



Nurture the Spirit – Grow the Mind – Love your Neighbour

July Newsletter



Dear Families,

This is the final newsletter of the year and an opportunity for us all to reflect back on an eventful and successful year. So much has been achieved and it is clear from reading your child's school report, how hard the children have worked throughout the year.

During this penultimate week, our school has had a SIAMs inspection to evaluate how our school's distinctively Christian vision shapes its daily life and helps pupils and staff flourish. I am delighted that the inspector recognised the very special place that Catsfield School is and I am incredibly proud of our entire school community for showcasing the very best of our ethos on the day. I look forward to sharing the report with you when it is published.

This year has been enriched by a wide range of exciting activities and events. Educational visits, special theme days, sporting competitions, performances, workshops, and enrichment opportunities have helped bring learning to life and create lasting memories. We are grateful to all staff, volunteers, and families who have helped make these occasions so successful. This past week alone, our pupils have been to Cuckmere Haven, Rare Breeds Centre, played Rounders against Crowhurst School, performed two showings of the Leopards Battle of Hastings assembly and had two workshops to support parents at home.

I would like to take this opportunity in the final newsletter to thank our dedicated staff team for all their hard work this year. Their commitment and care ensure that every child is given the opportunity to flourish. They continually go above and beyond to provide engaging learning experiences and support the wellbeing of all our pupils. We will also be saying goodbye to one of our staff members – Miss Gater – as she leaves to take up a Teaching Assistant post in another school. We would like to thank her for her enthusiasm and care whilst supporting in Tigers and across the school.

As we say goodbye to another school year, we also look forward with excitement to the opportunities that lie ahead. For those children moving on to a new school, we wish them every success in their next chapter. We know they will carry with them the confidence, skills, and friendships they have developed during their time with us. For our returning pupils, we look forward to welcoming them back in September for another year of learning, enrichment and achievement.

On behalf of everyone at the school, thank you for being such an important part of our community. We hope that you and your families enjoy a happy, safe, and restful summer break filled with special moments together.

We look forward to seeing you again in the new academic year.

With best wishes

Lex Beckett
Acting Headteacher

Our value for this final term is Friendship.



As a whole school, we took part in a range of friendship-focused activities designed to deepen their understanding of the Christian value of friendship. They also explored the story of The Good Samaritan, discussing its important message about showing kindness, compassion and love to others, regardless of who they are. Through reflection and discussion, pupils considered how they can be good friends by helping those in need, including others and treating everyone with respect and care.

This week, the School Council are hosting a values based football tournament. Children have signed up to enter the tournament and the focus of the games is to follow our school values. We look forward to a fun and exciting tournament. We will also be enjoying our school picnic on this day.

Families in Partnership



Thank you to all who attended our recent **Families in Partnership** meeting. We are grateful review and discuss the results of our parent questionnaire together. The questionnaire provided valuable feedback on many aspects of school life, including how we communicate with families. We greatly appreciate the honest and constructive comments shared, which will help us continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

As a result of the feedback received, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding an **Information Evening** on Thursday 10th September at 6pm for parents and carers. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet with staff and find out more about your child's learning journey for the year ahead. Due to the format of this evening, we kindly request that children do not attend. During the evening, we will share key information about:

- What your child will be learning throughout the academic year
- Curriculum expectations and key milestones
- Specific information about each subject
- How we assess and support pupil progress
- Ways that families can support learning at home
- Important routines, events and opportunities for the year ahead

PING

Firstly, we would like to thank parents for the feedback we have received regarding the SchoolPing app. We appreciate how frustrating it can be if notifications are delayed or if the app appears to time out. We have shared this feedback with them and they have provided us with some feedback and how this can be rectified. They have advised that notification issues are often linked to individual device settings rather than the app itself, as different phones can have a variety of battery-saving and data management features that may prevent notifications from being delivered correctly.



If you are experiencing difficulties receiving notifications, please ensure that you have downloaded the latest version of the SchoolPing app. The SchoolPing support team have also produced helpful troubleshooting guides for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices, which can be found on their website. As a standard line of troubleshooting they suggest:

- **Reboot your phone** The first step towards troubleshooting any issue you face is ensuring it's not a temporary hiccup. To do that, you'll need to reboot your phone. Doing so puts an end to all background processes or services which might hinder an app's ability to push notifications.
- **Are you currently logged into the SchoolPing app?** You must be logged into the SchoolPing app to receive notifications. Open the SchoolPing app on your device to confirm whether you are prompted to log in.
- **Do you have the latest version of the SchoolPing app?** Ensure you have the most up to date version of SchoolPing. Visit the Apple App store and search for the SchoolPing app to see if an update is available.
- **Are notifications turned on for the SchoolPing app?** Go to your settings area on your device and check that the notification settings for SchoolPing are enabled.
- **Do you have Do Not Disturb mode enabled?** If you have Do Not Disturb mode enabled, you will not receive notifications for SchoolPing.
- **Is your device in a low power mode?** To preserve battery life, devices may reduce the background activity of apps and this can impact your notifications. This may be a feature the user has enabled, or a default feature the operating system has forced. Go to the settings area on the device check for any battery saving mode options.
- **Is there sufficient storage on your device?** Low storage or memory on the device could lead to unpredictable performance. Go to the settings area of the device and check the storage/memory status.
- **Do you have a stable Wi-Fi or data internet connection?** Your device needs a stable Wi-fi or data connection to be able to receive notifications. If you do not have internet access, you will not receive notifications until your device next establishes an internet connection.

Samsung phones also have many additional settings which will stop notifications from coming through (even if notifications are switched on) and these can be checked by following these steps:

- Type 'Special access' into the search bar in settings - Click 'optimise battery usage' - Ensure that SchoolPing appears in the list of apps which are 'apps not optimised'

- Type 'Special access' into the search bar in settings - Click 'Allow app while data saver on' - Check the toggle is ON for SchoolPing

- Type 'Device care' into the search bar in settings - Go into battery and then app power management - Switch off 'put unused apps to sleep' - Switch off 'Adaptive battery'

- Type 'Data saver' into the search bar in settings - Ensure data saver is switched off - Ensure that mobile data is switched on <https://www.androidcentral.com/not-receiving-notifications-your-galaxy-s10-heres-how-fix-it>

Top tips:

If you are unsure how to adjust settings on you device, there is a simple alternative. Within the SchoolPing app, open the menu and select **Settings > Notifications**, then switch on the option to **always receive email notifications**. This will ensure that you continue to receive important school communications by email, even if mobile notifications are not working reliably.

Please log into your PING account after 4pm every day – we try and send non urgent communication at 4pm each day so this is a good way of catching up and not missing anything.

Please be reassured that we will always ensure any urgent information is received by you. We can see who has read PINGS and therefore would always call if we can see you have not read some urgent. If you continue to experience difficulties, SchoolPing are happy to help directly and encourage parents to contact their support team on **03334 559434** for device-specific advice.

Attendance

As we come to the end of another academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support of our attendance focus.

Excellent attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging, and we have been delighted to see so many pupils attending regularly and making the most of every opportunity school has to offer. We know that maintaining good attendance requires a partnership between home and school, and we are grateful for your commitment throughout the year.

To support you over the summer and as we prepare for the new school year, we have produced another edition of our [Attendance Newsletter](#). This edition includes:

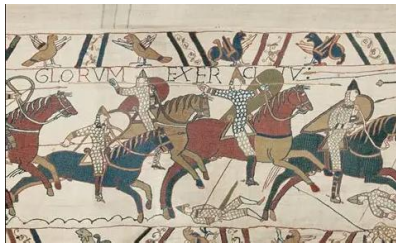
- Strategies to support a successful return to school in September after the summer break
- Advice on when it is appropriate to keep your child at home due to illness
- Information about the flu vaccination and its impact on attendance

We hope you find the information useful and encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to have a read.

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping every child achieve their very best through regular attendance. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another fantastic year of learning.

Bayeux Tapestry

There has been lots of excitement surrounding the upcoming Bayeux Tapestry exhibition at the British Museum, and we know that many tickets have been in high demand. If you were unable to secure tickets, please don't worry as we are delighted to share that we have successfully secured a group booking for Leopards Class, and Mrs Keet will be taking the children to visit the exhibition.



This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to see this world-famous piece of history up close and bring their learning to life. We are very excited to be able to offer this experience and know it will be a memorable day for all involved.

Holiday Club



LS COACHING SUMMER SPORTS CAMP!



[Week 1](#)



[Week 2](#)



[Week 3](#)



[Week 4](#)



£25 per day | £60 for all 3 days

Multi-Sports Activities for All

Ages!

**CATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
RUNNING 9AM-3PM**



WEEK 1: 27th, 28th, 29th July
WEEK 2: 3rd, 4th, 5th August
WEEK 3: 10th, 11th, 12th August
WEEK 4: 17th, 18th, 19th August

Scan a QR code or click booking link above
to book the days or weeks you need.
Alternatively- Email
lsayercoaching@outlook.com

PTA Update

The Summer Fete was held on Friday 3rd July and what a fabulous event it was! It raised an incredible

£2130.04



As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible PTA for their hard work, dedication and unwavering support of our school community. The funds raised by the PTA have helped to enhance learning and provide opportunities that might not otherwise have been possible such as the KS2 Theatre Trip to see "The Boy at the Back of the Class" and KS1 / EYFS' trip to the De La Warr.

As well as the financial support they provide, the PTA plays a vital role in strengthening the sense of community that makes Catsfield such a special place. Every event relies on volunteers who generously give their time to organise, run and support activities for the benefit of all our children. We would like to thank every PTA committee member, volunteer, parent and family member who has supported events this year, whether by helping behind the scenes, attending an event, donating prizes or simply cheering us on. Your enthusiasm, time and commitment have made a real difference!

If you would like to get involved next year please do come along to the **PTA AGM on Tuesday 15th September at 3.30pm** in the school hall.

School Uniform

Looking ahead the start of the new academic year in September, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of ensuring that all school uniform, PE kit, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly named.

Every year, we collect a considerable amount of lost property. Unfortunately, items that are not labelled are often difficult to return to their owners. Taking a few moments over the summer holidays to check that everything is clearly marked can save a great deal of time and help us reunite misplaced items with their owners quickly.

Please check that:

- All uniform items are named.
- PE kit and trainers are clearly labelled.
- Coats, hats, gloves and scarves have names inside.
- Water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled.
- Any new items purchased for September are named before they come into school.

Summer Reading Challenge

East Sussex libraries are calling on children aged 4 to 12 to read six books over the summer months as part of Summer Reading Challenge 2026: 'Read to the Beat'. This year's challenge will inspire children to explore the magical connection between storytelling and music.



The Summer Reading Challenge aims to keep imaginations moving over the school holiday. Children can read any library book of their choice. eBooks, eAudiobooks and books on CD also count towards the challenge.

Free events will also be taking place at East Sussex libraries to encourage children to get creative and have fun. For more information and to sign up visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

Developing aspirations

As part of our PSHE curriculum, this term we have been exploring our place in the Wider World. For our KS2 pupils, we wanted to introduce them to the world of work and encourage them to think about the roles they might one day have within their communities.



To support this learning, our School Councillors reached out to parents and organised two fantastic **Developing Aspirations** mornings. These events gave children the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the wide range of careers represented within our school community. From hearing about different professions to asking thoughtful questions, the children were inspired by the experiences shared. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to join us – both the children and staff found the sessions fascinating and inspiring.

Continuing our careers focus, Leopards Class took a new approach to their traditional **Takeover Day** this year. Pupils were invited to create and present a pitch to our new Headteacher, Mrs Beckett, explaining which role they would like to take on for a designated time slot and why they would be suitable for it. The quality of the pitches was incredibly impressive, showcasing the children's confidence, creativity and understanding of different responsibilities within school life.

Mrs Beckett was so impressed that she decided to hire them all! The staff team were delighted by the dedication and effort shown by every pupil, and Leopards Class received some wonderful praise for their enthusiasm and professionalism. It was a fantastic way to encourage aspirations, build confidence and help children recognise the skills they can develop for their future.

Well done, Leopards, and thank you once again to everyone who helped make these experiences such a success.

Sports Update



We are delighted to announce that we have once again achieved the Schools Games Gold Award for this academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, 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 and very grateful to mums, dads, carers, grandparents, friends and family who generously give up their time to allow them to participate

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 rounders team who won the mini -tournament at Claverham Community College.

Parenting Support Resources

Parenting can be hard at times and when you feel like you would like a little bit of extra support, we would strongly encourage you to make use of "The Parenting Team" - part of the East Sussex Family Hub which brings together a wide range of services to support families and can offer signposting to specialist help where needed. They offer practical guidance to support your child's emotions, behaviour and choices.

All their sessions are free and open to anyone. They offer friendly help with no judgement, such as:

- Talking on the phone for advice. Call **01323 464655**
- Joining online groups or webinars with other parents and carers
- Attending face-to-face sessions to get support in person

They cover tantrums, child and teen emotions, anxiety, neurodiversity, online safety, and more. For more information please visit their website [here](#).

Free School Meals (FSM) for the upcoming school year starting in September 2026.

From 1 September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals are expanding, meaning more families than ever before will be able to access this support.

Who should apply?

- If you receive Universal Credit: If your child is not currently eligible for Free School Meals but you receive Universal Credit, your family may now qualify under the new expanded criteria. We strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible.
- If your child already receives Free School Meals: You do not need to reapply. Entitlement reviews are being carried out this month to prepare for the new school year, so your child's status will roll over automatically if you still qualify.

Why you need to act quickly

While the changes officially take effect in September, we are urging eligible families to apply now. Applications received after 1st September 2026 may not be processed in time for the October school census. Ensuring your application is received early guarantees your child receives their meals on time and helps our school secure vital funding.

How to apply

The application process is quick and simple. You can check your eligibility and submit your application directly through the local authority website here: [Apply Now - Free School Meals - ESCC](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Anderson.

Holiday Food Vouchers (HUGGG) Have Ended. What Will Replace These?

The government funded Household Support Fund, which was distributed by councils to support residents in East Sussex, ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This included the holiday supermarket voucher scheme (HUGGG vouchers) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are a number of alternative avenues of support for families, which are listed below. We would be grateful if you could communicate this to your families through your usual communication channels with parents and carers. Information for families:

- ESCC Family Information Service - 0345 60 80 192 (Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm) can provide advice and signposting to the process of accessing support
- Families who are being supported through Early Help and Social Care in Children's Services may be eligible for support. Please discuss with your social worker, Early Help keyworker or support to find out more.
- Families eligible for free school meals can get free activities and food through [Holiday food and fun](#).
- Families can also find out more about the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) If you need help now, see [cost of living support](#).

For families with children and young people aged 0-25yrs with special educational needs and disabilities:

- Amaze Sussex - amazesussex.org.uk - 01273 772289

Photos from the Term



Dates for Term 6

Lions and Tigers trip to Rare Breeds Centre: 10th July
Year 6 Bikeability: w/c - 13th July
End of year Leavers' service: Fri 17th July at St.
Laurence 2pm
INSET days Monday 20th – Wed 22nd July

Academic Year 2026-27

Inset days 2nd, 3rd, 4th September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027

Dates for Term 1

Mon 7th Sept – School reopens
Thurs 10th Sept – Parent Information Evening 6pm
Tues 15th Sept – Read Write Inc Parent Meeting 9am
Tues 15th Sept – PTA AGM 3.30pm
Fri 25th Sept – Flu Vaccines
Thurs 1st Oct – School Photos
Fri 16th Oct – Harvest Festival at 2.15pm
Tues 20th Oct – Leopards Trip to London
Wed 21st Oct – Panthers Celebration assembly 9am
Thurs 22nd Oct – Tigers Stay and Play 2.30pm

Safeguarding Information

For your reference, please find some contact details below for people both in and out of school you can contact should you have any safeguarding concerns over any children in our school:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Cassie Skevington
Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Lex Beckett, Kate Sayer

East Sussex Single Point of Advice: **01323 464222**
NSPCC: 0808 500 8000