



Newsletter 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been a very busy week across the school. From academic milestones to outdoor adventures, our children have shown remarkable resilience and enthusiasm.

This week, our Year 6 children have been undertaking their SATs. I would like to personally congratulate every child for their focused and positive attitude they brought to the classroom each morning. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, and regardless of the results, they should be immensely proud of their dedication.

Our Year 2 children have had a particularly busy week. On Monday morning, the class visited Watkins Farm, where they enjoyed a wonderful hands-on experience learning about habitats and microhabitats. The excitement continued on Wednesday afternoon as the children went to Sele School for an Infant Agility sporting event. It was fantastic that they represented the school with such sportsmanship and enthusiasm (despite the numerous showers they had to contend with). Well done to all our budding athletes!

As part of our commitment to Mental Health Awareness Week, the entire school came together yesterday afternoon for the Joe Wicks 'Big School Workout'. This event served as a timely reminder of the vital link between physical activity and mental wellbeing. Engaging in regular exercise is not just about physical fitness; it is a powerful tool for reducing stress, improving mood, and clearing the mind. We encourage all our families to find regular times for children to have active play or brisk walks to keep that positive momentum going.

Next Week

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to be holding No Pens Days on Tuesday and Wednesday, which will coincide with our scheduled visits to Forest School for every class. By stepping away from the classroom and heading outdoors, the children will engage in practical, hands-on activities designed to develop their communication and teamwork skills. We are hoping for some fine weather to truly make the most of these wonderful outdoor learning opportunities.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that next week, our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week. This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage healthy habits, reduce congestion, and lower carbon emissions. Walking or wheeling to school boosts wellbeing and helps children arrive alert and ready to learn. We encourage you to walk or scoot as often as possible; if the full journey isn't practical, please consider a 'Park and Stride' by parking a short distance away.

Reception class are off to Watkins Farm on Monday and then on Thursday at 9am, we are looking forward to the Reception class assembly. This is an opportunity for Reception parents and families to come into school and hear first hand what the children have been learning about this term. Please come into the school via the wooden gates in the staff car park.



Year 2 trip to Watkins Farm



On Monday morning, Year 2 went to Watkin's Hall Farm to learn about local habitats and microhabitats. They found and identified minibeasts in the fields, hedges and woodland. Everyone had an amazing time studying the creatures closely and recording their findings. We would like to thank Sam and Alison Pearman for welcoming us to their farm and leading the session and to the year 2 parents who offered to come along and help.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **97.45%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.45%**

A huge well done to Blake Class for being our "Attendance Champions" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	97.8%	🏆 Most Improved
Riley Class (Year 1)	100%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Blake Class (Year 2)	94.1%	↓ Declining Attendance
Morris Class (Year 3)	97%	👉 On Track
Seurat Class (Year 4)	97.5%	👉 On Track
Crosby Class (Year 5)	96%	👉 Good Progress
Moore Class (Year 6)	99.6%	👑 Setting the Standard

We Are Here to Help

We understand that every family's circumstances are different. If you are finding the morning routine difficult, if your child is feeling anxious about coming in, or if there are barriers at home making attendance a struggle, please do not face it alone. We would much rather have a conversation and find a way to support you than see a child miss out on their education. Please feel free to talk to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant or speak to myself or one of the admin members of staff about your concerns.

Let's work together to make sure every child has the best possible start to their day.

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)

When: 9th June 2026 (reserve date is 16th June)

Where: On the school field

Please ensure that children have their water bottles, a sunhat and are wearing sun cream if it is a hot day. We will have gazebos for the children to sit under but unfortunately, there is no shelter available for spectators.

Lunchtime arrangements:

Family Picnic – 12pm – 1pm (so long as it isn't raining!)

<u>Year 1 and 2</u>	<u>Nursery and Reception</u>	<u>Years 3, 4 5 and 6</u>
Their sports events will start at approx. 9.15am and finish at approx. 10.30am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 10.45am and finish at approx. 11.45am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 1.30 <u>and</u> finish at approx. 3pm.

- Parents are welcome to walk around with the children whilst they take part in the team events.
- Parents are kindly asked to remain in the seated areas when the children are running in the sprint events.
- Children are to come to school dressed in their P.E kits and with t shirts in their house colour.
 - Please enter the school grounds and exit via the main gate near the school office.
- Toilets – available for the elderly, infirm or for young children. Please go to the admin office.
- Toilets are also available at the community centre which is only a short walk from the school.
 - Main gate will be unlocked all day but manned by a member of school staff.

Pre school sports day will be held in the pre school/children Centre gardens on Thursday 11th June and with a reserve date of Thursday 18th June. More information to follow nearer the time.



Hallo everyone! 🌟
 This week we're talking about clothing collections, Fathers Day and the school lotto
 (p.s. did you spot the hidden logo?)



Clothing Collection: 3rd, 4th and morning of 5th June

We'll be collecting good quality clothes you no longer need on the **3rd, 4th and morning of 5th June**. Please place any bags you have in the bike shed on these dates.

Please note: we cannot accept bedding, towels, branded school uniforms, soft toys, dressing gowns, or underwear (though bras are absolutely fine).

Thank you for your support!

Did you know? We have a school lottery!



Costing just £1 per week, you'll be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at your school as well as a chance to win the top Jackpot prize of £25,000!

Simply head to 'Yourschoollottery.co.uk' and search for Watton At Stone Primary and Nursery School for more info.



**Fathers Day Gift Stalls: 19th June
 Calling for volunteers!**



We still need some volunteers to help us run stalls with gifts for Fathers Day. We'll need you for any time you can spare between **8:45am - 11:30am (you don't need to do the whole slot!)**

If you can help for an hour, please let us know either via an email to the school, or on the class whatsapp. Thanks!



House Points

This week

- First place - Yellow House - 321
- Second place - Green House - 313
- Third place - Red House - 298
- Fourth place - Blue House - 262

This term

- First place - Red House - 2,301
- Second place - Green House - 2,220
- Third place - Blue House - 2,173
- Fourth place - Yellow House - 2,115

The house point winning team this half term is the red house. Congratulations to everyone in red house who has worked so hard this term to ear the house points for their team. Next Monday, I will meet with the House and Vice House Captains to discuss what their reward will be next Friday afternoon.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Jasper L - 10th May

School Photos

After receiving the class photo proofs this week, we have reviewed these and decided that we would like to have them retaken. This is to ensure that you purchase the highest quality photos possible. Braiswick's will be returning to school on 18th June to take the class photos for children in Nursery to Year 6. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



DSPL3 Delivering Special Provision Locally 

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 20th May 2026
10am - 11.30am, St Michaels, CM233SN

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
- Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL and SENDIASS

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB
ON MONDAY
WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME CRAFTS!

PLAY DOUGH
PAINTING
COLOURING

BOOK ON ARBOR
COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND GET CREATIVE!
LIMITED SLOTS
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!


Sun Protection

As the children spend a significant portion of their day active outdoors, please could we ask for your support with the following:

Please apply long-lasting sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school.

A named hat is essential for outdoor activities to provide shade.

It is more important than ever that children have a clean and filled water bottle in school every day to stay hydrated.



Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Florence - Has been a fantastic helper this week. She took a great interest in helping Miss Bunyan build a tee pee for our growing peas to climb. She helped fix it together, before taking it into the garden and help to set it up. She was super proud of her creation. Great job Florence!</p> <p>Annabelle - she did so well joining in with our fruit tasting activity this week. She tried all the different fruits and confidently shared with everyone which was her favourite! Great job Annabelle!</p>	<p>Ruben - Did a great job trying new fruits. He initially was unsure, but we were really proud of him for giving it a go and trying each fruit. We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Hallie - for really impressing us with her learning this week. Hallie has shown a love of learning at school and at home and wowed us with writing her name and making patterns! Fantastic Hallie, we are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Madeleine - for settling into Nursery well and trying really hard this week. Madeleine has gained confidence when exploring the setting and following routines with independence. Great work Madeleine, keep it up!</p> <p>Matisse - for impressing us with her pattern knowledge this week, Matisse was very excited to tell the adults and the rest of the class about a pattern she had found at home too! Excellent Matisse!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Fajar - for always being an outstanding role model and using her manners.</p>	<p>Amalia - for always following the rules in school. Soren for working to the best of his ability across all areas of learning.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Aurora - for showing a love of learning. Grace - for always following the rules.</p>	<p>Lyra - for always working to the best of her ability.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Hattie - for being an outstanding role model when helping younger children at athletics club.</p>	<p>Oscar - for showing impeccable behaviour in our lessons and on both of our trips this week.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Milly - for working to the best of her ability and being an outstanding role model. Joe - for always showing all GTBG values.</p>	<p>Henry - for working to the best of his ability and really working hard on his presentation.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Freya H - for always working to the best of her ability and listening to all adults.</p>	<p>Freya B - For always following the rules.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Connor - for working to the best of his ability, especially in English. Millie - for listening to all adults.</p>	<p>Beatriz - for working to the best of her ability. Ethan - for his love of learning and working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Leo - for showing a love of learning in science, when designing his own adapted species and thinking about the reasons behind the adaptations.</p>	<p>Sam M - for working to the best of his ability to develop his stamina and pace in maths lessons, really focussing on the reasoning and problem-solving questions.</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:

Ella - for working well with others and showing empathy and kindness.

Skylar - for being independent using the number line to help her with her maths learning.

Ida - for being our 'star writer' this week by having high aspirations and showing curiosity with her writing.

Nate - for being reflective with his writing and showing resilience.

Year 1:

Benji - is this week's star writer for his super sentences about bugs in our English lesson.

Orla - for showing resilience with her writing.

Lilli - for showing resilience with her phonics.

Year 2:

Grace - for taking pride when writing a fantastic explanation in her science book.

Jack - for setting a great example and having pride when taking us to his farm.

George - for showing curiosity when looking for minibeasts on our trip to Watkin's Hall Farm.

Year 3:

Eliza- is our 'star writer' for really working hard on her handwriting and being consistent in all her books.

Amelia H - for showing curiosity in science.

Year 4:

Jacob - for having high aspirations and showing resilience in his maths reasoning this week

Jacob - for working well with others by showing good captain skills and organising his team to work well together

Riley - is our 'star writer' for writing a good piece of persuasive writing.

Year 5:

Thomas - for his high aspirations in English

Isabelle - for her creative writing in English.

Sam - for his high aspirations in P.E.

Year 6:

All of year 6 class - For their hard work and determination during SAT's week. They showed amazing resilience, took risks, had personal high aspirations and took pride in their work. We couldn't have asked for more. We are all proud of them.

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 18th May - Reception class trip to Watkins Farm
- Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May - Walk to School week
- Tuesday 19th May - Year 6 parents PGL meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 19th May - No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Wednesday 20th May - No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Thursday 21st May - Reception class assembly
- **Thursday 21st May - Year 6 trip to Henry Moore Studios and Gardens**
- **Friday 22nd May - House Point Winners Reward afternoon**
- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Inset Day. School closed for children
- Tuesday 2nd - 5th June - Year 4 multiplication check for Year 4
- Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Tuesday 9th June - Sports Day 1
- Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 and 6 KNEX challenge
- Thursday 11th June - Year 6 trip to Watkins Farm
- Friday 12th June - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day 2 Reserved (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 3 class trip to Celtic Harmony
- **Thursday 18th June - Class photos**
- Thursday 18th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm start (Morgan's Primary School)
- **Friday 19th June - FOW Father's day marketplace**
- Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June - Year 4 residential trip to Hudnall Park
- Wednesday 24th June - Year 5/6 Online safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 1.30pm
- Wednesday 24th June - Parents Online Safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 6pm

- Thursday 25th June - Peter Pan drama workshop Nursery - Year 2
- Thursday 25th June - District Sports
- Thursday 25th June - Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 26th June - Pupil Parliament Meetings
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 residential trip to PGL
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- **Wednesday 8th July - Choir performance to parents (during the after school club session)**
- **Thursday 9th July - Whole school 'Move Up To New Classes' (morning only) and Year 6 transition day to their secondary schools**
- Friday 10th July - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 End of Year Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - IRock performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 performance to parents 6pm
- Thursday 16th July - Year 6 class assembly 9am
- Friday 17th July - End of year reports sent home
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm