



## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

To all our families and friends,

It's been a very busy final week of this half term, with lots taking place across the school.

The children in Year 2 have been working hard during the last fortnight to complete their end of KS1 SAT's and the staff and myself have been so impressed with their positivity, resilience and determination to do their very best. Well done Year 2.

On Monday, we started the week with an internet safety assembly. We continually talk to the children and teach them how they should be keeping themselves safe online whilst using their devices and games. We are still concerned that many children aren't doing this and they openly tell us that they play games and have apps on their devices which are designed for much older children and are using their devices until very late in the evening, often when their parents think they are in bed asleep. We would highly recommend that children don't have devices in their bedrooms past their bedtimes as the temptation to continue using them without your knowledge is too great. We have now purchased new display resources for the playground as a constant reminder to the children about ways to stay safe online.



Yesterday, we welcomed parents and families of the Year 2 class into school to watch their class assembly. The theme of the assembly was The Great Fire of London which they have been learning about in history this term. All the children amazed us with their confidence, knowledge of the topic, remembering all of their words and projecting their voices for everyone to hear. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the children.

On Wednesday afternoon, Red House spent the afternoon together to celebrate their success in winning the most house points this half term. This hasn't been the easiest achievement for the Red House but with determination and passionate leadership from their House and Vice House Captains (Poppy and Ethan), they eventually achieved their goal.

On Thursday, there was much excitement at the end of the school day for the children's disco. This is the first disco that we have been able to organise since pre COVID and it was wonderful to see how much enjoyment it brought to all those who attended. Thank you Friends of Watton for organising this for the children.

Finally, on Friday, we had a cricket engagement day for all K.S.2 classes where each class had an additional P.E lesson to develop teamwork skills as well as their batting and catching skills whilst fielding. All the classes thoroughly enjoyed their sessions today and spoke positively about it.

Wishing you all a very happy half term holiday and hopefully the weather stays lovely for us all.

### Primary Science Quality Mark Award

This week, we were awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark to celebrate our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is a school improvement programme for primary science, which provides professional development for new and experienced subject leaders each year. PSQM enables confident, knowledgeable, reflective leadership which results in an improvement in the way in which science is planned and taught across the whole school. We are exceptionally proud of our science teaching, resources and curriculum at this school. Thank you to Miss Oakley who as our science leader has been the driving force to achieve this award.



### This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	97.5%
Macintosh Class(1)	98.6%
Antonelli class (2)	99.1%
Anning Class (3)	96.8%
Goodall Class (4)	99.5%
Galileo Class (5)	92.7%
Wallace Class (6)	89.3%

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.15%

Whole school attendance this term is: 96.9%

Well done Goodall class 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.

	Great to Be Gold	
Pre Sch	<p><b>Tallulah B</b> - is always such a kind and caring friend.</p> <p><b>Hettie S</b> - had started to achieve a personal challenge and for being a kind friend.</p>	<p><b>Leo D</b> - always shows so much resilience and determination in everything he does.</p>
Nur	<p><b>George B</b> - for trying really hard this week and making excellent choices. George has shown resilience in his own personal goals! Fantastic George!</p> <p><b>Lola H</b> - for being a really kind friend and working to the best of her ability. Lola is so caring towards other children in the class and always looks out for them. Excellent Lola, we are really proud of you!</p>	<p><b>Bem T</b> - for trying really hard to tell an adult when he needs help with something. Great work Bem, keep it up!</p>
Rec	<p><b>Amelia A</b> - she wow'd us this week with her phonic knowledge. She always has her magnet eyes working and it shows!</p>	<p><b>Rafaela C</b> - for always having a great attitude to learning. We will miss her conversations when she goes.</p>
Year 1	<p><b>Eric and Hadley</b> - for a positive week and working hard on trying to make the right choices. Amelia for always being so helpful in class.</p>	
Year 2	<p><b>Henry O</b> - working to the best of his ability and joining up his handwriting.</p>	<p><b>Bea DS</b> - always being well mannered and showing impeccable behaviour.</p>
Year 3	<p><b>Jack R</b> - working to the best of his ability - fabulous effort this week.</p>	<p><b>Jack B</b> - making the right choices - excellent behaviour this week.</p>
Year 4	<p><b>Ben R and Charlie S</b> - who were both spotted by a teacher inviting a child who was upset, to play with them. Well done boys.</p>	
Year 5	<p><b>Alex B</b> - for working to the best of his ability to complete all of his Reading Plus sessions at a high standard.</p>	<p><b>Cornelius D</b> - for making the right choices when helping his peers. He was choosing positive words to encourage them with their artwork.</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Jessica W</b> - for high aspirations especially in her writing.</p> <p><b>Isabella S</b> - for being an outstanding role model and impeccable behaviour at all times.</p>	<p><b>William W</b> - for high aspirations especially in English with content and handwriting.</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:

Milly D - for taking risks with her learning this week - her writing has been great!

### Year 1:

Jess P and Charlie C for showing empathy and kindness towards their friends and teachers.

### Year 2:

All of year 2 for showing resilience during their SATs and having pride whilst performing their assembly.

### Year 3:

Erin C for showing curiosity and always throwing herself fully into her learning.

### Year 4:

Dexter H - for his high aspirations in his Reading Plus.

Ronnie G - for showing and kindness and empathy towards another child in his class whilst playing cricket.

### Year 5:

Alfie M and Oliver G- for being respectful and demonstrating sportsmanship in our cricket workshop.  
Robson C- for being resilient in maths.

### Year 6:

Jack, Sophie and Maddie for being reflective, listening to advice and acting upon it in regards to our play.

Charlie for having high aspirations in RE. He went over and above what was asked of him during the lesson.



### 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 and during Half Term

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Beau DS - 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Poppy C - 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Jasper GO - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Frederick G - 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Riley E - 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Vittori M - 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Lexie L - 25 <sup>th</sup> May	
Francis R - 25 <sup>th</sup> May	
Isla H - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Kayden C - 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Eric T - 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	

### House Points

This Week:

First place - Green House - 448

Second place - Blue House - 443

Third place - Red House - 341

Second place - Yellow House - 356

Congratulations to Red House who achieved the most house points this half term. They had their reward afternoon on Wednesday where they watched a film together and enjoyed a few other treats too.

**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.



### Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner at school. This is a permanent position during term time only (2 hours per day Monday to Friday). If you are interested in applying for this position, then please complete an application form which is available from:

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

The closing date for this position is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

## 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.

## Pupil Parliament Meetings

Just before we broke up for the Easter holiday, we held a whole school Pupil Parliament meeting led by the year 6 children and supported by the adults in school.

On the agenda, were the following items to discuss:

1. A review of what has been actioned following the previous pupil parliament meeting.
2. School Garden development
3. Litter in the playground
4. Children's views of what we do well at school and what could be even better.
5. Bullying - do all children have a clear understanding of what bullying is?
6. A.O.B's

The information from the 10 groups have now been collated and discussed and the following actions have been agreed amongst leaders.

- 1) School garden development - we will set up a gardening team which is represented by a representative from each class in KS2. They will meet with Mr Goodman to plan and design the garden area.
- 2) Litter on the playground - it was explained to the children at the meeting that having bins on the playground has attracted foxes in the past and so therefore this wasn't an option. However, we have since brought some litter pickers and children will be encouraged to keep the site clean and tidy whilst supported by the school leaders at lunchtime.
- 3) Bullying - the minutes from all of the groups indicate that those children who responded had a good understanding of what bullying is as well as what bullying isn't. We will continue however to educate the children about bullying as well as supporting and monitoring to ensure that any form of bullying is dealt with immediately.
- 4) A.O.B's
  - Children asked for a club for lonely children at playtime - this club has already been set up and a friendship bench set up on the decking area.
  - Children asked for the boat and bus to be repaired - Mr Goodman is working on this project this week.
  - A request was made for subject specific achievement stickers - we are looking into purchasing these and distributing them to class teachers.

Next Pupil Parliament meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

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Rectory Lane, Hertford, SG14 3SG

31<sup>st</sup> Jul - 4<sup>th</sup> Aug  
7<sup>th</sup> Aug - 11<sup>th</sup> Aug

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\*Discount code expires on 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11:59pm.

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### Friends of Watton update

Thank you very much for your clothing donations this week - we have raised £98 for 140kg of items! If you can please save us any clothing you no longer need for our next collection.

Thank you very much to everyone who bought tickets for the disco or who came to help. We really appreciate all the helpers as it's quite chaotic with all the keen customers! Thank you too to all the staff who stayed late to ensure that we could run the event - the kids had a fantastic time and we have raised a lot for FOW. We're waiting for payments to come through on the online system but will let you know how much has been raised as soon as we can!

Our next event is the Father's day stall on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any new/ unused items that you think a Dad might like as a gift please could you leave them in the office.

Finally, we're looking for more parents to join the FOW committee - we have a very small team and a few of us will be stepping down this summer. It's a fun group and we only meet about once a month, usually in a pub. There's no need to take on huge time-consuming responsibilities but with more parents involved we can share the jobs so that we can run FOW without lots of work for a few people. If every parent gave just two hours a year we'd have many amazing events and raise lots for the kids. Please email us on [Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com](mailto:Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com) for more information.



# WOODLAND



# RANCH



## Half Term

## Teddy Bear's Picnic!

Open 10-3

Saturday 27th May until Sunday 4th June

£8pp under 2's free!

Free tractor rides

Snack shack

Sculpture trail

Feed the animals

Free parking

Cuddle the chicks



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## Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

### May

29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

### June

5<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

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

15<sup>th</sup> - Reserve 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

### 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

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