



## Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

To all our families and friends,

I do hope that your children had a wonderful half term holiday and that hopefully you managed to enjoy some of the time with them too.

Unfortunately, the weather is now feeling very autumnal and even though it is still unseasonably quite warm, we have been having some damp and wet days this week. Wherever possible, we are trying to ensure that the children get fresh air and go and play outside at break and lunchtime so please ensure that they have a coat in school everyday, even if it feels quite warm in the morning. The temperatures and conditions can change during the day and we wouldn't want children to be sitting in damp clothes once they are back in the class.

On Tuesday, there was lots of excitement outside at playtimes as the children had the opportunity to look at all of the pumpkins that had been entered into the Friends of Watton competition. We had some amazing entries this year and it gets harder to judge the winners every year. This year, we focused on one of our school values of creativity to help us choose the top 3 pumpkins. The winners were Eli BB in Year 6, Lucia in Nursery and Eddie W in Year 3. Thank you to everyone who participated.



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed parents of children in Reception into school for a phonics meeting. It was wonderful to talk to so many parents during these sessions and hopefully they found the session useful and informative and that they now have a better understanding of how phonics is taught in school as well as how to support their child at home. Please look out for the PowerPoint shared on the Reception class page of the school website with lots of useful links and online resources.

### Parent Forum Agenda

Next Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup> November), we will be hosting our first Parent Forum meeting of this term. During the meeting we will be discussing the following:

- Feedback regarding Holiday Club (Super Star Sports) following Summer holiday and October Half term clubs running.
- Breakfast Club - low numbers attending. How to protect the future of this provision.
- Complaints Policy - changes made regarding how to raise a complaint with the school.
- Discuss arrangements for Christmas productions

Please contact your class rep if you have any other issues that you would like us to discuss. We may not get a chance to discuss them in the first meeting but can add them to the next meeting agenda.

We are also without a parent rep for Year 5 class. This means that the views and opinions of the Year 5 parents can't be heard or considered. If you are able to attend 1 meeting per term, then we would love you to join us. Please contact the admin team for more details and to express your interest.

### Christmas Productions

We have now published our Christmas performance dates and times at the end of this newsletter. We will have 3 different productions this year (Early Years, K.S1 and K.S2) and there will be 2 performances for each Key Stage performance. There will be a daytime and evening performance for children in KS1 and KS2 but two daytime performances for the children in the early years. We hope that by giving you the dates at this point in the term, that you are able to make necessary arrangements so that you can attend one of these. We will write to you nearer the time regarding the arrangements for requesting tickets.



### House point reward afternoon

This afternoon, Green house finally got to celebrate their victorious house point win from last half term. This event has been postponed a couple of times due to the recent weather conditions.

Super Star Sports came in to school and the children spent the afternoon being active and having lots of fun too.



### This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	92.8%
Macintosh Class(1)	94.1%
Antonelli class (2)	92.7%
Anning Class (3)	90.7%
Goodall Class (4)	95.5%
Galileo Class (5)	95.5%
Wallace Class (6)	90.4%

Whole school attendance this week is: 92.64%  
Whole school attendance this term is 95.42%

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%**

### School term Dates 2023-2024

We have now published our school term dates, (including our INSET days) on the school website.

If you are planning your holidays already for the next academic year, then we would appreciate you looking at our published dates before booking them.

A reminder that we do not authorise any absences for family holidays which are taken outside of the school holiday dates.

### Governor update

This week the governors held a premises meeting with the newly appointed site manager Tom Goodman. The focus of the meeting was to review and agree upon the work needed to keep the school in a good state of repair, and to prioritise the jobs within the scope of the budget.

If there is anything that you feel, as parents, is a priority, then we welcome your thoughts and input. Please let the school office know and we will add any suggestions to the list. Thank you Jessica Bentley.

## Watton At Stone Reception ○ Admissions 2023-2024



Was your child born between  
**1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019?**

Please come to one of our **RECEPTION OPEN SESSIONS** on;

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm or  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm or  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm or  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm

This will be an opportunity for you and your child to spend time in the Reception class and tour the rest of the school. You will have the chance to meet the Headteacher, Early Years Leader and Reception class teacher.

Please feel free to bring your families along, refreshments will be provided.

Please contact the school office on 01920 830233 to book your place.

## 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  
**1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020?**

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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm  
Or  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p><b>Ronnie U</b> - he has had a wonderful week this week. He has been showing kindness and empathy during play.</p> <p><b>Tallulah B</b> - she has been a kind and helpful friend.</p>	<p><b>Isla H</b> - she has been an all-round superstar this week. She always gives everything 100% and has such a positive attitude.</p>
Nur	<p><b>Kaylee M</b>- for being very helpful at tidy up time around the classroom. Well done Kaylee, keep it up!</p> <p><b>Vittori M</b> - for showing independence around the classroom and pride in her achievements. Great Vittori, keep it up!</p>	<p><b>Jack P</b> - for always showing a love of learning at school and being very enthusiastic when taking on a role such as the 'big bad wolf'. Fantastic Jack!</p>
Rec	<p><b>Kayden C</b> - for making the right choices and listening to the adults in class. He also is a wonderful role model.</p> <p><b>Jolene E</b> - for paying attention to the adults and for always being prepared to have a go.</p>	<p><b>Sophia P</b> - for showing a love of learning which spills into her COOL time when she makes an excellent phonics teacher.</p>
Year 1	<p><b>Darcy and Freya B</b> - for their impeccable behaviour and being fantastic role models!</p>	
Year 2	<p><b>Danny R</b> - for being an outstanding role model this week by paying attention to the adults and following instructions.</p> <p><b>Beatriz DS</b> - for having such a positive attitude and showing a real love for learning.</p>	<p><b>Bettie G</b> - for constantly making the right choices and approaching all tasks with a smile!</p> <p><b>Louis C</b>- for being a brilliant friend and inviting children to join in with his games.</p>
Year 3	<p><b>Eddie W</b> - working to the best of my ability - hard work and focus on presentation this week.</p> <p><b>Jack B</b> - outstanding role model to others - superb attitude to his learning in class - keep it up!</p>	<p><b>Verity S</b>- love of learning in all areas - fabulous contributions to class discussions this week.</p>
Year 4	<p><b>Ben R</b> - for his love of learning and being respectful to adults.</p>	<p><b>Christian M</b>- for working to the best of his ability.</p>
Year 5	<p><b>Callum R</b>- for being an outstanding role model</p> <p><b>Alfie M</b>- for showing a love of learning on Reading Plus</p>	<p><b>Libby P</b>- for constantly making the right choices and showing impeccable behaviour.</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Shannon P and Freya H</b>- for being a super role model at all times, always working to the best of their ability.</p>	<p><b>Bella S</b>- for showing a love of learning, always ready to learn and wanting to put in her best efforts.</p> <p><b>William</b> - for his impeccable behaviour and being a great role model to others.</p>



### Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Harley DS - 1<sup>st</sup> November

Freya H - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Eliza L - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Grace F - 4<sup>th</sup> November

### House Points

This Week:

Red House - 336

Blue House - 388

Green House - 380

Yellow House - 372

This Half term so far:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Green House - 830

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Blue House - 777

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Yellow House - 756

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Red House - 739

### Parking in the Children's Centre Car Park

In order to maximize the number of cars that can park in the Children's Centre, we ask parents to please ensure that they are parking in one parking bay only and not across two parking bays.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### P.E Kits

It has been noticed this week, that there have been many children across the school who haven't been wearing the correct P.E clothes on P.E days, as stipulated in our uniform policy.

All children should be wearing:

Green t-shirt/Green fleece

Black shorts/black jogging bottoms

Plimsolls or trainers

School jumper

Please ensure that from next week, your child is wearing the correct P.E kit please. Otherwise we may have to reconsider whether we revert back to our pre COVID system of children changing into their P.E kit in school instead.



### Updated Event List

Please take a moment to look at the updated dates for your diary so that you can be sure that you are always well informed about what is happening in school. Each week, the new dates are in red text so that they stand out as new events added. Lots of new dates have been added this week so please transfer these dates to your calendars at home.



## 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

Freddie G - for his impressive creative skills when making a diva (and polar bear home) with clay  
Arthur A - for his enthusiasm and knowledge on Tractors. He shared his knowledge with the class and Sam the Farmer.

### Year 1:

Blanche for showing pride in her work. She has been presenting her learning in her books with care.

### Year 2:

Alessia - being independent with her writing.

### Year 3:

Erin - over the holidays has written a very entertaining book of short stories with morals.

### Year 4:

Billy - for having high aspirations in our P.E. lesson  
Charlie - for being reflective, especially in English this week.

### Year 5:

Cornelius for being creative on the piano.  
Theo for taking pride in his presentation across the curriculum.

### Year 6:

Anya for being an outstanding role model and making good behaviour choices.

### Halloween Treats



A huge thank you to the kitchen staff (especially Mrs Faria, who came in at the weekend to make all the biscuits and decorate the serving area with lots of Halloween decorations) who made a wonderful selection of spooky Halloween treats for the children who had a school dinner on Monday. The children were so excited to choose their lunch that day!

### Friends of Watton Update

Thank you to all those who entered the pumpkin carving competition, they all looked fantastic - well done to all the winners!

Thank you too for all the donated items this morning. If you'd like to decorate a jar and fill it with sweets or bring in a bottle for the tombola please leave it in to the office at any point before the Bazaar on the 2nd December.

A date for your diary The Friends of Watton School AGM is on 17th November 2022 at 8pm in The Bull and your first glass of prosecco is on us!



### Early Years Tractor Visit



Yesterday both Nursery and Reception were super excited when a tractor came to school!! They had a look around the tractor and had an opportunity to ask Sam questions. Reception were very interested in asking about every bit of the tractor that they could see. A huge thank you to Sam (Jess P's dad) for taking the time to come to school with his tractor and spend time with the Nursery and Reception classes.

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UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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## Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

### November

- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Reverend Jenny in school to lead Remembrance service
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Prospective Reception parents school tour 2pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Preschool and Nursery 'Love of Reading' parent meeting 9am
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Forum meeting 6pm-7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school Pupil Parliament meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 class assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November - Anti bullying/wellbeing week
- 14<sup>th</sup> November - Prospective Reception parents school tour 2pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - Prospective Reception parents school tour 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Non uniform day (bring a donation in for the Friends of Watton Christmas Bazaar)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - FGB 4pm (Full Governing Board meeting)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November - No Pens day Wednesday
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Theatre Company in school (Christmas pantomime)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Inspirational speaker (Paul Sturgess) leading assemblies and workshops across the school
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations continued

### December

- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December - Assessment week
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Christmas performance to parents 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Christmas performance to parents 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas performance to parents 6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Early Years Christmas performance 10am
- 15<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Early Years Christmas performance 10am
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Reception and KS1 theatre trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - End of term 2.15pm

### **January**

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

### **February**

12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day  
16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 class assembly  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March - Science week  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 4 class assembly  
20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week  
31<sup>st</sup> March - End of term

### **April**

17<sup>th</sup> April - INSET Day  
18<sup>th</sup> April - Children return  
18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April - Pupil Progress meetings

### **May**

8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SAT's  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness week  
25<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 class assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

### **June**

5<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day (report writing)  
12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June - Fitness Week  
13<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day  
Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week  
19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 6 PGL  
29<sup>th</sup> June - Reception class assembly  
30<sup>th</sup> June - Watton has talent

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## July

6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 class assembly

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July - Assessment week

12<sup>th</sup> July - reports sent out to parents

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 end of school production

21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers assembly

21<sup>st</sup> July - End of Term