



Newsletter 23rd September 2022

To all our families and friends,

We hope that you have been able to take a closer look at the whole school display in memory of Queen Elizabeth II outside the school by the main gates. It has been wonderful to see so many parents taking a few minutes with their children to look at the wonderful pictures and messages for the queen this week.

Over the last 2 weeks, I have been meeting with the class teachers and class teaching assistants to plan additional interventions and support that some children in each class might benefit from in order to help them make accelerated progress in either reading, writing or mathematics. Today, we are sending home copies of the support plans so that you are kept fully informed. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like further clarity of this additional support or the reasons that they are receiving it.

On Monday 26th September we will be taking all children in Reception - Year 6 to the local church for our annual Harvest service. The children love to be able to take an item of food with them and place this on the altar. Please can you ensure that all food donations are non-perishable so that they have a longer shelf life. All food donations will be given to those in need in the village and surrounding areas. Thank you for your support.

House Captains and Vice House Captain speeches

This week, the children in Year 6 had the opportunity to apply for the positions of captain or vice house captain for their team. They wrote persuasive speeches and confidently read their speeches to all the children in their coloured team. As part of our democracy education, all of the children across the school then had the opportunity to vote for the Year 6 candidate who they thought would make the best captain. Huge congratulations to the following children:

Red house - Poppy S (house captain) and Ethan S (vice house captain)

Blue House - Shannon P (house captain) and Charlie R (vice house captain)

Yellow House - Blake S (House captain) and Annabella S (vice house captain)

Green House - Jasmine L (house captain) and Oscar W (vice house captain)

Introducing our House and Vice House Captains



House Points

This Week

Red House - 325

Blue House - 339

Green House - 375

Yellow House - 361

This Half Term so far

1st Place Yellow House - 857

2nd Place Green House - 852

3rd Place Red House - 811

4th Place Blue House - 801

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	92.7%
Macintosh Class(1)	98.3%
Antonelli class (2)	100%
Anning Class (3)	93.1%
Goodall Class (4)	97.4%
Galileo Class (5)	98.7%
Wallace Class (6)	98.0%

Whole School Attendance this term: 95.92%

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.79%

Drumming 1:1 Lessons

Last year, we were thrilled to start 1:1 drumming lessons for children of all ages. This was particularly popular with the previous Year 6 classes, but as they have now left the school, our numbers have dropped considerably and the music service has informed us that it no longer financially viable for them to come into school.

We would love to encourage more children to start learning to play the drums so that we can recommence the weekly drumming lessons.

The cost for weekly lessons is: £13.75 per 20 minutes or £20.00 per 30 minutes. If you are interested, then please send an email to learn@h-c-m.co.uk or phone on 01920 460646.



Parent Forum Meetings

The Parent Forum consists of parent representatives who meet once a term with the Headteacher to discuss school-related issues. Regular, open and constructive communication and consultation with parents is important to the continuing success of the school. The Parent Forum provides a mechanism for the school to discuss proposed initiatives and an opportunity for parents to express their observations, concerns and ideas. If you would like to nominate yourself as the parent rep for this academic year, then please email admin@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk to express your interest. Equally, I would be very happy for last year's parent reps to nominate themselves should they wish to continue with this role. Our first meeting this academic year will be on Tuesday 8th November at 6pm.

Geography - Orienteering

During our lessons in orienteering, we have learnt to read maps. This could be the map of a face or key symbols that appear on a map. Making silly faces was the fun element finding a piece of equipment to represent a mouth or an eye. Some of the faces did not quite look how they should, but the children enjoyed making them.



Some of the classes have moved onto looking at symbols that would appear on a map and matching them to the words. They found this harder as some symbols did not look like the words. The children are finding these lessons enjoyable as they're competing against their peers each time.



Reception and Year 1 phonic meetings

In the autumn term, we like to meet with the parents of children in Reception and Year 1 to show you how phonics is taught in school so that you can support your child more effectively at home. Phonics is the key skill that underpins the children's reading and writing and great emphasis is placed on the teaching of these skills in Reception and Year 1.

Year 1 meetings are on Thursday 6th October at 9am or Friday 7th October at 2.30pm.
Reception meetings are on Tuesday 1st November at 9am and Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30pm.

Writing resources

Hello! In Early Years we like to practise our writing skills in many different ways. It is very motivating when we have lots of different things to write on and interesting implements to write with. If anyone has an abundance of spare notebooks, pads, old diaries, address books etc and/or interesting biro's, rainbow pens etc that they would like to donate, then they would be very gratefully received. Please pop into a bag and address to Mrs Goodman. Many thanks.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Emma M - for growing in confidence and for showing us how independent she has become.	Rafe C-S - for being a positive role model this week, he has been making all the right choices
Nur	Hattie H - for being a superstar since starting Nursery and a fantastic role model to everyone. Hattie is so kind to her friends and tries her best in all she does. Great work Hattie!	Amaya P - for trying really hard at Nursery and gaining confidence in speaking to her friends. Fantastic Amaya! Teddy S - for being really helpful at tidy up time! Well done Teddy, keep it up!
Rec	Eliza L - for being so polite and sensible that many members of staff noticed and mentioned it to us! Penelope W - for always being ready to learn (she sits so beautifully on the carpet) and being an amazing role model	Isaac W-P - for an amazing week, full of smiles and he has been putting in so much effort into his learning. It has also been wonderful to see him making lots of new friends.
Year 1	Jasper - for having a mature approach to year 1 and always paying attention.	Jess - for being a good friend to everyone in the class.
Year 2	Ffion - working to the best of her ability by offering great contributions during lessons.	Logan - showing a love for learning and having such a positive attitude towards school. Mayci - constantly making the right choices and following the school rules.
Year 3	Erin - for always making the right choices and being a fantastic member of the class.	Joshua - showing a love of learning in all subjects and for great focus in maths. Sam B - for always making the right choices and having an excellent attitude in Year 3.
Year 4	Felicity - for being a fantastic role model and her love of learning in every subject.	Finley M - for working to the best of his ability and always paying attention to adults.
Year 5	Ewen C - for being an outstanding role model all week but especially in PE.	Darcie C - for working to the best of her ability when answering reasoning questions in maths.
Year 6	Charlie R - outstanding attitude and behaviour in our cooking session	Jake V - going above and beyond with his homework, outstanding presentation

Friends of Watton update

Get your bingo dabbers and dancing shoes out as Music Bingo is back!

It's lots of fun and great music and we finish with a mini-disco! Why not get a group of friends together for a ladies night out?

Tickets are available now via Classlist -

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/927400655>

We're starting to think about Christmas and would like to collect Christmas Jumpers to sell to new owners, so if you find any you no longer want, please bring them into school and leave them at reception.

Come Dine With Me

This week, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to plan, make and dishes as part of the Design Technology unit of work 'Come Dine With Me'. They worked in small groups to make either a starter, main meal or dessert based around 1 main ingredient. Of course the best part of this week was the sampling of the dishes!! Take a look at the photos taken this week in the photo gallery at the end of the newsletter.

Increase in scarlet fever cases

There continues to be a national increase in notifications of scarlet fever and iGAS (invasive group A streptococcal) to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), and that these notifications are currently above the seasonal expected levels.

Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications so if you have any concerns please contact your local UKHSA Health Protection Team for advice.

Useful Resources [Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-and-treatment)

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Poppy S - 22nd September

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:

Matilda M - for always being a friend to others and showing great empathy to them when they are feeling sad. She tries hard to cheer them up!

Rafaela C - for being creative when making a birthday card for her Mum. She was very proud of the writing she attempted inside.

Year 1:

Elizabeth F - for super writing. Elizabeth showed resilience and pride by completing her writing challenge.

Year 2:

Danny R & Izzy G - having high aspirations and pride in their homework.

Sam T - working well with others during PE.

Bella P - being reflective by making edits and improvements to her writing.

Year 3:

Gracie D - for having high aspirations with her phonics and reading.

Year 4:

Isabelle B - for being respectful in P.E.

Christian M - for his resilience and creativity in art.

Year 5:

Esmée T - for working well with others during PE.

Watton At Stone Nursery Admissions

2023-2024

Early Years Quality Standard
gold award

Nurturing staff and environment

Nursery led by
qualified teacher



30 hours available

Was your child born between
1st September 2019 & 31st August 2020?

Please join us for a **Nursery Tour** and parent meeting on:

Monday 28th November at 6:00pm

Or

Tuesday 6th December at 6:00pm

Come along to see the Nursery classroom and the rest of the school. Please contact the school office on 01920 830233 to book your place. In the meantime please look at our virtual school tour at: <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/home/virtual-tour-of-the-school>

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Come Dine With Me - Year 6
Photo Gallery



Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

September

26th September - Harvest Service in church

October

6th - Year 1 parent phonics meeting 9am

7th - Year 1 parent phonics meeting 2.30pm

10th - 14th October - Creative Arts week

13th October - Year 3 class assembly

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14th - Mini reports to be sent to parents
18th - Individual school photos (photographer in school)
18th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm (face to face)
19th - Flu vaccinations
19th - Parent consultations 3.45pm - 5.30pm (virtual)
21st - Creative Carnival parade (more info to follow)
24th - 28th - Half term

November

1st November - Reception parent phonic meeting 9am
2nd November - Reception parent phonic meeting 2.30pm
9th November - Whole school Pupil Parliament meeting
10th November - Year 5 class assembly
14th - 18th November - Anti bullying/wellbeing week
17th - FGB 4pm (Full Governing Board meeting)
24th - Theatre company in school (Christmas pantomime)
28th - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23
29th - Inspirational speaker (Paul Sturgess) leading assemblies and workshops across the school
30th - Flu vaccinations continued

December

5th - 9th December - Assessment week
6th December - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23

12th - 16th December - Christmas performances (dates to be confirmed)
20th - Reception and KS1 theatre trip
21st December - End of term 2.15pm

January

5th January - Occasional Day
6th January - INSET Day
9th January - Children return
9th - 13th January - Pupil Progress meetings
23rd - 27th January - International Week

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February

12th - 17th February - Half Term

March

2nd March - World Book Day

16th March - Year 1 class assembly

13th - 17th March - Science week

23rd March - Year 4 class assembly

20th - 24th - Assessment week

31st March - End of term

April

17th April - INSET Day

18th April - Children return

18th - 21st April - Pupil Progress meetings

May

8th - 11th May - KS2 SAT's

15th - 19th May - Mental Health Awareness week

25th May - Year 2 class assembly

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

June

5th June - INSET Day (report writing)

12th - 16th June - Fitness Week

13th June - Sports Day

Week beginning 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week

19th - 23rd June - Year 6 PGL

29th June - Reception class assembly

30th June - Watton has talent

July

6th July - Year 6 class assembly

3rd - 7th July - Assessment week

12th July - reports sent out to parents

18th/19th - Year 6 end of school production

21st July - Year 6 Leavers assembly

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21st July - End of Term