



## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023



To all our families and friends,

As a school, we are committed to continuing to raise awareness for all about mental health as well as supporting individual children who are currently suffering with poor mental health. This week we have continued to educate the children in class and assembly, promote strategies which help to improve mental health and delivered staff training too. Being outdoors and active is just one way of supporting positive mental health and this week, we have encouraged the children to walk to school everyday as part of the Living Streets 'Walk with Wildlife' incentive. Well done to everyone who managed to walk part or some of the way to school everyday. Being in the fresh air, getting active and talking to your child whilst walking, is such a great way to start the day, whilst supporting yours and their physical and mental health. A huge thank you to Jess Bentley (a school governor) who came in to school today to lead 'Sound Bath' workshops with children in Years 1 - 6. This is a meditative experience where you are 'bathed' in sound waves. This is often used to reduce anxiety and manage stress.

On Tuesday afternoon, children in KS2 had the opportunity to take part in inter house netball and football matches. The winners of the netball competition were the Blue team, Yellow came second, Red third and Green fourth. In the football, Green team won, Yellow came second, Blue were third and Red fourth. Thank you Mrs Stevens and Mr Ring for organising these matches.



### Next Week

#### Year 2 assembly

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am, we welcome families and friends of the children in Year 2 to come along to watch their class assembly. The assembly will be finished by 9.30am and tea/coffee will be available. Please come along and support if you can.

#### Friends of Watton Disco

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, we are delighted to welcome the children to stay after school for the disco which has been organised by the Friends of Watton. All children are invited to come to school in non-uniform next Thursday. Please be mindful however that all P.E lessons and outdoor playtimes will continue as timetabled. At the end of the disco, children will be dismissed from their classroom so please make your way to the normal collection points at 4.45pm.



**BROXBOURNE**  
CRICKET CLUB

**GIRLS CRICKET**  
**TASTER SESSION**

MONDAY MAY 22 @ 4:45 - 6:00 PM

**BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS**

- Fun CRICKET Activities
- Introduction to the game
- ECB Qualified coaches
- 8 -12 year olds

BROXBOURNE SPORTS CLUB  
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## Friendship Bench

As part of our drive to support and improve children's mental health, we don't want any child to be lonely at playtime or lunchtime. We have recently set up a friendship bench on the playground as a way for children to signal to others that they are feeling lonely and need a friend to play with or someone to talk to. The bench allows other children on the playground to clearly see when another child needs support or a friend, and they can join them on the bench for a chat or invite them to play.



## Holiday Club

Unfortunately, Super Star Sports have had to cancel the May/June half term holiday club due to low numbers of bookings across the week. Like any company, they need to ensure that their clubs are financially viable and unfortunately with low numbers of interest, they have had to cancel. They have assured the school that they have contacted parents directly if they have made a booking. They are hoping to run the club during the following weeks of the summer holiday:

- **Week 2: 31st July - 4th August**
- **Week 3: 7th August - 11th August**

Please keep an eye out for the booking information in the next few weeks.



## This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	92.1%
Macintosh Class(1)	95.2%
Antonelli class (2)	100%
Anning Class (3)	98.9%
Goodall Class (4)	97.7%
Galileo Class (5)	99.1%
Wallace Class (6)	97.4%

Whole school attendance this week is: 97.13%

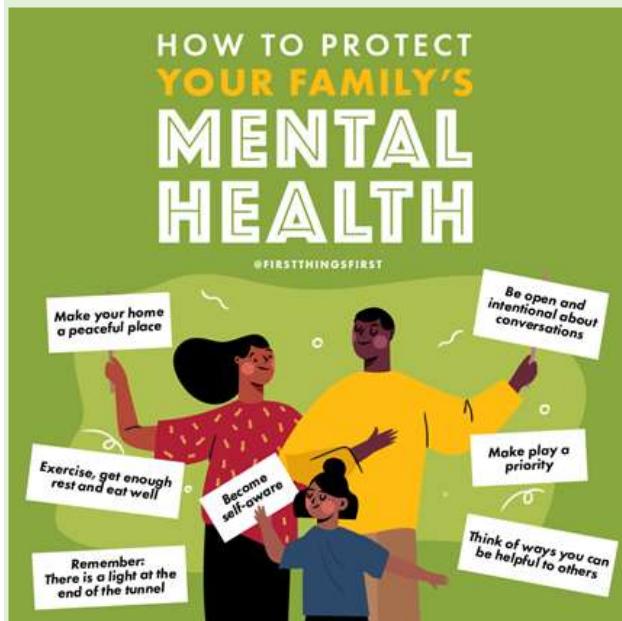
Whole school attendance this term is: 97.07%

Well done Antonelli class for having 100% 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.

## Mental Health Support and Contacts



Dealing with anxiety -

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/the-expert-guide-to-help-your-child-with-anxiety>

Young minds parents' survival guide -

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-survival-guide/>

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families -

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents/>

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/confidential-helpline/>

[https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/drugs-and-treatments/talking-therapy-and-counselling/how-to-find-a-therapist/#.WZ6x\\_7pFzRM%C2%A0](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/drugs-and-treatments/talking-therapy-and-counselling/how-to-find-a-therapist/#.WZ6x_7pFzRM%C2%A0)

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/gingerbread-for-single-parents/?page=1&IssuePageId=1301>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/find-your-feet-transition-tips-for-parents/>

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/if-a-child-tells-you-about-abuse.htm>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support/>

<http://www.anorexiabulimiacaicare.org.uk/family-and-friends/parents>

<https://www.autismhelp.info/primary-years>

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## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p><b>Freddie D</b> - for being helpful and looking after Preschool and the toys.</p> <p><b>Eoin G</b> - for being an amazing friend and helping them with a big challenge.</p>	<p><b>Tommy O</b> - for being a kind friend and really trying to use his words.</p>
Nur	<p><b>Tiora B and Vittori M</b> - for being very kind friends this week and looking after others when they were sad. We are very proud of you both!</p>	<p><b>Teddy S</b> - for being a fantastic role model at school. Teddy always uses his manners and approaches everything with a 'can do' attitude! Excellent Teddy!</p>
Rec	<p><b>Darci T</b> - for her enthusiasm to learn, her determination to succeed and fantastic attitude.</p> <p><b>Gianni M</b> - for having a wonderful, positive attitude to learning and being a fantastic Snap! player</p>	<p><b>Henry A</b> - for being a fantastic role model in class and being an all-round learning superstar.</p>
Year 1	<p><b>Peter S</b> - for his love of reading and working so hard to move levels.</p>	<p><b>Darcy D</b> - for her positive behaviour and listening to the adults.</p>
Year 2	<p><b>Bettie G</b> - for constantly making the right choices.</p> <p><b>Rafe B</b> - for being a good friend by always inviting children to join in with his games.</p>	<p><b>Izzy G</b> - for being well mannered and having impeccable behaviour.</p>
Year 3	<p><b>Edward S</b> - for being an outstanding role model. Such enthusiasm and wonderful attitude to school.</p> <p><b>Eddie W</b> - for his love for learning. He has really worked hard on his English story this week.</p>	<p><b>Edie M</b> - for always working to the best of her ability. She has an excellent attitude to her learning and always seeks a challenge.</p>
Year 4	<p><b>Finley M</b> - for always being well mannered.</p>	<p><b>Isabelle B</b> - for always following the rules and paying attention to all adults.</p>
Year 5	<p><b>Megan M, Alfie C and Bertie S</b> - for showing a love of learning in all areas and showing a 'can do' attitude.</p>	
Year 6	<p><b>Callum E</b> - for working to the best of his ability in all lessons this week, thinking about his content and presentation across the board.</p>	<p><b>Jack T</b> - for showing a love of learning in history and asking pertinent questions.</p> <p><b>Sophie B</b> - constantly making the right choices and being a good role model, especially to the younger children.</p>

## 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:

Isaac H - for always displaying such pride in everything he does.

### Year 1:

Ayaz P- for being resilient and brave by trying new things.

### Year 2:

Lily - showing curiosity by learning new vocabulary.

Louis C - showing curiosity by learning facts about the Romans from his home reading book.

### Year 3:

Martha E and Imogen - for having high aspirations and respect to everyone.

### Year 4:

Felicity E - for her teamwork, especially when she patiently helped her classmate in maths.

Mila S - for being reflective in maths. Mila is not always confident in maths but she still engages and uses previous knowledge to support her learning.

### Year 5:

Darcie C and Theo C- for having high aspirations on Reading Plus. Both of them regularly about their reading levels and have spent time reading during lunchtimes to complete their homework tasks.

### Year 6:

Ronnie, Jessica, Bella and Isabella - for having pride and having high aspirations when sketching the Henry Moore sculptures this morning.

## Volunteers

We are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to help out in a class on a regular basis. Over the last few years, we have been fortunate to have had some fantastic parent volunteers but for various reasons, the number of volunteers that we currently have in school has dwindled. As a volunteer, you will be able to make a real difference and have a positive impact on the young children you work with. It is often as beneficial for the volunteer as it is for the children and there are opportunities for you to use your current skills or learn new skills too. If you have an hour or two that you could give on a weekly basis, then we would love to hear from you. On the school website, we have a 'Parent Volunteer' page with further information for you to read.

## Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Leo D - 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Tyler O'N - 19<sup>th</sup> May

## House Points

This Week:

First place - Green House - 412

Second place - Red House - 375

Second place - Yellow House - 325

Third place - Blue House - 349

Overall this half term

First place - Red House - 2,654

Second place - Green House - 2,557

Third place - Blue House - 2,407

Fourth place - Yellow House - 2,309

**HOUSE POINTS**

## Preschool Admissions September 2023

We are now planning our admissions for Preschool for September 2023 and have spaces available. If you know a child who is 2 or above, please contact us to enquire about what we can offer! Flexible sessions and funding options are available! To find out more please pop into our Preschool admin office or complete a registration of interest form which is available on our school website.



## Gymnastics Club

This half term, we have had a qualified gymnastics coach teaching lessons after school on a Tuesday for children in Years 2 - 6. We have now arranged for this club to continue until the end of the summer term, so now is a great time to secure your child's place. Please sign up on the Gateway. Lessons are £6.50 per week (total cost for 6 weeks is £39). As we need to cover the cost of the gymnastic coach, we will require at least 15 children to sign up to make this a financially viable option for us to run.

### 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.

### Friends of Watton update

It's getting warmer and time to get out the summer clothes so please have a look and see if you have any good quality clothing (children's and adult's), shoes or accessories you could donate to the FOW clothing collection next week. We are collecting on Monday and Tuesday next week (the company is collecting at 9.30am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>) - please leave any items in the bike shed. Sorry NO BEDDING, CURTAINS, BRANDED UNIFORM, SOFT TOYS, TOWELS, PYJAMAS, DRESSING GOWNS OR UNDERWEAR (OTHER THAN BRAS) OR WORN OR TORN CLOTHING, but they do collect shoes, handbags, belts, hats and caps if you have any. For more info visit -

[www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu](http://www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu)

Don't forget to buy your disco tickets for next Thursday - 25<sup>th</sup> May, if you haven't already. Tickets are available on Classlist -

[https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm\\_source=SCHOOL&utm\\_medium=SHARED\\_LINK](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK)

We need some parent volunteers to help out on the day for the disco which runs from 3.15-4.45 - it doesn't need to be for the whole time, if you can only manage an hour or so. Please speak to Karen Richardson, Helen Rodwell or Alex Hurt if you can help or email [Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com](mailto:Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com). Thank you.

### Police Community Support Officer visit (P.C.S.O)

On Thursday afternoon, we invited 2 Police Community Support Officers to come into school and talk to the children in Years 5 and 6 about internet safety.

We have had concerns this year about some of the older children's online interactions with others and despite lots of education taking place in school, this continues to be an issue for some children. The P.C.S.O's focused their question and discussion session on how children should be keeping themselves safe online, how all written comments and messages can never be permanently deleted and how the age for criminal responsibility in England is 10 years of age. This promoted lots of questions from the children and many of them demonstrated an excellent knowledge of online safety in theory, even though we know that this isn't always carried out in practice. The children were informed how it is not legal to use many of the apps that they currently have on their phone. This includes apps such as:

Snapchat: 13 years old

Tik Tok: 13 years old

Instagram: 13 years old

WhatsApp: 16 years old



Year 6 trip to Henry Moore Studio



Today, Year 6 had a guided tour of the Henry Moore Studio gardens. We really enjoyed looking at it sculptures and then ended with time to sketch our favourites.

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## Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

### May

25<sup>th</sup> - FOW children's disco from 3.15pm - 4.45pm

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> - INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessments

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Fitness Week

13<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Phonics Screening week

15<sup>th</sup> - FGB meeting

16<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 6 PGL

27<sup>th</sup> - Paul Sturgess (Inspiration speaker) to lead an assembly and workshops

27<sup>th</sup> - New to Nursery Parent Meeting 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> - New to Reception Parent Meeting 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> June - Reception class assembly

30<sup>th</sup> June - Watton has talent

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## July

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 Bikeability

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 4 visit to Hindu temple

3<sup>rd</sup> - Art Exhibition of all children's work in the hall from 3.30pm

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

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 transfer day to secondary school

13<sup>th</sup> - Move up morning to new classes

14<sup>th</sup> - Bastille Day (themed French Day in school)

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

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

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