



IMPORTANT DATES:

April

Tuesday 29th—10am Ipswich High School Dance Festival

Tuesday 29th—3.30—4.30 Netball club

May

Monday 5th—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th—3.30 Netball club

Thursday 8th—3.30 Cricket club

Monday 12th—Football club

Tuesday 13th—3.30 Netball club

Thursday 15th—Cricket club

W/B 12th May—KS2 SATs

Monday 19th—3.30 Netball club

Tuesday 20th—AM Crucial Crew for Year 6

Tuesday 20th—2pm U9 Bee Netball,

Thursday 22nd—2pm U11 Bee Netball

W/B 26th May—Half term

June

W/B 2nd June—Year 4 multiplication check

Monday 2nd—3.30 Cricket club

Tuesday 3rd—3.30 Cricket club

Wednesday 4th—1.15 U11 Cricket tournament

Thursday 5th—2.50pm—Kingfisher class assembly

Thursday 5th—3.30 Football club

W/B 9th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening

Monday 9th—1pm U8 Girls Football Festival

Tuesday 10th—3.30—Football club

Wednesday 11th—1.15pm U7 Primary Football Event

Thursday 12th—1pm U10 Girls Football Festival

Thursday 12th—2.50pm Puffins class assembly

Wednesday 18th—class photographs

Thursday 19th—AM, Sailing at Alton Water

Thursday 19th—2.50pm Grebes class assembly

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Monday 23rd—1.30 Annual Diocesan Service of Celebration at St Edmundsbury Cathedral—Grebes class

Friday 27th—Whole School Production

Monday 30th—Year 5 Enterprise Day at Ipswich High School

April 2025

Message from the Head teacher



Welcome to the Summer Term!

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter break and managed to make the most of what, for many, was some beautiful weather.

With Easter falling so late this year, it was lovely that the Spring Term didn't seem to pass us by in a flash. We packed in so many wonderful activities: we celebrated World Book Day, raised money for Red Nose Day, and welcomed PC Jarrett into Collective Worship to talk about staying safe. We also saw lots of amazing experiments at the Science Fair—thank you to everyone who contributed!

A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Easter Service. It was wonderful to have Rev'd Chris with us, and the children did superbly as always—entertaining and informing us with a wonderful mix of songs, poems, prayers, and stories.



We had a busy term for sport too, with a number of exciting events:



the U8 and U10 Girls' Football Festivals, the U11 Dodgeball Competition, U11 Futsal on astro, and finally, the Cross Country at RHS. Everyone who took part in these events did extremely well and gave it their all—well done!



The Summer Term is always a busy one, filled with a wide range of sporting events, school visits, transition activities—and, of course, assessments. We are always proud of how our children approach these moments with effort and enthusiasm. As we often say, all we ever ask is that they try their best—and they never fail to make us proud.

As we step into the Summer Term, we're looking forward to more opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration. From upcoming trips and special events to sports days and performances, there's so much to be excited about. As always, thank you for your continued support—it truly makes all the difference. Wishing everyone a positive and successful term ahead!

Kind regards
Mrs Beverley Derrett



Puffins

Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Summer 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our Puffins and their families!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and found time to relax, get outside, and enjoy the beautiful sunshine.

Last term was a busy one! We learned all about the Great Fire of London and had lots of fun making tasty pittas in DT, while exploring what a healthy diet should include. If you haven't seen our videos and photos yet, do take a look on our school Facebook page—they're well worth a watch!

This half term is a short one, but we've got lots of exciting learning planned, and we'll be making the most of every moment. We're also hoping the weather continues to improve so we can enjoy our Forest School sessions even more.

Mrs Cocksedge

Our Learning this Half Term

Maths

In Maths our learning will be based on Statistics, Money and starting on Fractions.

English

Our learning in English will be centred around the story 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. Our learning will include letter & postcard writing and information texts.

Foundation Subjects

We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Animals including humans

Computing— Data Handling

R.E— Christianity—Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

PSHE— What is a family?

Art— Super Sculptures

Music— Exploring improvisation

Geography—Let's explore London



Puffins

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- * Read with your child on a regular basis.
- * Number and Letter formation
- * Work with us on any of the areas within ‘Our learning section’ above that you think your child might need extra support on.

On-going Learning for the Term for Puffins

Spellings	Read Write Inc or SPAG
Handwriting	Regular Reading
Cross-Curricular Activities	

Key Dates and routines to Remember

NEW – Forest School (Fridays)

Starting this term, Forest School will take place every **Friday**. On these days, children should come to school **dressed in their Forest School clothes**.

They **do not need to bring their school uniform**, as they will change into their **P.E. kits before lunch**, ready for their P.E. session in the afternoon.

Children will go home in their P.E. kits on Fridays, and **P.E. kits should be returned on Monday** ready for the new week.

Please ensure your child has a **full P.E. kit**, including:

- Joggers or leggings
- A hoodie or jumper (just in case it’s chilly)
- A coat in addition to their Forest School clothes, especially if the weather looks changeable.

P.E. Days – Wednesday & Friday

P.E. kits must be in school **at all times**, as sessions take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays**.

Show & Tell

Show & Tell will continue this year, although not on a set day. If your child has something meaningful to share—whether it’s linked to our learning or a personal achievement such as a **medal or certificate**—they are welcome to bring it in **once a week**.

We kindly ask that **toys and cuddly items are not brought in**.



Kingfishers

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Our Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Summer (1) 2025

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to welcome Mrs McCulloch back with us this term—she has been greatly missed by both staff and pupils!

Kingfishers and Grebes classes will continue to be taught together for many lessons. However, I will be taking Kingfishers for certain subjects, particularly handwriting (which many Grebes no longer require) and Maths, where the curriculums differ considerably. This approach will allow the children to benefit from learning in smaller, more focused groups.

Mrs Cook will continue to be with us on Thursdays and Fridays until half term.

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to pass on a message, please feel free to speak to any of us. We communicate closely as a team and are always happy to help.

Mrs Derrett

Our Learning

English We are studying the novel Floodland, by Marcus Sedgwick, a futuristic story set in East Anglia. The children will be writing narratives, letters and diaries. We will also be learning a different aspect of grammar each week to include in our writing.

Maths This term we are learning about fractions, time and decimals. As the Year 4 pupils have the multiplication check this term, they will have the chance to practise on TTRockstars. Any opportunities to practise this at home would be great.

Science Our topic is animals, including humans. We will be looking at the life cycles of animals and stages of development for humans.

Geography We will be learning about climate change and how human behaviour affects our climate.

Art We will be painting animals in the style of Steven Brown.

Design and Technology We will be making bread.

PSHE We will be looking at citizenship and the community.

Computing Creating Media – Stop Motion Animation

RE What is the great significance of the Eucharist to Christians?

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- **Enjoy books together** – Even just 5 minutes a day makes a difference. Let your child see you reading, and talk about why we read—for pleasure, to check menus, buy tickets, or find out information.
- **Make shopping a learning experience** – Ask your child to help with tasks like writing the shopping list, estimating the total cost, finding items in the store, and paying at the till. If using cash, they can also work out the change—great real-life maths practice!
- **Practice spellings daily** – A few minutes each day to review their weekly spellings can really help prepare them for the Friday test.
- **Explore the outdoors** – Go on a nature walk and focus on the textures of leaves and bark, the sounds you hear, and the different types of habitats you see.
- **Be flexible with home learning** – If your child is reluctant, try a different time or day. Sometimes a simple routine change can make all the difference.
- **Allow for 'down time'** – Free time with no structured activities is valuable. Experts believe that a little boredom can boost creativity, build resilience, and encourage independence.
- **Create a calm bedtime routine** – Turn off electronic devices (including TVs) at least one hour before bed. Encourage your child to read in bed or enjoy making up bedtime stories together.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Monday: County Music lesson (bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

Wednesday: PE (PE kit)

Friday: PE (PE kit)

Friday: Spellings will be tested and new spellings given out then also.

New spellings are stuck into their reading records.

Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary every day so we can listen to them read



Grebes

Grebes

Our Learning this Half Term

Grebes Class Parent Newsletter Summer (1) 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely and restful break. It's wonderful to be back in school—I've missed everyone very much.

Please don't hesitate to catch up with me after school or get in touch via email if you'd like to update me on anything regarding your child. If you ever have any concerns, I'm always happy to hear from you.

This term, I'll continue to work Monday to Thursday. On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Derrett will be in class, and on Thursday mornings, I'll be working with Year 6 to revise key topics in preparation for their SATs. During this time, Mrs Cook will be teaching Year 5 Maths and English, and she will teach the whole class on Fridays.

We work closely as a team and are always happy to pass along any messages, so please feel confident in reaching out to any of us if needed.

Mrs McCulloch

Our Learning

English

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Maths

This half term we are learning about decimal numbers and how they relate to fractions and percentages.

Science

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Geography

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Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- Please read with your child on a regular basis. Encourage them to read independently every day and remind them to take quizzes at school as this will help improve their comprehension skills.
- Please encourage your child to do times table rock stars every day for 5 minutes. It will help them learn and also access the Maths curriculum more easily. The Year 6 expectations are so much harder for children to attain without fluent recall of times tables.
- Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings.
- Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.
- Encourage children to watch the news and be aware of world-wide events.
- Encourage your child to pack their school bag and check they have their reading book, PE kit etc to encourage independence and prepare them for high school.
- Turn off **all** electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime for a good night’s sleep.

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School Council

Exciting Plans from Our School Council!

The School Council is doing an amazing job and this half term has many exciting events lined up!

- They will deliver a ‘Stop Littering’ presentation during Collective Worship, raising awareness about the importance of keeping our environment clean.
- The council will also present on the important topic of homelessness, helping to educate the school community about this social issue.
- Each week, they continue to recognize pupils who display our school values of Perseverance, Courage, Forgiveness, Respect, and Trust, encouraging positive behaviour and role models within the school.

They’re very excited about all the fantastic work they’ll be doing!

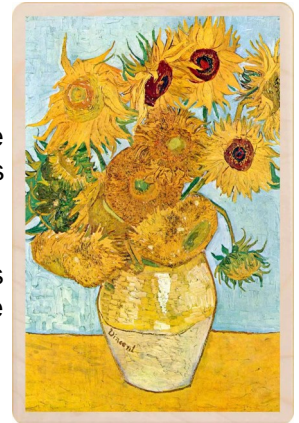
From your School Councillors

Exciting News – New Club at Tattingsstone School!

We are thrilled to announce a new club starting this Summer term at Tattingsstone School!

If your child loves painting, drawing, cooking, knitting, and sewing, then this could be the perfect club for them! Night Owls on Monday nights will have a special art and craft focus for the Summer term, beginning with painting Van Gogh’s sunflowers.

Children will have the chance to get creative, explore different media, and try new crafts they may not have experienced before. It’s a great opportunity for them to have fun while developing new skills! To sign up, simply use ParentMail as usual for Night Owls.



Exciting Plans from Our JRSOs!

This year’s Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) are fantastic, and they have many exciting events planned for this half term!

First, they’ll be presenting a Green Cross Code PowerPoint in Collective Worship to launch their next competition: to create a road safety song or rap. We can’t wait to hear the creative entries from the children!

Next month, the JRSOs will conduct a traffic survey, identifying the volume and types of traffic using the A137. They are also hoping that PC Jarrett or one of her colleagues will bring in a speed gun for them to use during the survey.

In addition, the JRSOs will be researching the effects of idling on the environment and will present their findings to the whole school. They also hope to hand out informative leaflets to parents.

One of the exciting activities includes a ‘road crossings walk’ around Ipswich, where the children will explore the different ways to cross the road safely. They will then share their findings with pupils back in school.

We look forward to sharing updates on these exciting events and actions next half term!

From your JRSOs—Sebastian, Isaac, Harry and Poppy.



School Groups

Eco-Council



Calling All Recyclers – Help the Eco-Council!

This half term, the Eco-Council will be creating a special piece of artwork for the Suffolk Show—and they need your help!

We’re making flowers out of recycled materials, and we’d love it if each child could bring in something recyclable in any of the following colours: Green, Red, Yellow, Orange, Purple, Pink

This could be:

- Bottle tops
- A plastic bag
- Pieces of fabric or felt
- Any small item made from recyclable material in the colours listed

To make things easier when we begin creating, it would be really helpful if items could be pre-cut into small squares (roughly 2cm x 2cm) before being sent into school.

Deadline for donations: Friday 2nd May 2025

Thank you for your support—

The Eco-Council

Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness– *Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus’ death on a cross is the ultimate revelation of God’s all forgiving love, and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost.*

We also welcome Rev’d Chris who comes in to lead our Collective Worship once a month.



Mrs Derrett’s
Philosophical thought for the month



Would you rather

A) have the power to understand everything you read,

or

B) have the power to be understood by everyone even if they don't speak your language?

because ...

Remember your reasons are more important
than your answer!

Governors Update

Update on Governance at Tattingstone School

We are pleased to announce that Alison Huard will continue as our Interim Chair of Governors for the Summer term, alongside her husband, Mike Huard, who is currently fulfilling the role of Safeguarding Governor. These are interim arrangements, and we are still seeking individuals to take on the Chair and Vice-Chair roles.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in these important positions, please either ask them to contact the school directly or let us know if we can reach out to them.

For more information about the role of school governance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.