



Newsletter 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and families

This week has been creative arts week and what a fantastic week we have had in school. There has been a wonderful buzz of excitement around all of the classes as the children have been busy making, dancing and creating amazing creations. One of our school learning values is creativity and this week has enabled all the children and staff to showcase their creative skills and talents. The theme for this years creative arts week is 'Carnival' and all of the classes have chosen a country/continent to base their creative art work on. The countries they have chosen are:

Preschool - South America, **Nursery** - Mexico, **Reception** - Europe/Spain, **Year 1** - Barbados, **Year 2** - South America/Brazil, **Year 3** - Caribbean, **Year 4** - Africa, **Year 5** - North America, **Year 6** - New Zealand

Next Friday (21st October), we would like to invite parents of children who have children in Reception to Year 6 to come onto the school playground at 3pm to see the children parade the carnival items that they have made this week during creative arts week. We would request that parents stand in the middle of the playground as the children will be parading around the outskirts of the playground. If it is raining however at 3pm next Friday, we will have to cancel this part of the event.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Hurley (a member of the early years team) the very best of luck as she is running in The Great South Run on Sunday and all of the money she raises will be donated to the National Autistic Society. Good luck Mrs Hurley!

Parent consultations and mini reports

On Monday this week, our online parent booking system went live and it's great to see that so many parents have already booked either a face to face appointment on Tuesday 18th or a virtual appointment on Wednesday 19th October.

Today, we have also sent home a paper copy of your child's mini report. This isn't their full end of year report but is merely to capture the information that the teacher would like to discuss with you at this point within the school year. We focus primarily about how the children are settling into their new classes and have managed the transition. By having the mini report in advance, it allows to you have a read and come prepared to your meeting with any questions you may wish to ask the teacher or information clarified. There will be no books to look at during this meeting.

Year 3 Class Assembly

Yesterday, Year 3 led an assembly to their parents and Year 4 class all about some of the lessons they have had so far this term. They showcased their art work as well as some dance moves for their carnival dance. They talked about how they have been learning to write instructions in English and a few children performed a fable written by one of the children in the class.



Black History Month

This week, the children have been learning about inspiration people from the world of sport. Ian Wright (footballer) had a turbulent upbringing but overcame these difficulties to go on to have a very successful football career, becoming Arsenal's leading goal scorer as well as having an amazing post football career too.

The children have also been learning about Tessa Sanderson. She was the first British black female to ever win a gold medal at an Olympic games as well as competing in 6 Olympic games throughout her career. She too had a very challenging childhood which included severe racist abuse and bullying in school but overcame these challenges with her resilient attitude, determination and support from her P.E teacher who discovered her sporting talents.

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>

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	89.6%
Macintosh Class(1)	95.86%
Antonelli class (2)	99.9%
Anning Class (3)	97.59%
Goodall Class (4)	99.09%
Galileo Class (5)	100%
Wallace Class (6)	92.5%

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.05%

Whole school attendance this term is 96.53%

This year, we are due to be open for 189 days which equates to 378 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration. The class with the best attendance each week will win the Attendance trophy to keep in class until the following Friday.

Our Attendance target each week is 97%

Year 1 Creative Arts Week



Year one has been learning about Barbados. They have learnt a carnival dance and also learnt how to limbo. They have made head dresses and tasted some Bajan food too.

Early Years Farm Visit - Photo Gallery

Today, the children in early years had the most wonderful morning as a visiting farm came to school. The children in Pre school, Nursery and Reception all had the opportunity to stroke and hold the animals. Here are just a few of the photos taken this morning.



Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p>Leo D - he has tried so hard this week with all the different activities we have set out. He has given it his all.</p> <p>Grace B - she has been a wonderful role model, she is always polite and remembers her manners.</p>	<p>Lily H-N - has tried hard with the activities this week and shown us her independence.</p>
Nur	<p>India C - for being a very kind friend and setting an excellent example when sitting on the carpet! Great work India!</p> <p>Leon E - for being very respectful in the classroom; listening to adults, looking after our toys and tidying up! Well done Leon, keep it up!</p>	<p>Oscar S - for growing in confidence and being a great role model to others around him! Well done Oscar!</p>
Rec	<p>George P - for being very focused with his learning this week. George always shows a love of books and impresses us with his thoughtful comments and answers.</p>	<p>Gianni - for always being an enthusiastic learner. He shows a love of learning in everything he does.</p>
Year 1	<p>Peter - for being kind and helpful to the younger children at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Freya H and Elizabeth F for their love of learning. They have both shown great enthusiasm during creative week and have loved telling their families all about Barbados.</p>
Year 2	<p>Bella - showing a love for learning and approaching every lesson with positivity.</p> <p>Henry - being a wonderful friend by making sure nobody in our class is lonely at play times.</p>	<p>Alessia - working to the best of her ability and implementing taught reading strategies.</p> <p>Lily - being an outstanding role model and always listening to the grown-ups.</p>
Year 3	<p>Jack R - working to the best of his ability for a fabulous set of instructions about How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.</p> <p>Sam A - for being an outstanding role model - could have GTBG every day excellent attitude to school, friendships and learning.</p>	<p>Imogen and Poppy - for having a love of learning in all areas (such focus and control in their weekly Yoga classes).</p>
Year 4	<p>Isabelle - for being a good role model in class and showing respect to all adults. Isabelle has also shown great respect in her responses during our discussions regarding Black History Month.</p>	<p>Misha - for his love of learning and sharing his knowledge regarding polar bears during our English lessons.</p> <p>Noah - has been really trying hard in all his learning and is respectful to all adults.</p>
Year 5	<p>Esmee T - for being a great team member and showing a love of learning during Geography this week.</p>	<p>Elliot C - for working to the best of his ability in maths and English.</p>
Year 6	<p>William - Showing a love for learning in all subjects, especially music, where he has been learning to play the guitar for a class song at home.</p> <p>Shannon - For showing a love of learning and being more confident by sharing her ideas in class.</p>	<p>Isabella and Poppy - For displaying super behaviour for lesson everyday and in every lesson</p>

House Points

This Week

Red House - 431

Blue House - 430

Green House - 432

Yellow House - 455

This Half Term so far

1st Place Green House - 2,296

2nd Place Yellow House - 2,210

3rd Place Blue House - 2,154

4th Place Red House - 2,079

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Isabelle Berry - 8th October

Cornelius D - 11th October

Olivia L - 14th October

Science Lunch time Club - Making Slime



Not only do we offer the children a wide range of out of school enrichment activities and clubs but we also have a growing number of lunchtime clubs too. The science club is a new club this term for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 which is led by our school science leader, Miss Oakley. She is supported by Felicity E and Ewen C who are passionate about science experiments. The club takes place on Wednesday from 12.30-1.00pm.

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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:

Kayden C - for a positive and confident start at Watton.

Year 1:

Aiden S - for being resilient and trying so hard with his behavior and attitude.

Year 2:

Connor - being resilient by trying so hard to meet his writing target.

Mayci - having high aspirations and determination during PE.

Year 3:

Martha for her feather inspired artwork for Carnival Cloth.

Year 4:

Dexter - for his creativity in creative arts week, especially the dance.

Ben - for being resilient and making progress in our geography lesson.

Year 5:

Megan - for her independence in maths, using manipulatives to help her solve the problems.

Ollie - for being creative and having wonderful ideas for his carnival outfit.

Year 6:

Poppy S - for having high aspirations in her maths homework and answering the greater depth question.

Eli BB - for having high aspirations in maths and guided reading.

Daisy - for having high aspirations in guided reading lessons.

Oscar - for having high aspirations in his maths lessons.





SUPPORT GROUPS

FREE ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE GROUPS

ADD-vance runs regular support groups which provide an opportunity for you to meet other local parents and discuss individual concerns with two specialist ADD-vance coaches. We welcome parents and carers who have a formal diagnosis for their child, as well as those who do not have a formal diagnosis but would like to learn more about neurodiversity.

TIME AND PLACE

General Secondary Aged Children Support Group
Tuesday 1/11/22 - 1-2 pm

Support Group for Parents of 16-24 year olds
Tuesday 8/11/22 - 7.30-8.30 pm

Challenging Behaviour Support Group
Tuesday 15/11/22 - 1-2 pm

General Primary Aged Children Support Group
Tuesday 22/11/22 - 1-2 pm

Anxiety/Mental Health Support Group
Tuesday 29/11/22 - 1-2 pm

General Secondary Aged Children Support Group
Tuesday 6/12/22 - 7.30-8.30 pm




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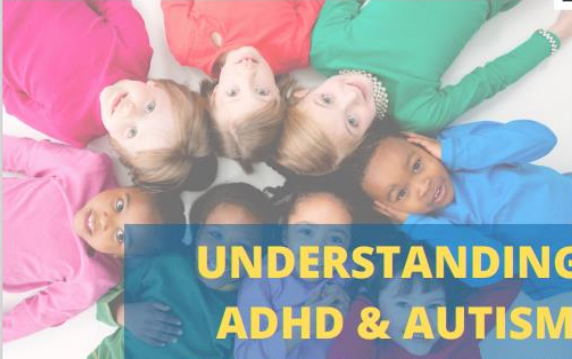
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UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM

FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSES FOR PARENT/CARERS

ABOUT THE COURSE

This interactive course is designed for parents & carers of children aged 5 to 14 yrs with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism (or 4 & already in reception).

TIME AND PLACE

Tuesdays 1/11 - 6/12 - 10am - 12pm
Bedwell Community Centre, Stevenage

Wednesdays 2/11 - 7/12 7 - 9 pm - Online

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Understanding ADHD and Autism for Dads

Thursdays 3/11 - 8/12 9.30 - 11.30 am - Online
Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years

Fridays 4/11 - 9/12 - 10am - 12pm - Online

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FREE ONLINE AUTUMN 2022 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Date	Time	Topic
Wed 14 th Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Diagnosing ADHD and/or Autism
Mon 19 th Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Understanding Autism
Wed 21 st Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Caring for Your Child (and Yourself)
Thurs 22 nd Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools for Sleep
Thurs 22 nd Sept	7 – 8.30 pm	Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem
Mon 26 th Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Working in Partnership with School
Wed 28 th Sept	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Support Communication
Thurs 29 th Sept	7 – 8.30 pm	Understanding ADHD
Mon 3 rd Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Applying for an EHCP
Tues 4 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Understanding PDA
Wed 5 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools for Toileting
Thurs 6 th Oct	7 – 8.30 pm	Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Literacy
Mon 10 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Preparing for an EHCP Annual Review
Wed 12 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Understanding ADHD in Girls
Thurs 13 th Oct	7 – 8.30 pm	Tips & Tools to Support Learning
Mon 17 th Oct	7 – 8.30 pm	Support for Dads
Wed 19 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Understanding Autism in Girls
Thurs 20 th Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Change

HALF
TERM

Date	Time	Topic
Mon 31 st Oct	10 – 11.30 am	Understanding Self Harm
Wed 2 nd Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Supporting Siblings
Thurs 3 rd Nov	7 – 8.30 pm	Understanding Challenging Behaviour
Fri 4 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Manage Anger
Mon 7 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Supporting Transition into Primary School
Wed 9 th Nov	7 – 8.30 pm	Understanding Sensory Differences
Fri 11 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences
Mon 14 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Supporting Transition into Secondary School
Wed 16 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Support Puberty
Thurs 17 th Nov	7 – 8.30 pm	Understanding Anxiety
Fri 18 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety
Mon 21 st Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools for Positive Behaviour
Wed 23 rd Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Preparing for Adulthood 14+
Wed 23 rd Nov	7 – 8.30 pm	Understanding Neurodiverse Teens
Mon 28 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Tips & Tools to Teach Social Skills
Wed 30 th Nov	10 – 11.30 am	Thinking About College
Thurs 1 st Dec	10 – 11.30 am	Thinking About University

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Friends of Watton Update

Doughnut Day is next Thursday 20th November! We always sell out of our extras in minutes so make sure you get your orders in before the deadline at **11pm on Friday (14th)**.

Krispy Kreme give us a special discount as a charity, so not only can you buy the doughnuts cheaper than in the shops, but we also make money to fund items for the kids.

Order yours via Classlist now - <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/901931143>

We will be holding a Christmas Bazaar planning meeting on Thursday 20th at 8pm at The Bull, which we'd like to invite all parents/ guardians to. We are really excited to be able to finally hold a Christmas Bazaar again this year (on Fri 2nd December) and there will be many children at the school who have never been to one before! We hope that you may be able to help us plan and organise for the Bazaar, but we understand that you might not have much time - we'd still appreciate your ideas and hopefully lots of people doing small jobs will make the event much easier for us to organise.

You should have received your child's Christmas card design this week in their bookbag. This year you will need to order your items online on the company website, where you can change name spellings, select the class name and change the message in the card. You can purchase Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs, bags, gift tags and wrapping paper with your child's design on it - great Christmas presents for Grandparents! You need to place your order by **26th October**.

If your little ones are planning to carve a pumpkin this half term make sure you bring it into school on Tuesday 1st November and enter it into our pumpkin carving competition - there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and a small prize for entry. Please bring cash as it is £1 per entry and remember to collect your pumpkin afterwards to dispose of it.

Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

October

18th - Individual school photos (photographer in school)

18th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm (face to face)

19th - Flu vaccinations

19th - Parent consultations 3.45pm - 6pm (virtual)

20th - House point reward afternoon

21st - Creative Carnival parade (more info to follow)

24th - 28th - Half term

November

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1st November - Reception parent phonic meeting 9am
2nd November - Reception parent phonic meeting 2.30pm
8th November - Pre school and Nursery 'Love of Reading' parent meeting 9am
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)
23rd November - No Pens day Wednesday
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

February

12th - 17th February - Half Term

March

2nd March - World Book Day
16th March - Year 1 class assembly
13th - 17th March - Science week

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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

21st July - End of Term

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