



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**April**

- Tuesday 14th—Swimming starts
- Thursday 6th—School Farm and Country Fair
- Monday 20th—3.30 Cricket club
- Thursday 23rd—Skiing starts
- Friday 24th—2.30 Penny Race
- Tuesday 28th—3.30 Cricket club

**May**

- Friday 1st—Spring in the Churchyard, Church heritage project
- Monday 4th—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 5th—Skiing instead of Thursday
- Thursday 7th—11.2.30 U9 Cricket Festival
- W/B 11th May—KS2 SATs
- Tuesday 12th—3.30 Cricket club
- Monday 18th—Wednesday 20th—Residential Trip to Hilltop
- Thursday 21st—2.50 Show 'n' Share
- Friday 22nd—Yr 6 to Crucial Crew
- W/B 25th May—Half term

**June**

- W/B 1st June—Year 4 multiplication check
- Tuesday 2nd—3.30 Cricket club
- Thursday 4th—2.50 Puffins Class Assembly
- Friday 5th—Fancy dress competition
- W/b 8th June—Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 9th—3.30 Cricket club
- Wednesday 10th—9.30 U11 Cricket tournament
- Thursday 11th—2.50pm –Kingfisher class assembly
- Monday 15th—1.30 Diocese annual service of Celebration
- Tuesday 16th—Film night
- Wednesday 17th—WCIT Festival at Trinity Park
- Thursday 18th—2.50pm Grebes class assembly
- Sunday 21st—10am Race for Life, Trinity Park
- Friday 26th—Whole School Production
- Saturday 27th—Tattingstone Village Fete

# April 2026

## Message from the Head teacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to the Summer Term!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather many of us experienced.

Although the Spring Term was a shorter one, it was certainly packed with memorable experiences and opportunities for our pupils. We celebrated World Book Day, enjoyed a fantastic Science Fair filled with impressive experiments, and had great fun dressing up as mad scientists. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events such a success.

We were also treated to a wonderful range of performances in Tattingstone's Got Talent, enjoyed a lively school disco, and celebrated three excellent class assemblies. Pupils in Key Stage 2 visited the Hindu Mandir, while Puffins class had a fantastic trip to the Food Museum.

It was also a busy term for sport, with pupils taking part in the Girls' Football Festival, the swimming gala and the Cross Country event at RHS.

Everyone who represented the school did so with enthusiasm, determination and pride. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Service. It was lovely to welcome Rev'd Chris, who accompanied us on his guitar. The children were superb, entertaining and inspiring us through a wonderful mix of songs, poems, prayers and storytelling.

The Summer Term is always a busy and exciting one, with many sporting events, school visits, transition activities and, of course, assessments. We are always proud of the way our children approach these opportunities and challenges, demonstrating our school values of courage, perseverance and responsibility.

As we begin the new term, we look forward to many more opportunities for learning, growth and celebration. With trips, sports days, performances and special events ahead, there is much to look forward to.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the life of our school community.

Wishing everyone a happy, positive and successful Summer Term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Beverley Derrett





Puffins

## Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Summer 1 2026

### Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and had a good Easter break. I certainly felt the children needed the break as despite it only being a 5 week half term it felt like a very busy one. Now we have to hope that the weather improves and we can start to enjoy some slightly warmer weather.

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 Multiplication and Division, Length and Height and finally Statistics.

### English

Our learning in English will be centred around a new story called the 'The Incredible book eating boy'. There will also be another book during this half term which will be decided shortly. We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Animal including humans—Lifecycles and Plants

PSHE— Being Healthy & Keeping Safe

Music— Having fun with improvisation

History—Seaside in the past

Geography—Animals around the world

Art— with Julia Temple our visiting artist.

Computing—Scratch & Stop Motion

R.E—Christianity: Disciple / Faith—Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him.

DT—Perfect Pizzas



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. It would be appreciated if children could learn their spellings as we are noticing that many children are not learning them.



Kingfishers

# Kingfishers

## Our Learning this Half Term

### Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Summer (1) 2026

Dear Parents,

Kingfishers and Grebes classes will continue to be taught together for many lessons. I will continue to teach Kingfishers for maths so the children continue to benefit from learning in smaller, more focused groups. I will take Years 3-5 swimming on Tuesday mornings until the end of term and continue to teach both classes on Wednesday afternoons and all day on Friday.

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 have begun a new novel, Wonder by RJ Palacio, which we will be using for whole class guided reading. For writing, we will be using a picture book called Tuesday for inspiration and also our Science topic. We will be writing narratives and diaries, as well as explanations relating to the human body.

**Maths** This term we are continuing to learn about fractions, time and decimals. Year 4 pupils have the multiplication check this term.

### **Science**

We are continuing to study animals including humans. We will be learning about the heart and circulatory system, blood vessels and the effect of exercise, drugs and alcohol on the human body.

### **Geography**

We will be continuing to learn about the United Kingdom, exploring the counties and cities, rivers and seas and the physical landscape.

### **Art**

We will be sketching and painting landscapes, using John Constable as inspiration.

### **PSHE**

Our topic continues as emotional literacy, during which we will be exploring our emotions, what they mean and strategies to cope with different emotions. We will then move onto transition, focusing on the move to high school and the next year group.

### **RE**

When we have completed our unit from the spring term on Buddhism, we will begin Christianity: Should believing in the resurrection change how Christians view life and death?

### 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:

#### Tuesday:

Swimming for years 3,4 and 5

#### Wednesday:

County Music lesson

(remember to bring in your violin!)

#### Friday:

PE

Spellings will be tested and new spellings given out then also—new spellings are stuck into their reading records.

Timestables test

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) 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. I can't believe we are in April already! We had such a short half term previously that most of our topics are still the same as we are working through them. The children have made a great start back by making models of the heart with salt dough. Much fun was had as we completed the activity outside, but I did feel quite guilty sending them home to you yesterday, as some children looked like they had rolled in the salt dough! It is just a combination of flour, salt and water so should all come out in the wash.

We have lots going on this half term, especially with the Year 6 SATs and our residential trip. We will send out more information nearer the time, and will also hold a meeting about the residential trip. However, if you would like to talk to me beforehand, please feel free to chat with me after school.

Mrs McCulloch

## **Our Learning**

### **English**

We have begun a new novel, *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, which we will be using for whole class guided reading. For writing, we will be using a picture book called *Tuesday* for inspiration and also our Science topic. We will be writing narratives and diaries, as well as explanations relating to the human body.

### **Maths**

We will be focusing on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages, then moving onto statistics, shape and position and direction.

### **Science**

We are continuing to study animals including humans. We will be learning about the heart and circulatory system, blood vessels and the effect of exercise, drugs and alcohol on the human body.

### **Geography**

We will be continuing to learn about the United Kingdom, exploring the counties and cities, rivers and seas and the physical landscape.

### **Art**

We will be sketching and painting landscapes, using John Constable as inspiration.

### **PSHE**

Our topic continues as emotional literacy, during which we will be exploring our emotions, what they mean and strategies to cope with different emotions. We will then move onto transition, focusing on the move to high school and the next year group.

### **RE**

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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. **Thank you to everyone who has done this; those children who have increased their reading at home have made really good progress.**
- Please encourage your child to practise their times tables every day for 10 minutes. They can use TT Rockstars and write out the times tables repeatedly. Quick fire questions are also good but remember to ask the questions out of chronological order. **Quick recall of times tables will help your child access the Maths curriculum more easily.**
- Remind your child to use Spelling Shed. Log ins are 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.
- **Year 6 children**— revision homework will continue to be given in the lead up to SATs

### Key dates and routines to remember:

#### **Tuesday:**

Swimming for years 3,4 and 5

#### **Wednesday:**

County Music lesson

(bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

#### **Friday:**

PE (PE kit)

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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.**

## School Groups

### Eco-Council

For World Book Day we held a recycled book sale with your book donations. We are incredibly grateful for your donations as we had plenty of books for sale and made a considerable amount of money which we are still to count. Our sale went on for 3 days and we would love to hold more in the future. Please continue to bring in your donations.

Many thanks—Eco-Council



Charlotte, Imogen, Alexia, Eva and Poppy



### E-Safety Ambassadors

Our Internet Safety was very successful and we are now in the process of creating our own posters about how to keep safe online.

Watch this space.



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

*“From Small Wonders to Shining Lights”*

You will recall that I wrote to you in September to share the very sad news of Sheila Tweedy, one of our much-loved Foundation Governors, who sadly passed away from cancer. Mrs Tweedy gave so much to our school community, and we would like to honour her memory, and that of her wonderful PAT dog Tilly, by purchasing a remembrance bench for our school grounds.

To help us raise the funds needed, we launched a series of themed ‘Foody Fridays’. Our revised dates are as follows:

**Friday 17th April** – Fruity Friday (School Council): fruit pots £1

**Friday 24th April** – Sweetie Packs (Eco-Committee): £1

**Friday 1st May** – Milkshakes (FoTS): 50p

**Friday 8th May** – Cake Sale (parent donations welcomed): 50p

This cycle will continue until the end of term, or until we have raised enough funds to purchase the remembrance bench.

In addition, on 21st June I will be taking part in the Race for Life to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Mrs Tweedy. If you feel able to sponsor me, any donation, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made using the link provided below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/beverleys-race-for-life-163481> or if you would rather give a donation to the school for the remembrance bench, cash can be handed in to the school office, or an envelope posted through the front door.

Some of you have seen me in training on Wednesdays around the reservoir or streets of Tatingstone in addition to my Parkruns at the weekend—training is going well!

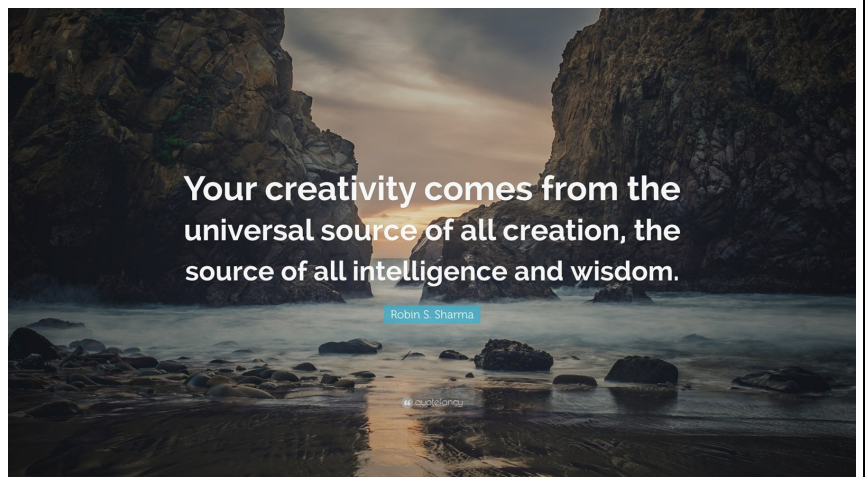
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It means so much to us as a school community as we remember someone who meant so much to Tatingstone School.

## Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

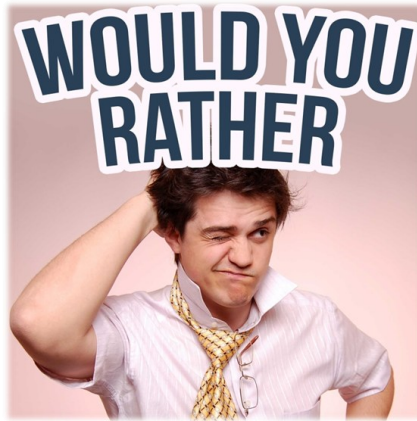
**Creation and Creativity** – *Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a ‘gift’, entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.*

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



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

**Mrs Derrett’s**  
**Philosophical thought for the month**



Would you rather

**A) have wings and fly**

**or**

**B) have gills and be able to swim under  
water?**

because ...

Remember your reasons are more important  
than your answer!