



IMPORTANT DATES:

September

Thursday 10th, 3.30—Football club starts (for 6 weeks)

Friday 4th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's Friday-sports club begins.

Wednesday 9th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's Wednesday sports club begins.

Friday 18th—Genes for Jeans day

Thursday 24th Open Day

Friday 25th—World's Biggest Coffee Morning

October

Tuesday 6th—10—12.30, Boys/mixed Football Tournament at Inspire Suffolk

Friday 9th, 2pm—Harvest Festival

Monday 20th —Open Day

Tuesday 20th —10.00—12.30 Girls Football Tournament at Inspire Suffolk

Thursday 22nd, 2.50pm—Show 'n' Share

W/B 26th—Half term

November

Monday 2nd —PD Day

Thursday 5th, 4.00—5.30—skiing starts (for 4 weeks)

W/B 9th—Parent Consultations

Wednesday 12th—Open Day

Thursday 12th, 2.50pm—Grebes Class Assembly

Friday 13th—Children in Need day

Wednesday 18th—Sing Up! Suffolk at RHS for Grebes

Thursday 19th—World Philosophy Day

Friday 20th and Monday 23rd—Dress down days

Thursday 26th, 2.50pm—Kingfishers Class Assembly

Friday 27th—Dress down day

September 2026



Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2026/27 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.

As you will be aware from my earlier communication, we have a few staff changes this term. Sadly, Mrs E was absent during her final week with us at the end of the summer term, so we were unable to say a proper farewell. Mrs E will not be returning to Tattingstone this academic year. We would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to our school. We wish her every happiness and success in her new ventures. We are delighted that Miss Walker, will now be leading our Early Birds provision from Monday to Friday.

Early Birds club continues to run 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).

We are also absolutely delighted to welcome Mrs Hide to Ducklings. Mrs Hide holds a Level 5 Foundation Degree in the Management of Early Years and brings with her more than 20 years of experience in Early Years, including extensive experience as a Nursery Manager and SENDCo. She is passionate about giving children the very best start to their education and creating a nurturing, inclusive and stimulating learning environment where every child can flourish.

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

'Art and Craft' club continues on a Monday evening at Night Owls, 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.

Teachers are not available to speak to parents first thing in the morning. Mrs Bartlett, Miss Walker or I 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 3 Open Days this term. Our banners will be going up soon, and we have posters to put up and distribute; if anyone would be able to take a poster to display, please let Mrs Bartlett know - the wider we can spread the word the better!

I look forward to seeing you all at some point. 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 24th September,

Tuesday 20th October,

Thursday 12th November



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



Ducklings

Our Learning this Half Term

Ducklings Class Parent Newsletter Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to all of our new Ducklings and their families and thank you for choosing Tattingstone to send your child. The children have settled brilliantly into school and it is nice to see the Year 6's (Buddies) helping our Ducklings with our day to day routines. Thank you Year 6's

Don't forget you can always catch Mrs Cocksedge at the end of the day if you need a chat. If you need a message passed on to one of us in the morning that you haven't written in your child's reading diary then please either speak to a member of staff on the school gate or Mrs Bartlett in the school office.

Mrs Cocksedge & Mrs Hide

Ongoing learning

- * Settling into school
- * Creating and following school rules
- * Making friends in my class and across the school
- * Changing independently for P.E
- * Being able to use the toilet independently (if can't already)
- * Listening to others
- * Sharing a book
- * Building confidence when talking in front of my class
- * Taking part in collective worship and enjoy hearing new stories and learning new songs i.e. Harvest Festival
- * Being able to ask for help
- * Having fun!



Ducklings

On-going Learning for the Term

After the first few weeks of settling in, teacher observations and assessment activities we will be starting on the following:-

Read Write Inc (Phonics programme). Information will be sent home to give you information about how the programme works, what the children will be learning and how you can support your child at home.

Maths – Number work such as counting, recognising numbers, ordering etc.

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

Read with your child on a regular basis.

Talk to your child about their day.

Routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday – P.E – P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.

If your child have earrings can we please ask that these are removed at the beginning of the school day.



Kingfishers

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Our Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new Year 3 Kingfishers! We are delighted to have them with us and have been so pleased to see their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and readiness to learn. They have settled into their new class routines really well and are already showing what a fantastic group of learners they can be. We are looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year together.

Our Learning

English—Year 3

This half term we are reading ‘Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx’ by Joe Todd-Stanton. The story is based in Egypt which links nicely to the History and Art being taught by Mrs McCulloch in the afternoon. We are learning about sentence structure, information texts, riddles, synonyms and speech marks.

English—Year 4

We are reading Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll, which has got us gripped already! It is linked to our History topic of Ancient Egypt. We have guided reading lessons on it most days and we are also using the novel as stimulus for writing. We will be writing formal and informal letters, balanced arguments, character descriptions and reviews. We will be studying the following grammar: nouns and plural nouns (spelling patterns); pronouns, using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns and modal verbs.

Maths - Group 1—with Mrs Cocksedge

This half term we are learning about Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. For Place Value we are working with numbers up to 20 to begin with the then moving on to numbers up to 100 after half term.

Maths - Group 2—with Mrs Derrett

This half term we are learning about Place Value and Telling the time. For Place Value we are working with numbers in the 1000s.

Science, History, Art, PSHE and RE—are the same as Grebes class.

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:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: PE (PE kit)

Thursday: County Music lesson (bring instrument in),

Friday: Spelling test and new spellings given out, 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

Grebes Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Summer, it feels like such a long time ago now. The children have settled in well with routines and we have been full steam ahead with our learning. I will be working Monday to Thursday and Mrs Derrett will be taking the class on a Friday.

Please can I remind you to label your child's water bottle, bag, PE kit, packed lunch box and all clothing. We have so many discarded items at the end of the day, it would save a lot of time if we knew who they belonged to.

If you would ever like to chat with me, please catch up with me after school or you can send an email to the school office.

Mrs McCulloch

Our Learning

English

We are reading *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, which has got us gripped already! It is linked to our History topic of Ancient Egypt. We have guided reading lessons on it most days and we are also using the novel as stimulus for writing. We will be writing formal and informal letters, balanced arguments, character descriptions and reviews. We will be studying the following grammar: nouns and plural nouns (spelling patterns); pronouns, using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns and modal verbs.

Maths

This half term we are learning about place value and then written calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science

We will be learning about animals and their habitats.

History

We have just begun our topic on the Ancient Egyptians and will be learning where they fit into the historical timeline and the legacy they have left for us, as well as daily life and rule. We have a trip to The Regent in Ipswich booked to see the Horrible Histories team perform "The Awful Ancient Egyptians." This will be on Thursday 8th October and details will be sent to you shortly.

Art

Art is linked to our topic, we have already created our own self portraits as pharaoh death masks. We will also be using clay to make Ancient Egyptian antiquities and hopefully making some Egyptian bread, with fresh ingredients, not clay!

PSHE

Our main focus this half term is emotions and how to manage them.

RE

How do Christians show that 'reconciliation' with God and other people is important?

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

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 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 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.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Wednesday:

PE (PE kit)

Thursday:

Music

Friday:

Spelling test

PE (PE kit)

New spellings given out on a Friday and 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.**

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Next World Philosophy Day Thursday, 19th November 2026

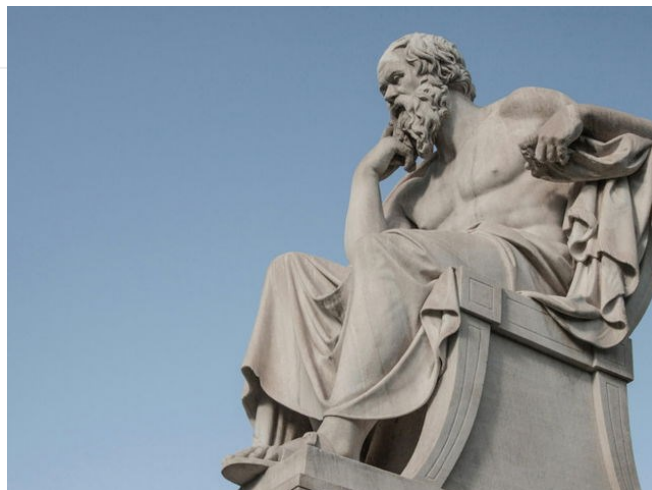
World Philosophy Day, a day that answers several questions within us that seem unearthly and the solutions that appear unattainable, is celebrated annually on the **3rd Thursday of November** every year.

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 2026 theme of World Philosophy Day is **‘The Human of the 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 and we should be content in any situation. Paul wrote the verse while facing hunger and need and says that we need Christ's strength to be content in good times and abundance. The verse is often misused because many Christians interpret "all things" as "anything". The verse is not about personal empowerment or becoming anything you want.

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

Spirituality is that little spark within us, just waiting to be ignited.

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