

September 2025



IMPORTANT DATES:

September

Tuesday 9th, 3.30—Football club starts (for 6 weeks)

Wednesday 10th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's Wednesday sports club begins.

Friday 12th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's Friday sports club begins.

Friday 19th—Genes for Jeans day

Wednesday 24th—Book Fair arrives

Thursday 25th Open Day

Friday 26th—World's Biggest Coffee Morning

October

Thursday 9th—1.15– 3.30 Girls Football Tournament at Whitton Sports Centre

Friday 17th, 2pm—Harvest Festival

Monday 20th —Open Day

Tuesday 21st —1.15– 3.30 Boys Football Tournament at Whitton Sports Centre

Thursday 23rd, , 2.50pm—Show 'n' Share

Friday 24th—PD Day

W/B 27th—Half term

November

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th —Bikeability for pupils in Year 5

Thursday 7th—School photos

Thursday 6th, 4.00—5.30—skiing starts (for 4 weeks)

W/B 10th—Parent Consultations

Wednesday 12th—Open Day

Thursday 13th, 2.50pm—Grebes Class Assembly

Tuesday 18th—Flu vaccinations

Thursday 20th—World Philosophy Day

Thursday 27th, 2.50pm—Kingfishers Class Assembly

December Thursday 4th, 2.50pm—Puffins Class Assembly

Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2025/26 school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was good to see all the children back in school last week, looking so smart and ready to learn.

Unfortunately, Mrs Baker made the very difficult decision to retire over the holiday. She wrote 'It is with a heavy heart and after a great deal of thought and consideration that I have decided to tender my resignation from my role as a Teaching Assistant at Tattingstone School. I have decided that now is the time for me to retire, and to leave. As you will be aware, I also have many responsibilities outside school.' She will be sorely missed, but we wish Mrs Baker a very happy retirement. We will make a collection for her and invite her into school later this term to say an official 'farewell'.

Our Early Birds club continues to run every morning. It will begin at 8.15am until 8.45 every morning for just £3.20. Night Owls continues after school but please remember to book in advance (2 weeks if you need your child to stay after 5.15pm). To book a place at Night Owls or Early Birds please go onto ParentMail or speak to Mrs Bartlett in the office.

PE kits should be in school everyday. Although there are set times for PE sometimes this changes or there are additional PE sessions.

The two 'Mrs Smith's' will continue with the 'Art and Craft' club at Night Owls on a Monday, so if your child enjoys painting, sewing, drawing or cooking this is a great opportunity for them to show off their artistic flair! Mr Skingsly will continue with his sports clubs on Wednesdays and Fridays. He will be

leading a number of sporting activities and is happy to be guided by the pupils attending the club. As an incentive, we will be offering parents 7 weeks for the price of 6 for those parents who book for the whole half term!

Teachers are not available to speak to parents first thing in the morning. Mrs Bartlett, Miss Walker or myself will pass on information if it is brief; appointments can be made for after school via the school office for more in-depth discussions; information can also be passed on in home/school diaries or via the school admin email address.

There is a 5 minute window for dropping pupils off in the morning. The school is not responsible for pupils left at the front of the school before 8.45. Gates are open from 8.45 and the gates are locked at 8.50am; any child entering school after this time must access school by the office and will be recorded in the register as late.

We are holding 4 Open Days this term. Our banners will be going up soon, and we have posters and flyers to put up and distribute; if anyone would be able to take a poster to display, or some flyers to share with friends or work colleagues, please let Mrs Bartlett know - the wider we can spread the word the better!

I look forward to seeing you all in the mornings as I welcome the children into school. Please speak with me if there is anything you would like to know or discuss.

Kind regards

Mrs Beverley Derrett

"From Small Wonders to Shining Lights"

TATTINGSTONE

Church of England Primary
School



Thursday 25th September,

Monday 20th October,

Wednesday 12th November



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Puffins

Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. I hope you all had a good summer and managed to create some special memories together. Time has certainly flown and now back into the new school year. I would like to say thank you for all the thoughtful gifts I received at the end of term. It was very kind of you all.

I look forward to catching up with you at gate and if you do need to pass on a message or speak to me in person please pop in and see Mrs Bartlett in the school office.

Mrs Cocksedge

Our Learning this Half Term

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Shape.

English

Our learning in English will be centred around the story 'Hibernation Hotel' by John Kelly and Laura Brenlla and then moving to another story yet to be decided.

Foundation Subjects

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

Science—Everyday materials

Computing— Computer systems and networks

R.E— Judaism—Teshuvah—Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?

PSHE— Making friends

Music— My musical heartbeat

History—Castles

DT— Wacky windmills



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	

Routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday- P.E – P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.
Spellings will be tested on a Friday each week.



Kingfishers

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Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer holiday. I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts I received at the end of term; it was very kind of you all. I am looking forward to teaching Kingfishers maths every morning and covering on Wednesday mornings and Fridays. Please speak with me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Derrett

Our Learning

English

We are reading the novel *Oh Maya Gods* by Maz Evans to link in with our topic of the Ancient Maya. These lessons will focus on our reading fluency, technique and comprehension. We will have one lesson a week on grammar and one for spelling. Our focus for writing is based on a short film called *For The Birds* which is about bullying and friendship. We will be learning how to write persuasive arguments and letters.

Maths

This half term we are learning about the place value of numbers and how they relate to each other. We will also have a daily focus on times tables to improve our recall of those number facts. We will all follow the same times table every week and will be recalling the facts at speed and also related division facts.

Science

Our topic is the properties of materials and how that affects it uses. The children will be investigating which materials are electrical conductors and thermal insulators, amongst many things.

History

We will be learning about the Ancient Maya and their way of life.

Art

We will be looking at the artists Pablo Picasso and Frieda Khalo and using mixed media to produce artwork in their styles, using a mix of media.

PSHE

Our topic is *Aiming High*, where we will focus on our achievements, aspirations and opportunities.

Computing

Programming—music .

RE

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Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

Enjoy books with your child – even 5 minutes a day is fine. Let them see you reading & highlight the purpose of reading i.e for pleasure, to read menus, to buy tickets, to find information out.

Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings. Log ins will be stuck in their reading records.

Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.

Encourage your child to use TTRockstars to practise their timestables.

Go on a nature walk; focus on the texture of things, the noises they hear, the different habitats.

Allow your child some ‘down time.’ This means evenings or weekend days where they do nothing structured. Academics believe that an element of boredom helps to develop a child’s creativity, resilience and independence.

Turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime. This includes TV. Encourage your child to read in bed or read/make up bedtime stories with them.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Monday: Spelling test and new spellings given out

Tuesday:

Wednesday: County Music lesson (bring instrument in), PE (PE kit)

Friday: Spelling test and new spellings given out, timestables test, PE (PE kit)

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

The children are welcome to bring items for show & tell any day – We cannot promise we will get time every day but will try our best. Please do encourage your child to share any recent achievements such as a new swimming group, trying something new, a certificate.



Grebes

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Our Learning this Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a great Summer holiday for you all. The children have made a great start back already and have been working hard. In Maths, Mrs Derrett will teach Year 3/4 ability and I will teach Yr 5/6 ability. For other subjects, we will learn together but the work set will be tailored to suit the range of ages and abilities we have. All children will continue to have opportunities for challenge and support. Please feel free to catch up with me after school or by email if you have any concerns about your child. I am continuing to work Monday–Thursday this year, Mrs Derrett will be in class on Wednesday morning and Fridays.

Mrs McCulloch

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- 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 practise their times tables every day for 5 minutes. It will help them learn and also access the Maths curriculum more easily. We will be practising every day in class and having a weekly test.
- Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings. Log ins will be stuck in their reading records.
- Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.
- Turn off **all** electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime for a good night’s sleep.

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

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.

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School Groups

Following on from the success of last year’s groups, we are able to offer pupils in Key Stage 2 the opportunity to be on a school leadership group. Children were made aware of the leadership groups on offer last week and pupils completed an application form stating which group they would prefer to be on and why. I’m really pleased that all pupils were offered their first choice! The groups on offer were:

The School Council

Eco-Committee

E-Safety Ambassadors

School Sports Organising Committee / Junior Road Safety officers

The groups will meet fortnightly on Thursdays and we look forward to keeping you up-to-date on what each group are doing in our half termly newsletter.

WE EARNED THE

PLATINUM

2024/25 - 2025/26 SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, 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. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Friendship** – *Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.*



'We can do all things through Him who strengthens us,' adapted from Philippians 4:13

Next World Philosophy Day Thursday, 20 November 2025

World Philosophy Day, a day that answers several questions within us that seem unearthly and the solutions that appear unattainable, is celebrated annually on the **3rd Thursday of November** every year.

In a life full of constant notifications, hectic work schedules, and global challenges, it can be very easy to lose sight of life’s meaning and the bigger picture. On this day we are reminded to take a step back from this chaotic life and think about what could life mean if the times were different or our basic way of life was different?

*What is happiness? How do we live ethically?
What is the good life?*

Philosophy is not just an abstract discipline. It offers profound directions to navigate today’s personal and societal challenges in our surroundings.

The 2025 theme of World Philosophy Day is 'Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future'.



Tattingstone CEVCE Primary School’s Vision

‘We can do all things through Him who strengthens us,’ adapted from Philippians 4:13

So that we can be the best that we can be and flourish for God, for others and for ourselves.

We work together to teach and inspire all our children to be the best that they can be for God, for others and for themselves.

Philippians 4:13 tells us that we will face good and bad days in life, but God will help us get through each one of them. Having an attitude of thankfulness will assist us on the bad days. God will give us all the strength we need. The Word of God was in Andrew: It was in his mouth and in his heart. He had no need to resist Jesus’ call to follow him. He had no need to question or doubt what was happening on that Sea of Gallilee shoreline. He was raised absorbing the Word of God. When the time came to make a life-altering decision, he knew exactly what to do.



Our Christian Values

Our core values of **Respect, Perseverance, Trust, Forgiveness, Courage and Responsibility** permeate through the school.

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