



## Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

To all our families and friends,

All of the children have become geographers this week and taken part in a variety of different fieldwork experiences, many of which were off site and in the local village. These opportunities have enabled the children to gain a broader range of skills which are difficult to develop in the classroom alone. It also provided a 'real world' opportunity to extend children's geographical thinking too. It has been a hugely successful event which we look forward to repeating this again next year. Thanks to all the teachers for providing such rich opportunities and to Mr Ring for coordinating this event across the school.

This week in Nursery we have been looking at the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have been retelling the story with actions, making maps of the journey in the book or a journey they have been on before and going to forest school for our own bear hunt!

Year 1 - We wanted to find out which part of the playground was the most popular during break. Each group observed a different area of the playground. The areas we observed were: field, tyres, sheltered area, bus, boat, trim trail, stage and house. We recorded our data on a tally chart and then we had a discussion about it.

Year 3 - We started by exploring forest school. This is a very natural environment but it has been modified by humans with log benches and fires. The next part of exploring was the playground. We looked at how the buildings, playground and concrete impacted on wildlife.

In Year 5, we have linked our Fieldwork with our Young Leaders Award. We identified a part of the village that needed clearing and set up a campaign to improve the area. In our English lessons, we have written letters, speeches and created posters and we even went out with litter pickers on Tuesday. To conclude our fieldwork, we evaluated our findings and used them to plan the next stage of our campaign.

This week in Reception we have mapped the classroom. We used photos and then drew landmarks and placed them correctly on the map. We then used a Beebot to travel around the 'classroom'.

Year 2 - On Wednesday walked along the High Street and took photographs of the businesses and buildings. We then used our photographs to plot and create our own maps of the High Street. To finish the week, we used our maps and trip experience to compare Watton-At-Stone High Street to pictures of a street in Kenya.

The focus of Year 4's geography fieldwork was transport. The question that we were exploring was: Is traffic a problem in Watton at Stone village? We walked to Watton High Street to carry out a traffic survey to see what types of vehicles and how many pass along the High Street within a given time. We also observed what was happening in terms of the traffic flow. We used our maths skills to create a bar chart and then we discussed our findings.

Year 6 have been investigating TRADE. Previously in class we have studied Global Trade and so we followed this up with fieldwork in our village. We visited Bridget B's where we received a warm welcome as we discovered where the meat that they sell comes from. We explored the range of foods sold at Budgens - if we ever fancy purchasing a £450 bottle of champagne we now know where to go!

### This weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	95.2%
Kerr Class(1)	96.4%
Murphy class (2)	95.2%
Lewis Class (3)	93.6%
Dahl Class (4)	84.1%
MacKenzie Class (5)	87.5%
Blackman Class (6)	93.6%
Horowitz Class (6)	98.9%

Whole School Attendance this Week: 91.8%  
Whole School Attendance this Term: 94.5%

### Year 5 WWWWodson Park

On Wednesday, Year 5 spent the afternoon at Wodson Sports Centre taking part in several different activities. Every child had the opportunity to either try something new or learn new technics to improve their performance. The children were very successful, winning bronze in badminton, silver in cheerleading and gold in round net. 'I had a go at discus. You had to use a helicopter movement to throw the discus.' Bella explained.

'I really enjoyed badminton. I learnt different techniques on how to hit the shuttlecock.' said Charlie.



### Nursery and Reception parent meetings

On Tuesday evening, we held our new to Nursery meeting for parents whose children will be joining us in September and on Thursday evening, we met with parents whose children are due to start Reception in September also. It was lovely to see many familiar faces as well as meeting new families too and we look forward to getting to know them and their children better as they start their child's educational journey with us.

### Transition to new classes

We have been busy planning the transition events for children in KS1 and KS2 recently before they move to their new classes in September.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** - children will meet their new class teacher and teaching assistant and spend the morning with them in their new classroom. We will be sending you a letter home on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July so that parents are informed of who their new teacher will be.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** - there will be an opportunity for all of the classes to spend some time outdoors with their new class teacher and teaching assistant during the afternoon.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** - Class teachers will spend some time with their new classes reading a story and doing some circle time with them to start to develop the relationships.

We are aware that some children will require further enhanced transition work also and we have planned for these children to make a transition book with Mrs Bell before the end of term as well as spending time to look through the book, go back to their new class and meet the teacher with their current class teaching assistant.

### Farewell Mrs Richardson

A couple of weeks ago, I informed parents that Mrs Richardson was sadly leaving us after 7 years to move onto her promotional position at Herts for Learning. Yesterday, Mrs Richardson was overwhelmed by the generosity of not only the staff and Governors but also the parents.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July, we will be welcoming Alison Seales to the admin team who will be taking over the role of office manager. I know that you will all make her feel very welcome of you see her outside or in the admin offices.

### Knitted Postbox Tops in Watton at Stone

Have you or your children spotted the knitted postbox toppers at the bottom of Rectory Lane? These new toppers depict children from the school, dressed in their school uniform. A huge thank you to the knitters who have worked so hard to create these wonderful show pieces.



### Hertfordshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency and Hertfordshire Libraries are excited to introduce **Gadgeteers** Summer Reading Challenge 2022; a celebration of science and innovation, in partnership with the Science Museum Group.

This year's Challenge will launch on **Saturday 9 July**, save the date!

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, choose your reading goal (we recommend six books), then read any books of your choice to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way - all for FREE.



### Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Libby P - 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Samuel Mc - 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Rafaela C - 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Ffion G - 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Matilda M - 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Peter S - 1<sup>st</sup> July



## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<b>Leo M</b> - for being helpful and showing us his focus and passion for learning.	<b>Violet H-N</b> - for her imagination and outstanding creativity.
Nur	<b>Rafaela C</b> for always working to the best of her ability, she has worked particularly hard at writing some graphemes this week. Great work Rafi! <b>Amelia H</b> for always showing a love of learning and sharing her knowledge with others. Amelia has got really involved with our activities based on 'We're going on a bear hunt' this week. Excellent Amelia!	<b>Penelope W</b> for being an excellent role model at all times and always working to the best of her ability. We are very proud of you Penelope!
Rec	<b>Beatrice W</b> - for working to the best of her ability in all situations - she impressed us with her writing and with working out how to make 10 in Maths.	<b>Peter S</b> -for being a good friend and having a great sense of humour. Peter, or Bave, as he is affectionately known, also works to the best of his ability in all subjects.
Year 1	<b>Erin H</b> - for always trying her best in athletics and making the right choices. Sam T - for being an outstanding role model to others.	<b>Bella</b> - For showing a very positive attitude and a love of learning.
Year 2	<b>Erin</b> - for always following our classroom and school rules. <b>Lexie</b> - constantly making the right choices.	<b>Sam M</b> - for having impeccable manners. <b>Joshua</b> - for being a good friend and inviting lonely children to play games.
Year 3	<b>Rose H</b> - for showing her love for learning giving excellent contributions in class. Eve- for being an outstanding role model, always making the right choices.	<b>Billy C</b> - for working to the best of his ability and being well mannered.
Year 4	<b>Ewen C</b> - is always well mannered and shows courtesy to everyone. He always says please and thank you. Well done Ewen.	<b>Maisy W</b> - she shows a love of learning in all subjects and works to the best of her ability. Well done Maisy.
Year 5	<b>Dasiy T</b> - for showing a love of learning and always contributing to class discussions.	<b>Jake V</b> - for being an outstanding role model and showing respect for others. Ronnie- for showing a love of learning in RE.
Year 6B	<b>Enzo K</b> - for always following rules and instructions! A great role model to all.	<b>Max H</b> - for really stepping up in his role in stage, leading the way with strength and character!
Year 6H	<b>Nya S and Jess J</b> - for their love of learning and for working collaboratively on their field work write up. They produced an excellent pie chart detailing what was sold at Crumbs.	<b>Ava H</b> - outstanding role model for coaching children to produce pie-charts for their fieldwork.



**The Week Junior** stimulates children's natural curiosity and fuels their fascination with the world around them. It explains the news and its background in an unbiased, age-appropriate way - encouraging them to explore, read and learn.

Plus it's packed with science, nature, animals to discover, role models to meet, amazing places to see and ideas for things to make and do.

Every vibrant page is designed and written by our experts to get young people to **fall in love with reading and learning**, gifts that will keep on giving throughout their life.

[The Week Junior Magazine | Welcome](#)

### House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 446

Yellow House - 461

Green House - 512

Blue House - 433

House point totals to date

1<sup>st</sup> Place - green house - 1,910

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - red house - 1,751

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - yellow house - 1,681

4<sup>th</sup> Place - blue house - 1,303



### Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Platinum Jubilee Books

Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book will tell the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.

In the story, Isabella sifts through Great Granny Joyce's treasure box of souvenirs, which act as introductions to the contents of the book. These include recent and historical events across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, inspirational people, landmark innovations and inventions, and a selection of the best art, design, and culture.

The book will also include famous quotes from the Queen, facts on the coronation ceremony, content on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life.

We hope that all the children in the school have now received and brought home their commemorative book and had an opportunity to either read or listen to the story. Please contact your child's class teacher if they haven't received their free copy.

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## Headteacher's Awards



Each week, staff are constantly looking for children in the school who are showing awareness of one or more than one of our school learning values. These values will help children to become better learners as well as developing their relationships with others around them. Children are recognised for their achievements with being awarded Headteacher's Awards.

### Reception

Hadley N - for his determination when attempting to write the word 'palaeontologist' using his phonic knowledge and for showing resilience when trying to play Row row row your boat on the xylophone!

### Year 1

Frankie - for having high aspirations in maths and asking for harder challenges to complete.

Ffion - for having high aspirations in writing lessons - using descriptive language and writing in good detail.

### Year 2

Isabella - always showing respect.

Beau - showing resilience with her learning.

### Year 3

Misha - showing resilience in PE now showing a high aspiration for the sport.

Ronny - for having resilience and independence with his writing.

### Year 4

Caitlin and Darcie - for showing creativity in their weaving this week

### Message from the NHS:

With the school holidays fast approaching it is important that you protect your family and loved ones. We are pleased to advise there is a Covid vaccination clinic for 5-11 year olds at Herts & Essex Hospital, Haymeads Ln, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5JH on 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July, from 3.30-5pm. Walk ins welcome. We look forward to seeing you all.



## Watton's Got Talent By Jasmine Lee Year 5

Last year I auditioned and was successful to be picked to represent England in the dance World Cup! My dance school is Ignite Dance Company.

We travelled to San Sebastián in Spain this week for the competition. I had the best time making the best memories. I got to dance in the most incredible theatre.

My results were

Mini tap group- silver medal 2nd in the world

Mini song and dance group- bronze medal and 3rd in the world

Commercial group- 4th in the world

Song and dance duet- 5th in the world.

It was the most amazing experience and I was very proud to be a part of team England and is something I will never forget.

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# SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

**SUPER STAR SPORT ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING CHILDREN ACTIVE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
Children should do at least 1 hour of vigorous activities, such as running or sports, at least three days a week

**Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School**  
Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford SG14 3SG

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Aug  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Aug  
9AM - 3PM  
Early drop off - 8AM | £4 extra per day  
Late collection - 5PM | £10 Extra per day

**£22 PER DAY** **£100 FOR FULL WEEK**

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Discount code expires: Sun 12 Jun 2022, 11:59pm

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## Geography Fieldtrip Week Gallery



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## Friends of Watton update

Thank you very much to everyone whose children bought presents for Father's Day - we made £299.25! Thank you very much too to those who came to help out on the stall - we really appreciate it!

Roll up, roll up - FOW have signed up for the Big PTA Summer Raffle so if you'd like 12 chances to win up to £5,000 please get your tickets now

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/sup.../friends-of-watton-sg14>

Every ticket will be entered in all 5 draws and 50% of each ticket you buy is donated to FOW.

Tickets cost £3 each. Two draws will run daily from 18<sup>th</sup> - 21st July!

Good luck - it would be fantastic to have a Watton winner!

We will be having a clothing collection on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July so please hold on to any good quality clothes and accessories that you might be planning to give away soon!

Please tell your families and friends and collect as much as possible!

Sorry NO BEDDING, CURTAINS, UNIFORM, SOFT TOYS, TOWELS, PYJAMAS, DRESSING GOWNS OR UNDERWEAR (OTHER THAN BRAS) for more info visit - [www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu](http://www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu)



This event is being organised by your local School Games Organiser as part of the nationally funded School Games programme for pupils at your school.



Watton at Stone Primary School are proud to provide our children sporting opportunities through the School Games

The School Games is a National government led initiative that every school in the country has access to. It is funded by Sport England National Lottery programme and delivered by The Youth Sport Trust.

In Hertfordshire, the School Games programme is delivered by 12 School Games Organisers (SGO's) all working to support a local and county offer of opportunity for all pupils aged 7-16.

The School Games mission is to put physical activity and competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best.

Sport offers opportunities for everybody. Hertfordshire run a wide variety of activities to support every child whether it be through Archery or Wheelchair basketball.

To find out more about the School Games and the opportunities available to your child, please watch The School Games in Hertfordshire video: <https://youtu.be/cMAdneidOeA>, visit the Herts Sports Partnership website: <https://sportinherts.org.uk/peschoolsport/schoolgames/>

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Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

**July**

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week (except for Year 6)

11<sup>th</sup> - Drama club performance for parents in the hall 4.05pm

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

14<sup>th</sup> - KS1 and KS2 transition morning

18<sup>th</sup> - Reports to parents

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 dress rehearsal to whole school 'Olivia'

19<sup>th</sup> - Transition afternoon for KS1 and KS2

19<sup>th</sup> - 6pm Year 6 performance to parents/carers 'Olivia'

20<sup>th</sup> 6pm Year 6 performance to parents/carers 'Olivia'

20<sup>th</sup> - House point winners reward

21<sup>st</sup> - Transition event - New class teachers to read a story to new classes

22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am in church

22<sup>nd</sup> - Feel Good Friday

22<sup>nd</sup> - End of Term 2.15pm