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8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **New year updates – January 2025**

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful Christmas break and the new year has started well for you and your family. The children have had a good first day back and there has been a very positive atmosphere around the school.

#### **Cold weather**

I'm sure you're all very aware of the weather forecast for the next 24 hours - snow is due in Tatsfield this afternoon into the early hours of tomorrow morning. If there is heavy downfall overnight, we will do everything we can to keep the school open for the children. If there is heavy snowfall in the area, this could affect the number of staff who are able to get into school safely. We will assess the site in the morning and keep you updated via text and email as early as possible if there is any impact on the school being able to open safely.

All children are bringing homework packs home with them tonight just in case the school cannot be open tomorrow. Teachers will email further updates (including a check-in TEAMS time) in the event of a school closure. If the school is open tomorrow, then the homework packs will take the place of class homework this week. For some classes, there may be slightly more homework than usual – children should do what they can.

We hope of course that the school will be open as normal tomorrow. As the temperature will still be cold, and the school building is colder than usual at the moment, children are able to wear jogging bottoms/warm trousers to school tomorrow and Friday. They are also able to wear other warm layers under their school sweatshirts and bring warm boots or wellies to wear outside at lunchtime. Please do remind children to bring gloves, hats and warm coats to school as normal.

#### **Amazon Wishlists**

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who has been able to support the class Amazon Wishlists over the last term. Resources, stationery, books and play items have all been gratefully received by all of the classes.

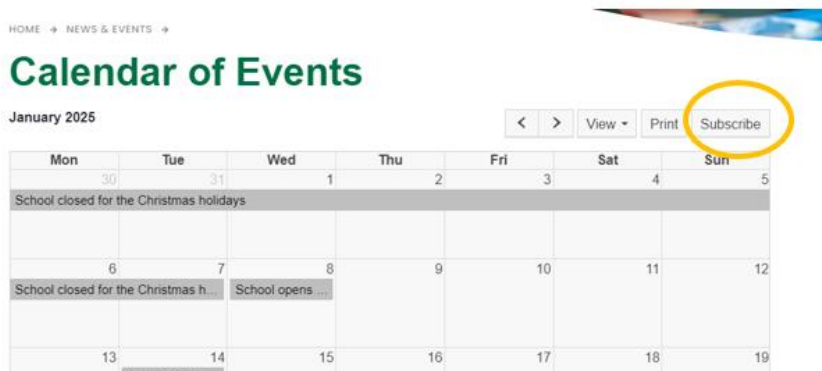
We are aware of the financial pressures that the Christmas period can bring and know that people will donate only when they can. This term, we have the whole school Amazon Wishlist on our website in place of the individual class wishlists [Tatsfield Primary School - Amazon Wishlists \(tatsfieldtl.co.uk\)](https://www.tatsfieldtl.co.uk). This contains a lot of new texts for our library as well as some other whole school resources. Thank you for your ongoing support with this initiative.

## Dogs

Please can I remind all parents, grandparents and family members that dogs should remain on leads when near the school premises. Dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are not allowed onto school site.

## Communication

We try to keep you all updated with news, events and dates in our regular newsletters, Sneak Peeks and website. Parents are now able to subscribe to our [Calendar of Events](#) on our school website which will mean school events will go straight into diaries on phones. Please do continue to keep reading newsletters and Sneak Peeks, but we hope that this additional communication link will be helpful to parents:



## Emails

This term, we are introducing year group email addresses for parents to be able to email class teachers. Instead of emailing members of staff directly, please use the relevant year group email address to send your communication about the class:

<b>Wrens (Reception)</b>	Mrs Collins & Mrs Grainger	<a href="mailto:yearr@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">yearr@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Robins (Year 1)</b>	Mrs Ford	<a href="mailto:year1@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year1@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Kingfishers (Year 2)</b>	Mrs Colegate	<a href="mailto:year2@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year2@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Woodpeckers (Year 3)</b>	Miss Ward	<a href="mailto:year3@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year3@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Kestrels (Year 4)</b>	Mrs Knock & Mrs Ekoku	<a href="mailto:year4@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year4@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Owls (Year 5)</b>	Mrs Abbs & Mrs Russell	<a href="mailto:year5@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year5@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>
<b>Eagles (Year 6)</b>	Mrs Charlton	<a href="mailto:year6@tatsfieldtl.co.uk">year6@tatsfieldtl.co.uk</a>

This term, we have introduced a designated email address for pupil absence - [absence@tatsfieldtl.co.uk](mailto:absence@tatsfieldtl.co.uk). If your child is going to be absent from school, please email [absence@tatsfieldtl.co.uk](mailto:absence@tatsfieldtl.co.uk) providing as much information as possible along with proof of any appointments. Parents should contact the school every day their child is absent.

## Uniform

A reminder that the school uniform list is on our [school website](#). SMART watches are not allowed to be worn at school and jewellery (including stud earrings) should not be worn at school.

## Term dates

Dates for the remainder of this academic year are on our [school website](#) and at the bottom of this letter. Term dates for 2025-2026 are also on our [school website](#).

With best wishes for a positive and successful term ahead,

**Rachel Jewitt**  
Headteacher

# Term Dates 2024-2025

## **AUTUMN TERM 1**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*INSET days*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

## **Half term (two weeks)**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (*finishing at 2pm*)

## **Christmas Holiday**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

## **SPRING TERM 3**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*INSET days Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

## **Half term (one week)**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

## **SPRING TERM 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (*finishing at 2pm*)

## **Easter holiday (two weeks)**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025-Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

## **SUMMER TERM 5**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## **Half Term (one week)**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **SUMMER TERM 6**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (*finishing at 1.30pm*)

*INSET day 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025*