Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

September 2025

Dear families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, they have made a great start to the new school year.

A special mention must go to our new Nursery & Reception children who have settled in so well, we are delighted to be sharing your school journey with you.

Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic day out at Westmorland Show on Wednesday, they represented the school so well and we are very proud of them. We look forward to seeing them flourish this year.

Please keep an eye on School Spider for new messages - it's going to be another busy year!

Yours truly, Fiona Ip

Open Door Policy

Our 'Open Door' policy remains in place, teachers can be contacted via the following email addresses: r.morgan@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk l.kay@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk.

For other matters please continue to contact Rebecca via <u>bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk</u>. Or Mrs Ip via head@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk.

Please allow time for staff to respond to emails, which will routinely be in working hours only (8.30am - 4pm, Monday to Friday).

Alternatively, contact the school by telephone on 015242 61441.

Bikeability

Children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to take part in Bikeability training on Tuesday 30th September & Wednesday 1st October. Please use the QR code (attached to the spider survey) to give permission for your child to take part.

School Spider App

Please ensure you have downloaded the 'School Spider' app so you can make bookings/payments, complete surveys & permissions and receive messages from school. We use School Spider most days so it is important that you are able to access your parent account. Please contact the school office if you need any help logging in.

School Day

Our School Day is:

8.30am - 3pm

Drop off between 8am - 8.30am

DINNER ORDERING / MONEY

If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost is £2.70 per day.

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: Free school meals and pupil premium

All balances are now available to view and pay via School Spider. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice, please speak to Mrs Mason in confidence.

Please check your parent account for outstanding invoices. Thank you

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School Uniform (September - Easter)

Girls

Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore or Tartan skirt/pinafore White shirt Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan School Tie

Boys

Grey trousers White shirt Royal blue V-neck jumper School Tie

Nursery/Reception (Girls & Boys)

Blue Foundation Stage sweatshirt Black/Navy/Grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings White polo shirt

All pupils wear black shoes inside and outside. We also ask the children to keep a pair of wellington boots in school. All children need a pair of trainers for PE and outside play.

Long hair must be tied back at all times. We allow the children to wear plain stud earrings, but ask that the children do not wear earrings on the days of PE or swimming lessons.

All items of clothing must be named please.

School Uniform is supplied by the Uniform & Leisurewear company at Lancaster.

PE

All children should bring their PE kit to change into on **Tuesdays** (the kit can be kept in school for the week/half term).

Children will also dance with Rosie-May on Thursdays (they don't need a PE kit for this). Please could all children have a spare pair of socks (& joggers/leggings for KS1) in school. Thank you

After School Clubs / Wraparound Care

After school clubs on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday are now fully booked. We have a small number of places available for Thursday (until **4pm**) please email Rebecca if you would like to apply for a place bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk.

Absence Reporting & Attendance

Absences can now be reported via the School Spider app

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk before 9am on the day of each absence. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility.

Harvest Festival - Friday 26th September at 2pm

We will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in Church on Friday 26th September at 2pm. We will be collecting donations for the food bank. Families and friends are most welcome to join us.

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September Diary Dates

Friday 19th September - Experience Harvest @ Church (children only, collect from Church 3pm)

Monday 22nd September - Small Schools Football Competition (team of KS2) Friday 26th September (am) - Cross Country @ Abbeystead Friday 26th September 2pm - Harvest Festival in Church, all welcome