

# **Tandridge Schools Achievements, Successes & Issues**

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*All schools were invited to contribute information for this update*

## Primary Schools

### Audley Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Daphne Shields

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- An Ofsted inspection took place in March 2010. The school received a 'Satisfactory' judgement. The report stated, 'Pupils enjoy school, especially the good range of additional activities that are on offer, and those lessons that require them to learn through practical activities and investigations. They behave and cooperate very well in lessons, always willing to help each other without being asked.'
- The School Choir performed at the O2 Arena in January 2011.
- The netball team demonstrated true perseverance and won the Tandridge League during the Spring Term 2011.

### Burstow Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Elaine Hampson

**County Councillor:** Mr Michael Sydney

- The number of pupils on roll at the school has continued to rise this year. Three year olds started at Burstow School for the first time in September 2010.
- The school has trained an 'Every Child Counts' teacher. They are actively participating in the training of new teachers and work with 5 universities for initial teacher training. The also had their first Graduate Teacher Programme student this year.
- In cooperation with the National Education Trust the school hosts a programme of workshops for able writers. They invite other schools to participate in this project.
- A nurture group facility is to be located in the school during the next academic year and this resource will be for children in Key Stage 1 age in the locality.
- The children have worked hard to raise money and support the charity, 'The Savannah Trust.' They have raised money to help build a new school in Ghana.
- The school continues to host ICT lessons after school for older members of the village community.



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## Dormansland Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Jane Cowley

**County Councillor:** Mr Michael Sydney

- In July 2010 the pupils performed 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at the Chequer Mead Theatre. The children gave a wonderful performance with superb singing, dancing and acting.
- The school was delighted with the Key Stage 2 test results at the end of Year 6 in 2010. 97% of pupils achieved Level 4 in English and 94% in Mathematics. 63% of children achieved Level 5 in Mathematics.
- Swimmers from the school achieved success in events. In April 2011 the team competed in two galas. They won both events following a very strong team performance.
- Mrs Cowley will be retiring at the end of August 2011 and the Governing Body are currently recruiting her replacement.

## Downs Way School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Sue Palmer

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- Embedding Assessment for Learning is helping the school to help the children to be more involved in their own learning and progress.
- A road and grids have been permanently marked out on the outdoor learning area to help with literacy, Maths and PHSE (Personal Health and Social Education).
- The school is very pleased to have achieved an accreditation as an inclusive school under the Inclusion Quality Mark Scheme.
- Despite the ending of the East Surrey Schools Sports Partnership the school are continuing to forge strong links with the other schools in the area to celebrate children's sporting activities.
- The PTA is funding new computers for all the classrooms.
- The school are concerned about their future budget and this impact of this on the number of staff.



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## Felbridge Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Andrea Trigg

**County Councillor:** Mr Michael Sydney

- An Ofsted inspection took place in March 2011. The school received a 'Good' judgement. The report stated, 'Pupils make good progress, and by the age of 11 their attainment is above average. This represents good achievement from their starting point. At the same time as doing well academically, pupils develop as confident, rounded individuals, flourishing in the school's inclusive environment.'
- Staff and pupils are currently working towards gaining a Bronze Eco-school award to make sustainable development a part of the life and ethos of the school.
- The school are working on the development of an online Learning Platform to support classroom-based learning.
- A new outdoor learning area for Years 1 and 2 has been created.
- Parking outside the school is a difficulty and the local police have to monitor this regularly.

## Godstone Village School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Marcia Goodwin

**County Councillor:** Mr Tony Elias

- An Ofsted inspection took place in January 2011. The school received a 'Satisfactory' judgement. The report stated, 'Pupils' achievement is satisfactory and has improved significantly.' The school were pleased with the outcomes of the inspection, especially achieving the top grade of 'Outstanding' for care, guidance and support, children's understanding of a healthy lifestyle, safeguarding and how safe the pupils feel.
- Together with 2 other local schools Godstone Village entertained seven visiting teachers and education leaders from Tanzania and Nigeria in November through the Connecting Classrooms project. They have linked with schools in the two countries and the pupils have been exchanging letters and questions about life in school. The project is ongoing.
- The pupils have been actively involved in the community. Children attended the village Remembrance service where they spoke to the veterans. Pupils sang Christmas songs to the Senior Citizens of the village and also gave a gymnastic display at the village care home.
- The school reports they have difficulty regarding traffic and parking outside the school and this continues to attract many complaints.
- They are also concerned about the budget in the future.



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## Hamsey Green Primary School

**Headteacher:** Ms Fiona Morgan

**County Councillor:** Mr David Hodge

- Hamsey Green Infant and Junior schools formally amalgamated to become Hamsey Green Primary School from September 2010. The school is formed of two sites and children can be safely escorted from one site to another through the campus, which incorporates Warlingham School.
- The former Headteacher, Mrs Chris McClelland, left the school at the end of the Spring term 2011. Her replacement, Ms Fiona Morgan, started at the school in April 2011.
- Following the amalgamation the Junior School has been refurbished, new flooring for hall and dining room has been laid, a new Learning Resource Centre and the staffroom has been updated.
- In February 2011 30 Year 5 and 6 pupils competed at the East Surrey Sportshall Athletics Final. 9 schools took part and the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, improving on their previous performance.
- The Year 4 and 5 football teams also experienced some success in winning football rallies in March 2011.
- Despite active support from PCSO the parking in the vicinity of the school continues to be an issue. A local firm has introduced clamping due to issues with parents' parking.

## Hillcroft Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Stephanie Scutter

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- Mrs Linda Huggett retired at the end of the Summer term 2010 and Mrs Stephanie Scutter, started as the new Headteacher with effect from September 2010.
- An Ofsted monitoring inspection took place in January 2011. Following this inspection the school received a letter from the inspector commented that the school had, 'made good progress in making improvements' and 'good progress in demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement.'
- A Fun day of Sports was held to raise funds for a 'trim trail'. The equipment was installed and ready for use in September 2010.
- The school is developing a virtual learning platform during the Summer Term with the aim of it being fully operational from September 2011.



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## Holland Junior School

**Headteacher:** Mr Terry Sheen

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- The previous headteacher left the school at the end of the Summer term 2010. Elspeth Andrews was acting as headteacher until Mr Sheen started in April 2011.
- An Ofsted inspection took place in October 2010. The school received a 'Good' judgement. The report stated, 'Pupils enter the school with broadly average basic skills, make good progress, and leave at the end of Year 6 with attainment which is above average.' and 'Pupils feel safe and thoroughly enjoy their time at the school'.
- The school has developed an Outdoor Learning Environment and have a cycle track round the field.
- Close community links are being built with Windmill Manor, a new care home close to the school.
- Dangerous road conditions in the area meant that the school had to be closed twice in December. Even when school re-opened the road outside school was dangerous.
- Parking outside of the school continues to be a difficulty and there is liaison with the Community Police concerning this matter.

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## Hurst Green School

**Joint Headteachers:** Mrs Jean Atkins

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- Until December 2010 the school had 2 part-time headteachers. Mrs Lin Crees retired at the end of the autumn term and Mrs Atkins is now the full time headteacher.
- An Ofsted inspection took place in September 2010. The school received a 'Good' judgement. The report stated, 'pupils get a good start to their education. Pupils make good progress and achieve well throughout the school.'
- The school gained the Inclusion Quality Mark in November 2010.
- Canopies have been added over the front and nursery entrances of the school. The entrance foyer and offices have been completely refurbished with the addition of a disabled toilet. Fencing has enclosed the outside learning area.
- The school took part in the Raising Girls Achievement In Maths project. They continue to run the Every Child a Reader project.
- A Sure Start Children's Centre has been completed in the school grounds.



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## Limpsfield CE Infant School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Jenny Baird

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- An interim Ofsted inspection took place in June 2010. Ofsted confirmed that the school's outstanding performance had been sustained and a full inspection will not take place until after September 2011.

## Lingfield Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mr Ron Gandolfo

**County Councillor:** Mr Michael Sydney

- Following the Ofsted inspection in March 2010 where the school was graded as 'Satisfactory' a further visit from Ofsted took place in May 2011. Ofsted confirmed that the school 'has made good progress'.
- As part of an ongoing link with Tujatane School in Zambia, 2 teachers from Lingfield visited Zambia and helped to develop successful reading techniques across the school. In June the school is expecting a visit from 4 Zambian teachers. A grant from the British Council has aided with the cost of this.

## Marden Lodge Primary School

**Headteacher:** Miss Georgina Steinthal

**County Councillor:** Mrs Sally Marks

- An Ofsted inspection took place in September 2010. The school received a 'Satisfactory' judgement. The report stated, 'It has a number of good features and a particular strength is its caring and supportive environment'
- In Summer 2010 the school was awarded the ArtsMark (silver) standard. They have retained both the ActiveMark and Healthy Schools awards. The school has also been accredited with the FMSiS standard.
- During the summer term 2010 a new Adventure Play area was opened within the school grounds which is accessible to pupils in the school and the Children's Centre child care facility.
- The first phase of a project to improve the outdoor provision for the Early Years pupils has very recently been completed.
- The security around the school site has been improved with the installation of new fencing and a swipe-card entry system to the buildings.
- The school reports they have ongoing challenges to address. They are continuing to seek improvements in the attendance levels of pupils. They have a concern that in the future there will be a financial challenge to make any funds available for capital projects beyond basic maintenance of the site.



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## Nutfield CE Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Sarah Sadler

**County Councillor:** Mr Tony Elias

- An interim Ofsted inspection took place in January 2011. Ofsted confirmed that the school's good performance had been sustained and a full inspection will not take place any earlier than the Summer Term 2012.
- The school are very proud of the achievements that the pupils made in Key Stage 2 assessments during the summer term 2010. Level 4 is the national average and 93% of children attained a Level 4 in both English and Mathematics. In addition to these results, 64% of pupils achieved a Level 5 in English and 46% a Level 5 in Mathematics.
- In the Summer term 2010 following an inspection the school received Green Flag Status, which is the highest award available from the Eco-Schools scheme.
- During November 2010 the school held a Chinese Culture Week. Pupils played a variety of Chinese instruments, cooked Chinese food, danced inside a forty foot dragon and learnt some Mandarin words. As part of a link Nutfield has with a school in China they will be receiving a visit from the Headteacher of the Chinese school in June 2011.
- In January 2011 Key Stage 2 pupils took place in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, performing in front of an audience of 20,000.

## St Catherine's Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Stephanie Gibson

**County Councillor:** Mr Tony Elias

- The Headteacher reports that pupils have made great progress in reading. The infant pupils are making a better start due to improved resources and more focused teaching.
- The buildings and grounds in the school are much improved. A new outdoor area has been created for Year 1 and renovation of existing areas for reception and nursery pupils has taken place. The ICT suite has been upgraded. There are plans to build a new outdoor classroom and lunch hall. Development of the school grounds is planned to include a new nature garden and pond. The appearance and security of the school are being improved by upgrading the fencing. In March 2011 a Lottery grant of over £8000 was awarded for the wildlife area.
- The school received an Eco-schools Silver award in January 2011.
- Parking and driving near the school has improved after a great deal of work.
- In January 2011 pupils attended voice in a million concert at the O2 arena in London.





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## St Francis' RC Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Margaret Clerkin & Mrs Tricia Burke

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- At the end of the Autumn Term 2010 Mrs Margaret Clerkin reduced her working hours. From January 2011 Mrs Tricia Burke was appointed to the part-time post and the headship of the school is now on a job share basis.
- The school were delighted with their Summer Term 2010 Key Stage 2 SATs results. They were ranked as top of the schools in Caterham and 10<sup>th</sup> in Surrey.
- The school was recently awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark. The report noted.. 'The over-riding impression given by St Francis' is of a school that has a clear understanding of what is expected and what can be provided to enhance the learning experience for all children. There is an energy and enthusiasm from the staff which is infectious and clearly visible in the attitudes and behaviour of the children.'
- A Sing Up Platinum Award has been gained which recognises and celebrates our school's exceptional achievements, high quality of singing activity and outward focus that inspires and connects to the wider community through singing.
- The school reports some challenges, which continue to be the lack of Catholic School Places at Primary and Secondary level in the Tandridge area and the lack of a safe Pedestrian Crossing on the Whyteleafe Road.

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## St John's CE Primary School (Caterham)

**Headteacher:** Mrs Liz Wombwell

**County Councillor:** Mrs Sally Marks

- An Ofsted inspection took place in June 2010. The school received a 'Satisfactory' judgement. The report stated, 'Standards are rising and pupils make satisfactory progress in their learning.' and 'Pupils feel safe and well cared for, and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is good.'
- In February 2011 the school was awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark following a 2 day inspection.



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## St Mary's CE Junior School

**Acting Headteacher:** Mrs Amanda Blackburn

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- Mr Alan Norgrove retired in April 2011. Mrs Amanda Blackburn, Deputy Head, is currently the Acting Headteacher until the end of the Summer Term 2011.
- In January 2011 the Year 5 and 6 swimming team won the South Tandridge Swimming Gala. The team then went on to take part in the East Surrey Schools Sports Partnership Final Gala against top swimmers from East Surrey. The school team successfully won that Gala, as well taking part as 'Team South Tandridge'.

## St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Julie Leader

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- An Ofsted inspection took place in June 2010. The school received an 'Outstanding' judgement. The report stated that since the last inspection the school 'has worked hard to maintain both the tremendously strong levels of care, guidance and support it provides and the consistently high standards pupils reach.' and 'Pupils achieve extremely well because teaching overall is outstanding.' A successful Church inspection took place shortly afterwards.

## St Peter's CE Infant School

**Acting Headteacher:** Mrs Catherine Johnson

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- An interim Ofsted inspection took place in January 2011. Ofsted confirmed that the school's 'outstanding' performance had been sustained.

## St Stephen's CE Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Lynn Gannon

**County Councillor:** Mr Tony Elias

- An Ofsted inspection took place in March 2011. The school was judged to be "unsatisfactory" in one or two key areas and was given notice to improve, particularly to raise attainment in Mathematics. The inspection team noted that the school has, 'satisfactory capacity to improve'. The Local Authority is working closely with the school to enable them to make raise standards in key areas.



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## Tatsfield Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mr Kevin Bellinger

**County Councillor:** Mr David Hodge

- The school moved into their new purpose built building in April 2010 which the Duke of Kent KG officially opened on 24 March 2011. The school is continuing to develop the outside space of the school with play equipment and learning areas.
- The school has retained their Healthy School Status for another year.
- Two members of the school community have achieved long service in Surrey. Jill Hancock, the Bursar, celebrated 25 Years at the school in February 2010 and Kate Jewett, a Year 3 teacher, celebrated 30 years of teaching in Surrey.
- There are strong links with the local community. The school has worked with the horticultural society to help them gain gold awards in South East in Bloom, Britain in Bloom and also with the village in the Village of the year competition.
- The school reports that challenges over the next year will include the tight budget, particularly as they have an increase in grounds and building maintenance. The September 2011 intake may result in a higher number of pupils being admitted to the school.

## Warlingham Village Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mr Geoff Green

**County Councillor:** Mr David Hodge

- A very successful school residential trip for Year 6 pupils took place in June 2010. 3 teachers and 25 pupils visited Spain for a week to reinforce the Spanish Modern Foreign Language curriculum.
- The school has achieved Healthy Schools status.
- During March 2011 the school was awarded the UNICEF 'Rights Respecting School' Level 1 award.

## Whyteleafe School

**Headteacher:** Mr Anthony Marsh

**County Councillor:** Mrs Sally Marks

- Mrs Jenny Jeffcoat, the previous Headteacher, retired at the end of the Spring term 2011. Mr Anthony Marsh was appointed as the new headteacher from April.

## Woodlea Primary School

**Headteacher:** Miss Judith Crofts

**County Councillor:** Mrs Sally Marks

- An interim Ofsted inspection took place in June 2010. Ofsted confirmed that the school's good performance had been sustained and a full inspection will not take place any earlier than September 2011.

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## Secondary Schools

### de Stafford School

**Headteacher:** Ms Caroline Longhurst

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- An Ofsted inspection took place in March 2011. The school received a 'Good' judgement. The report stated that the school has, 'made significant improvements since its last inspection.' and 'It provides a well-ordered, calm and safe community for students, who enjoy their learning and are making good progress.'
- The GCSE results from Summer 2010 were the most successful for the school in its history:
  - 79% of students achieved 5 or more A\*-C
  - 53% of students having English and Maths included in the figure above
  - Year 10 students were entered early for RE GCSE. 37 of them gained A\*s.
- The school was recognised for its continued and sustained improvement over the last 4 years by being 50<sup>th</sup> on the DfEs list of Most Improved Schools.
- The school has been working hard in their pursuit to remain 'at the heart of the Caterham community' and have continued to maintain and develop links within the local and wider community. The school has worked alongside the local Rotary group on their 'Focus on the Crocus' campaign and joined the local community in their efforts to 'Save Soper Hall'. Students have gained an awareness of and raised money for local charities through their Citizenship lessons as well as on a larger scale on Mufti Days. In terms of partnerships with other schools, they are currently working closely with schools in Wandsworth, Croydon and Robertsbridge in order to share experiences and work on specific projects at staff and student level. They also work with schools within the Tandridge Confederation and de Stafford currently leads the Tandridge Youth Council and takes a major role in the running of the 'Street' Youth Club.
- The school have raised a number of challenges for the future. With regard to finances they are now working towards a three year financial plan to accommodate further cuts in the hope that these will not impact adversely on student experiences and outcomes. They are continuing to work to try to find a way forward regarding the management of the Sports Centre that will meet the needs of all parties. This building remains a huge drain on school resources both financially and in time required to oversee the management of the block.
- Councillors are welcome to visit the school as and when their time allows. The school looks forward to welcoming Councillors and showing them around the de Stafford Learning Community.



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## Oxted School

**Headteacher:** Mr Guy Nelson

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- An Ofsted inspection took place in March 2011. The school received a 'Satisfactory' judgement, although some elements of the school's work were judged to be 'outstanding'. The report stated, 'Most students say they enjoy school and feel very safe and extremely well cared for.'
- The GCSE results from Summer 2010 were excellent:
  - 76% of pupils achieved GCSE 5 A\* - C, which is an improvement from last year
  - An issue of special note is that the number of GCSE entries at the top grades A\*/A was best ever at 27% of all GCSE entries.
  - 48 students achieved 8 or more GCSEs at A\* and A grade.
- The A-Level results from Summer 2010 continue to demonstrate that attainment is strong in the Sixth form:
  - Over 73% of students achieved an A\* - C
  - In the first year of the new A\* grade over 8% of all passes were at this grade.
  - A number of pupils achieved 3 passes with grade A or above
- A new Diploma course has started well and the school continues to be very pleased with the range of vocational options offered to pupils.
- The school successfully bid with English Hockey for a new Astro Hockey surface.
- Surrey County Council supported developments to the swimming pool.
- The school has raised considerable investment to improve the ICT facilities.
- As part of the recently gained specialist status the school has developed new and very good links with primary partners.
- The school are very concerned about cuts to Sixth Form funding and the effect this will have on post-16 students and the provision that the school will be able to offer them.



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## Warlingham School

**Headteacher:** Miss Alison Woodhouse

**County Councillor:** Mr David Hodge

- Very pleasing examination performance by students in summer 2010:
  - 90% of students gained 5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C (64% including English and Maths) which is well over the national figures are 75%/54% respectively.
  - With 98% of students "passing" their A levels the school remains in the top third of sixth forms nationally for "value-added" (the progress students make in their post 16 studies).
- A subject inspection by Ofsted in September 2010 graded the overall effectiveness of the History department as "good".
- The school received the highest number of applications for Year 7 entry in September 2011, with over 800 altogether and 350 of those as first preferences. The planned admission number is 240.
- The number of students on roll at the Sixth Form has increased, with the highest number ever from September 2010 at nearly 400 students.
- Alison Woodhouse qualified as a Local Leader of Education (LLE) in November 2010. This role is used by the Local Authority to support other schools. She supported Hamsey Green Junior School on a one-day-per-week basis during the summer term to support the interim leader there during its transition to amalgamation with the infants' school in September.
- Students have raised over £10,000 this year for charity.
- Year 7 students have buried a Time Capsule in the school grounds this is to be opened in 50 years time
- The school have reported challenges with regard to the budget allocations. Post 16 provision funding is due to be cut very considerably over the next 3 years which will impact on student achievement. There is also concern regarding specialist school funding and, if this is not protected, the school may have to make redundancies and lose the outstanding provision they currently make for work-based learning and links with the local business community.
- Another challenge was access to the school during the snow. The headteacher reports that due to the involvement of David Hodge, some progress was made part way through the show period with clearing and gritting of Tithepit Shaw Lane.



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## Special Schools

### Clifton Hill School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Andrea Ashton-Coulton

**County Councillor:** Mr John Orrick

- For the first time, four pupils from the school participated in the annual Surrey Special School Ski trip to Prato Nevoso, which took place in January 2011.
- The school received a new Variety Club minibus from the John Cowan Foundation.
- Four Key Stage 3 pupils have qualified for the National Special School Boccia Championships. The competition will take place during the Summer Term 2011.
- Courtesy of the Friends of Clifton Hill, East Surrey Freemasons, North Downs Golf Club, the Youth Opportunities Fund, Woldingham Golf Club and Surrey County Council a new wheelchair swing has been installed. The pupils are gaining a lot of enjoyment from this resource.
- A very successful Creative Arts day took place recently. A leader from the National Centre for Pupils with Epilepsy came into school and helped to engage with the pupils and transform the school hall into an 'Old School Music Hall'.

### Limpsfield Grange School

**Headteacher:** Mrs Lynis Williams

**County Councillor:** Mr Nick Skellett

- An Ofsted inspection took place in November 2010. The school received a 'Good' judgement. The report stated, 'Students attainment is low on entry. Despite this, they make good progress and achieve well.' and 'Outstanding residential provision makes a very important contribution to students' learning and personal development.'
- A new trim trail has been established thanks to donations from charities.
- The school received a Gold Award for School in Bloom.
- Grants from the Youth Opportunity fund has enabled pupils to receive training in outdoor pursuits.
- The school and pupils benefit from the links that are being made with Oxted School and the Tandridge Confederation.
- During October 2010 a staff member visited Bangladesh. As part of the trip the teacher took the opportunity to develop links with a children's project. Following the initial contact these links are growing.
- 60% of the windows are now double glazed in keeping with the character of the building.
- The school faces a number of challenges including new governors, budgets, and the needs of the pupils have become more complex.