able to announce this year's House Captains:

Blue House - Anna & Lilly
Green House - Callum & Olivia
Red House - Sophie & Teddy
Yellow House - Harper & Max

House Captains will be leading House Assemblies before the end of term, focussing on the school value of 'community'.

Next week, we will be announcing who has been appointed in the Year 6 Junior Leadership Team (and the responsibilities they will hold for the year) as well as our new School Council and Kindness Ambassadors.

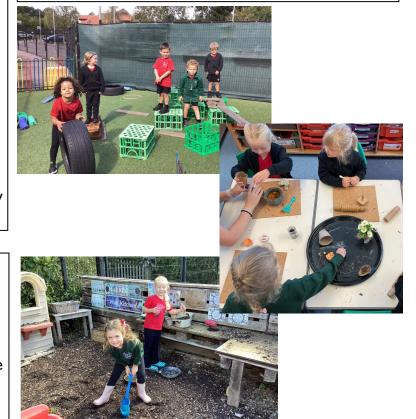
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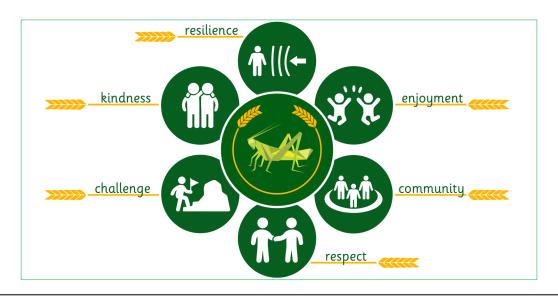
Children are bringing copies of our Acceptable Use Agreement home this week to help them remember how to stay safe online. Copies of the Acceptable Use Agreements are also on the safeguarding page of our school website and are discussed in Computing and PSHE lessons.

WELCOME!

We've extended a warm Tatsfield welcome to our new Wrens and their families this week. The class have settled into school life incredibly well and have been busy learning about the school routines and getting to know each other.

We also welcome children and families who are new to Tatsfield this academic year. It's been a really positive start to the year and we are looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together!





VISIBLE VALUES!

We have been talking about our school values in class and assemblies and thinking about how we show these values both in and out of school. We're asking children to bring in photos, pieces of writing or examples of them showing our school values so that they can be added to our values board at the centre of our school. Children might have demonstrated resilience in a swimming lesson, challenged themselves to run a lap of the field at lunchtime or enjoyed creating a piece of writing. Children can bring their examples into school and give them to their teacher, or they can be emailed to the class email address.

PARENT UPDATES

It's been great to see parents join the class welcome meetings so far this week. It's really important that parents know what the children are learning in class, what the expectations are for the end of the year and how we can all support the children to reach their full potential. All dates for future welcome meetings, Open Mornings/Afternoons and Learning Assemblies are published in our regular newsletters, on the school website calendar (subscribe to this!), in Sneak Peeks (YI-6) and on Tapestry (Wrens).

Thank you to the parents who completed the end of year survey. We will be sharing feedback with you all soon.



To subscribe to the school calendar on your devices, Go to the 'News & Events' tab on the school website and select 'Calendar of Events'. Click the subscribe button and follow the instructions for the device you use.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance so far this term:



💢 Reception Class (Wrens) - 100% - Congratulations Wrens! 💢



Year I (Robins) - 97.4%

Year 2 (Kingfishers) - 98.6%

Year 3 (Woodpeckers) - 95.9%

Year 4 (Kestrels) - 99.8%

Year 5 (Owls) - 97.1%

Year 6 (Eagles) - 98.8%

PENALTY NOTICES

Information from Surrey County Council

If parents consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to their request for their child to be absent from school, they should <u>complete this form</u>. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:-

- I. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Inclusion Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
- Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

Please be aware that the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/ carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the *first five days of each exclusion*. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

- I. 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 s444 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.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as

follows : North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517874 North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777



Courses for Parents & Online Safety News





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

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





Weekly cash prizes



£25,000 jackpot



Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

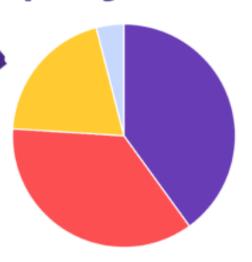
TODAY

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



Buy A Ticket

Gamble Aware

