



Newsletter 31st March 2023



To all our families and friends

As we come to the end of the spring term, I've been reflecting on what a busy and exciting term it has been. We have had so much happening across the school, including class trips and a Year 4 residential, class assemblies, sporting and choir events and competitions, science fortnight, international week, parent's evenings, World Book Day, Safer Internet Day and KNEX challenge for the children in Year 5 and 6. That's not to mention the teacher strike days and a 2 day OFSTED inspection.

This week has been extremely busy too as we tried hard to squeeze lots into the final week of the term.

On Monday after school, the children who attend the Boo Drama after school club put on a mini performance for their parents to watch. Children demonstrated their improvisation and singing skills to showcase what they have been learning in drama club this term. Well done to all the children.

On Tuesday after school, there was an opportunity for parents and children to purchase Usborne books at the end of the school day. Despite the rain and the change of planned location, there was still a very long queue of parents and children eager to see what books were on sale. From the sales, the school were able to choose £118 of free non fiction books to top up our school library with. Thank you for supporting.

The highlight of the week for most children, was probably the sponsored bounce fundraiser on Thursday. Throughout the day, every child in the school got to see how many bounces they could do in 1 minute. Not an easy challenge when there are 4 other children bouncing at the same time as they were, I can assure you. However, most children managed to stay on their 2 feet for the minute and bounced like they'd never bounced before!! What amazing bouncers we have in our school. Following the timed bounce, there was play time too which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This is one fundraiser the children ask to have year after year. At the end of the event, all of the children's bounce totals were written either onto their sponsorship form or a separate slip of paper to bring home with them. Please check their book bags if you haven't seen this yet. A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers who came into school to help. We couldn't have got through the day without you. With the funds that we raise, we are going to arrange for some external companies to come into school for workshops and themed days.

We finished the week today on a calmer note. A special assembly this morning to award certificates to children for their personal progress this term in reading, writing, maths and the creative arts. Details of children who received these awards are included further down in this newsletter.

At the end of this newsletter, we have also published the lunchtime and after school clubs for the summer term. You can sign your child up for after school clubs using the Gateway system from 3rd April.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 18th April.

Friends of Watton Update

The FOW Easter Egg hunt returns on Monday 10th April at 10am. Make sure you get your tickets now - <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/962370644> as we have sold out before! There will also be face painting and refreshments too. We're still need a few more helpers so if you can spare an hour or two (it doesn't have to be for the whole event) please let us know - Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com - we'd love to see some Dad's too!

The first FOW disco in years is on Thursday 27th April. It's £5 for your first and second child and £2.50 for any subsequent siblings and tickets will include unlimited drinks and a packet of crisps. You don't need to pick them up until 4.45 so that's an hour and a half of peace for you! The link to purchase is - https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

Breakfast and After School Club

We are really pleased that there has been an increase in numbers of children attending our breakfast club in recent months.

Miss Knott is keen to further develop both the breakfast and after school clubs with a variety of planned activities which have been suggested by the children. In the week after the Easter holiday, she has planned a creative art week. These activities will include making playdough, painting, junk modelling and other crafts. Please contact the admin team or clubs@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk to make a booking for your child.

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	95.5%
Macintosh Class(1)	99.3%
Antonelli class (2)	99.1%
Anning Class (3)	94.6%
Goodall Class (4)	91.8%
Galileo Class (5)	96.3%
Wallace Class (6)	91.4%

Whole school attendance this week is: 95.42%

Whole school attendance this term is: 96.2%

Well done to Macintosh and Antonelli for having the best attendance in school this week.

Our Attendance target each week is 97%

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.

Sad Farewell

Yesterday, we said a sad farewell to Mrs Starkey who has been a member of staff at the school for 5 and a half years and has been running our after school club wraparound provision. Until the autumn term, she ran the breakfast club wraparound provision too. Mrs Starkey will be missed by both the children and the staff and we wish her all the very best for the future. The after school club will now be run by Miss Knott, who currently runs the breakfast club provision also.

House Points Reward Afternoon

Huge congratulations to Blue House who managed to achieve the most house points this half term (2,003 in total). We had planned for them to have a fun sporting afternoon outside with Super Start Sports but unfortunately this had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the bad weather. However, they did still manage to have their reward time in the hall where they watched a DVD together and had some treats. Thank you to Miss Knott for overseeing this event.

Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing

Supporting mental health in school and at home is a top priority for our school.

We wanted to send you a free link you can use to access mental health top tips, tools, and resources designed to support your children's mental health as well as your own mental health.

On this page, you will find:

1. Quick tools to support your children
2. Parenting webinars
3. Mental health webinars
4. Music, podcasts, and blogs about different mental health topics, curated specifically for parents

To access all of this, and more, head to www.thelilyjoproject.com/parents

Birthdays this week and during the Easter holiday

We wish these children a very happy birthday:



Fraser W - 28th March
Billy C - 29th March
Neave D - 29th March
Elliott S - 29th March
Tadeusz MS - 1st April

Oscar S - 2nd April
George P - 3rd April
Isabella P - 5th April
Charlie C - 5th April
Ewen C - 11th April

Amelia M - 12th April
Eliza H - 14th April

School Website - Newsletters and Letters

Copies of previously published newsletters can be viewed on the school website.

[Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Newsletters \(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk\)](http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)

Letters sent home are also saved to the school website so should you wish to re-read or catch up on all communication, then all the letters are in one place.

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David Roper

Last week, we heard the heartbreaking news that David Roper, our former site manager passed away peacefully in his sleep, following his battle with cancer. Many of you wouldn't have known David as he was only an employee for a short period of time. He joined the school in July 2021 and by October 2021, he had received his diagnosis and was no longer able to continue in his role. Our thoughts are with his family and for anyone who knew him personally.

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Spring Term Progress Awards

Reading 	Writing 	Maths 	Creative Arts 
Lillian F	Jolene E	Harlen H	Olivia-Mae M
Arthur A	Kayden C	Milly D	Isaac H
Jacob S	Frankie	Eric T	Shiva M
Riya L	Hadley	Blanche T	Riley E
Bettie G	Erin C	Frankie H	Ffion G
Rafael B	Louis C	Isabelle G	Eleanor S
Lexie L	Sam Mc	Penny J	Chloe BS
Eliza H	Arien L	Bobby B	Gracie D
Lexie B	Felicity E	Noah HJ	Christian M
Oliver O	Charlie S	Ben R	Isabelle B
Libby P	Theo C	Annabelle T	Robson C
Alfie C	Bertie S	Lenny S	Neave D
Charlie R	Oscar W	Eli BB	Isabella S
Jasmine L	Jake V	Annabella S	Ethan S

Pre School Awards

Tommy O - for his all-round progress and developing so much in the short time he has been in Preschool.

Beatrix - for a huge growth in confidence.

Freddie D - for developing his social skills.

Amelia G - for growing in confidence and being friendly and happy with her peers.

Fred G - for following Preschool routines and growing in confidence to share with his peers.

Charlotte F - developing her social skills, showing empathy and kindness to all her friends.

Nursery Awards

Lucia D - for her growing confidence in herself at Nursery this term.

William H - for showing a love of learning and trying his best during activities that are set.

Vittori M - for listening carefully and following instructions as well as being a great role model!

Oscar S - for his growing confidence in himself at Nursery this term.

Lottie W - for always trying her best and for doing it with a smile.

Tyler O'N - for trying really hard to approach new activities with a 'can do' attitude this term.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs Summer 2023

Lunchtime

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time
Colouring Club	N.Gugerly	KS1	Thursday 12.30-1.00pm
Super Star Sports multisports	Super Star Sports coaches	12.30-1.00- KS1 1.00-1.30 – KS2	Everyday 12.30-1.30
Butterfly club	J.Bell	KS1/KS2	Tuesday and Thursday 12.30-1pm Monday and Friday 1pm – 1.30pm
Lego club	S.Shadbolt	KS1	Wednesday 12.30pm – 1pm
Games Club	Mrs Butler	KS1	Monday 12.30-1.00pm
Digital Leaders	Miss Chatman	KS2	Monday 12.30-1pm

After School

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time	Location
Drama club – Pay direct to company	Boo Drama	Years 1 - 4	Monday	Science room
Wool craft club	Mrs Goodman and Miss Dell	Years 3 and 4	Wednesday	Classroom
Football club – Pay direct to company	SBFC	Reception – Year 6	Monday	Outdoors/Hall
Science Club	Miss Oakley	Years 2, 3,4 and 5	Monday	Year 2 classroom
Choir	Mrs Roberts	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Wednesday	Possibly Year 6 classroom
Computer Xplorers – Pay direct to company	Neill Melville	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday	Spare Classroom
Quidditch club	Mrs Stevens	KS2	Wednesday	Outdoors/Hall
Athletics club Summer 1	Mr Ring	KS1	Thursday	Outdoors/Hall
Athletics Club Summer 2	Mr Ring	KS2	Thursday	Outdoors/Hall
Wildlife Club (including painting, craft, clay and natural art)	Mrs Bunce and Mrs Clark	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Wednesday	Spare classroom
Gymnastics Club £6.50 per child per week payable to the school	SLY Sport (gymnastics club)	Year 2-Year 6	Tuesday	Hall
Spanish club £3 per child per week payable to the school	Mrs Agarwala	KS1 and KS2 Spanish for beginners	Monday	D.T room
Keep Fit Club June and July only	Mrs Higgins	KS1 and KS2	Monday	TBC

Lunchtime Treats



Thank you to the wonderful kitchen staff who made delicious Easter treats for the children to enjoy with their school lunch yesterday and today.

Easter Homework

Over the Easter holiday, we won't be setting any homework for the children to complete as we understand that this is a time for families to get together and have fun. However, we would encourage all of the children to continue to keep up their reading practice as this is a skill that can easily get a little rusty, even after a couple of weeks. This is especially important for the younger children who are still learning to decode words but equally as important for the more confident children so that they can build their stamina for reading.

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. During the Easter holiday, if you have a safeguarding concern, then you can make a referral directly to Children's Social Services on 0300 123 4043.

SUPER STAR SPORT

EASTER SPORTS CAMP 2023

How many eggs can you find?

PRIZES to be won

Boys and girls welcome

Easter sports FUN!

Watton At Stone Primary School
Rectory Lane, Hertford, SG14 3SG

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

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Half Day: £56 FOR FULL WEEK

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Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

April

- 10th - F.O.W Easter Egg Hunt
- 17th April - INSET Day
- 18th April - Children return
- 18th - 21st April - Pupil Progress meetings
- 20th - Fire Safety assembly
- 27th - F.O.W children's disco

May

- 1st - May bank holiday
- 3rd - Class photographs
- 5th - Coronation Day celebrations (more details to follow soon)
- 8th - Extra bank holiday
- 9th - 12th May - KS2 SAT's
- 15th - 19th - Walk to school week
- 16th - Inter House Netball and Football matches
- 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

- Week beginning 3rd July - Year's 5 and 6 Bikeability
- 6th July - Year 6 class assembly

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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