



Newsletter 17th March 2023

To all our families and friends,

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we had a visit from an OFSTED inspector. He spoke to children in classes and on the playground, looked at the work in their books across all subjects, observed lessons being taught across the whole school and spoke to some of the older children in a group situation and talked to staff too. The findings of the inspection cannot be made public until the report is officially published which is expected to be after the Easter holidays. Throughout these 2 days, I was extremely proud of the way the children engaged with the inspector during his time here. The inspector was very approachable and put the staff and children at ease which enabled us to show the school in it's very best light. I also would like to thank parents for taking the time to complete the parent survey and share your views of the school with the inspector.

On Monday, Pastor John Ellis from the Methodist Church came into school to lead the assembly, the theme of which was 'perseverance'. He linked this to a Bible story and led the children in a whole school song.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the school was closed to most children as our teachers in the NEU went on strike again to express their dissatisfaction with the current lack of school funding and teachers pay. We do hope that the union are able to come to a settlement very soon with the Government so that further strikes aren't necessary as we know that these will have an impact on children's learning and progress. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the teachers during the strikes.

We ended the week with a more light hearted event and many children chose to wear something red to school in support of raising money for Comic Relief. In total we raised £214.50. Thank you so much for your support.

Next Week

Choir performance - On Monday evening, our choir will be performing alongside other local schools at the Drill Hall in Ware. We are delighted that we have so many children currently in a school choir, who meet after school every Wednesday with Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hanlon. This event is always incredible and the children sing collectively with other schools as well on their own as a school choir.

Year 4 Class Assembly - On Thursday, the children in Year 4 are looking forward to their class assembly at 9am where we will hear all about their trip to Hudnell Park. If you have a child in Year 4, then please feel free to invite other members of the family to come along. There is no restriction on the number of seats available per family.

Science Fortnight - We will be having a whole school science assembly on Monday and a sharing assembly at the end of the week. All classes will be engaging in additional science activities to really immerse themselves in learning new scientific concepts.

Pupil Parliament Meeting - all children will be involved in our termly pupil parliament meeting on Wednesday, where they will be able to express their views and opinions on different school related policies and events. More news to follow next week after the meeting.

Assessment week - Finally, next week, all children in Years 1 - 5 will be having their termly assessments in reading, writing, maths, spelling and phonics. We will be sending home information about these assessments shortly. Year 6 won't be having an assessment week as they have only recently had their mock SAT's tests.

Sponsored Bounce

Our annual sponsored bounce is thoroughly loved by all of the children as they have lots of fun whilst raising funds for the school. This year, the event is planned to take place on Thursday 30th March so it will be a great way to finish the spring term. We sent home a letter recently with information about this event and a paper copy of the sponsored form for children to collect one or as many sponsors as they can.

To make this event a real success however, we really need volunteers who can come and help count the children's bounces! If you can count up to 100, then we would love to hear from you!!! Please contact the admin team if you have an hour or more of your time that you could give to us to run this event successfully.

Vacancy

Another fixed term vacancy opportunity has arisen due to a further increase in the number of children who will be attending preschool over the lunch hour after Easter. The position is for another Midday Supervisor Assistant to support the children having lunch. This position is for the summer term only and only required on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 11.45am and 12.45pm.

We have advertised this vacancy on Teach in Herts and the closing date is next Friday (24th March).

[Find a teaching job in Hertfordshire UK. \(teachinherts.com\)](https://www.teachinherts.com)

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	85.6%
Macintosh Class(1)	97.7%
Antonelli class (2)	95.5%
Anning Class (3)	96.5%
Goodall Class (4)	96.8%
Galileo Class (5)	99.2%
Wallace Class (6)	92.3%

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.

Whole school attendance this week is: 94.9%

Whole school attendance this term is: 96.4%

Well done to Galileo class for having the best attendance in school this week.

Our Attendance target each week is 97%

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Erin H - 11th March

Aiden S - 11th March

Beatrice B - 14th March

Jake V - 15th March

Eddie W - 15th March

Violet HN - 17th March

School Website

The school website is constantly being updated and new information is added to help keep parents, governors and families fully informed and supported. Each week, we will add a new link for you to click on which will take you directly to the schools website.

This week - Mental Health and Wellbeing [Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Wellbeing and Mental Health \(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk\)](https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)

This page has lots of practical resources, links to sites and videos to watch. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Friends of Watton update

Thank you very much to those who gave their children money to purchase something from the Mother's Day stall, we will let you know how much we raised soon but we hope that you all enjoy your gifts and have a lovely day on Sunday. Thank you too to all the wonderful volunteers - it couldn't happen without you!

Our Easter Egg hunt is back on Monday 10th April - tickets are £5 per child and every child will receive an Easter egg after they've hunted down some clues. There will also be face painting and refreshments too. We'd love to be able to run a few other stalls so we can have some more fun (and make more money) so if you're able to help for a couple of hours please let us know - Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com - we'd love to see some Dad's too!

Always a popular event (we have sold out before) - don't risk those sad faces and get your tickets quick - <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/962370644>

Disco tickets are still available to buy on Classlist for Thursday 27th April. £5 for your first and second child and £2.50 for any subsequent siblings. Tickets will include unlimited drinks and a packet of crisps.

The link to purchase is -

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

Thank you

A very **BIG** thank you for helping me to raise awareness and funds for Target Ovarian Cancer last week at the coffee morning at The Bull. I raised £735 which is absolutely amazing. Thank you so much.
Alex Hurt



St Patrick's Day



Thank you to the staff in the kitchen who made some wonderful treats to celebrate St. Patrick's Day today.



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Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Leo D - he always tries his best at everything he does. He is a kind friend and consistently makes the right choices.	Beatrix B - She has been fantastic this week at separating from mum and has grown in confidence. Ada A - She has been trying hard this week and has joined in with all the activities.
Nur	Tyler O'N - for really trying hard this week and not giving up during a range of activities. Excellent Tyler, keep it up! Willow W - for working to the best of her ability and trying really hard in phonics this week. Excellent Willow!	Fraser W - for showing a love of learning and taking part in acting out the story of 'little red riding hood'. Well done Fraser!
Rec	Kennedy T - for his concentration and attention to detail whilst watercolour painting. He was focused on the task and produced a beautiful painting of a daffodil.	Eliza L - for never giving up, always giving her all, accepting advice and starting to remember finger spaces! Eliza always demonstrates a real love of learning.
Year 1	Freya H and Blanche T - for their impeccable behaviour	Darcy D - for her love of learning in all subjects.
Year 2	Alessia M - for working to the best of her ability and helping others.	Sam T - for being an outstanding role model by always making the right choices.
Year 3	Liam V - working to the best of his ability with fabulous suggestions in our History lesson this week. Joshua G - working to the best of his ability with deep questioning about an artefact in our history lesson.	Seren G - working to the best of her ability - progress in reading.
Year 4	Felicity E - for always working to the best of her ability and always being polite to adults.	Mila S - For always paying attention to all adults and being well mannered.
Year 5	Ewen C - for always being a responsible, helpful member of the class.	Theo C - for showing a love of learning and challenging himself.
Year 6	Jasmine L - for always following the rules in school and being an outstanding role model Oscar - for always making the right choices and working to the best of his ability	Freya H - for always being well mannered and making sure none of her classmates are feeling sad or lonely

Safeguarding at Watton at Stone

If you have a safeguarding concern about a pupil at the school, then we would like you to get in touch with one of designated safeguarding leads at the school to share your concerns. The safeguarding leads are Nikki Etienne, Sukhi Gill and Elise Chatman. Please either speak to one of these members of staff directly about your concerns or ask the admin team to help you arrange a meeting with one of them. We take the safeguarding of all our children extremely seriously.

Watton At Stone Primary School
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3rd April - 6th April
11th April - 14th April

Early drop off and Late pick up available

Full day: 9AM-3PM
Full day bookings available to Year 1 - Year 7 children only

Half day: 9AM-12:45PM
Half day bookings available to Reception aged children only

To Book:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk 'Book Now'
For more information call 01992 766 707

PRIZES to be won
Boys and girls welcome
Easter sports FUN!

FULL DAY: £22 PER DAY
FULL DAY: £85 FOR FULL WEEK
HALF DAY: £14 PER DAY
HALF DAY: £56 FOR FULL WEEK

SCAN HERE!

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Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

March

20th – Choir performance at the Drill Hall, Ware

23rd March – Year 4 class assembly 9am

20th – 24th – Assessment week

24th – Science sharing assembly

27th – Year 6 P.G.L meeting 6pm

27th – 4.05pm Boo Drama performance to parents

28th March – Year 1 class assembly 9am

30th – Sponsored Bounce

31st March – End of term 2.15pm

31st – Feel Good Friday

31st – Cake sale on the playground at the end of the day

April

17th April – INSET Day

18th April – Children return

18th – 21st April – Pupil Progress meetings

May

1st – May bank holiday

8th – Extra bank holiday

9th – 12th 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

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30th June - Watton has talent

July

Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Bikeability

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