



## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been another incredibly busy and purposeful week at school, filled with outdoor achievements, sporting success, and vital preparation for the future. As we approach the end of the academic year, our focus remains firmly on supporting our children's growth, confidence, and well-being.

This week, a number of our children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Bikeability programme. For parents who may not be familiar with it, Bikeability is the modern equivalent of the cycling proficiency test, designed to give children the practical skills and understanding they need to cycle safely on today's roads. The children began their training on Day 1 safely within the school playground, mastering bike control and essential safety checks. Once the instructors were confident in their skills, the children progressed out onto the local roads. Under expert guidance, they learned how to navigate junctions, signal correctly, and share the road safely with other road users. A huge congratulations to all the Year 5 and Year 6 children who met the required standards and successfully passed their training! They showed immense maturity and awareness throughout the course, and we are very proud of their responsible attitude.

On Tuesday, our Year 1 children visited Watkins Farm for an outdoor curriculum lesson focused on the natural world. The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their scientific skills to the test, learning how to identify and classify various deciduous and evergreen trees across the site. We truly value the wonderful partnership we have established within our local community with Sam and Alison Pearman at Watkins Farm. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to them for welcoming our children and staff throughout the year, generously imparting their extensive knowledge, and sharing such a fantastic learning environment with our school.

Thursday marked an incredibly important milestone as we held our first transition morning. All of our classes "moved up" to their next year groups, spending the morning with their new class teachers and teaching assistants in their new classrooms. At the same time, our Year 6 children spent the day experiencing life at their upcoming secondary schools.

At our school, we believe that building strong, positive relationships with the children is vital. Transition days are carefully planned to help reduce any anxieties the children might feel about change. By familiarising themselves with their new environments and routines now, the children can ask questions and begin to feel excited about the next stage of their education. We will be holding another transition morning next Wednesday. We find that the more we can do prior to the end of term to familiarise the children with their new settings, the less anxious they feel over the summer holiday. This proactive approach ensures they can enjoy a restful break and settle in much quicker when they return to us in the autumn term.

### Watton's Got Talent

Excitement is building for our School Talent Show on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July!

Auditions will take place in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July, where everyone in the class will be able to vote for their favourite acts. The top three performances from each class will then progress to the grand final on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Please talk to your child about their audition ideas (as space is limited on the stage) and discuss whether they require any props or music. We cannot wait to see our children shine!

This is always a fun end of year event and the whole school will be coming to watch and join in the fun!

## Next Week

As we approach the final weeks of the summer term, we have an incredibly busy and exciting week ahead with numerous events celebrating the children's talents, hard work, and transitions.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm and again on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm, our Year 6 children will be taking to the stage for their end of school performance of *Gigglebox* (supported by the Year 5 class). They have been rehearsing exceptionally hard, and we look forward to welcoming parents and families to share in what promises to be a wonderful and entertaining showcase of their time with us. There will also be a dress rehearsal on Monday for all of the children in school to watch.

Wednesday will also be an important milestone for all our children as we hold our second move-up morning. The children will spend further time in their new classrooms alongside their new class teachers and teaching assistants. This session provides a brilliant opportunity to continue building those vital relationships, establishing comfort, and fostering real excitement for the upcoming academic year.

Following the transition morning, Wednesday afternoon will bring a fantastic celebration of music with two iRock performances. The first concert will be for the whole school, and the second will take place at 2.30pm for families. If your child takes part in iRock, we would love for you to come along and support them as they perform live in their bands.

On Thursday, we have a brilliant fun day planned for the entire school, featuring inflatables throughout the day, followed by the Friends of Watton summer playout straight after school. Every class will enjoy a short session on the inflatables. I must extend a special mention to Year 3 and Year 5, who will receive a significantly longer session on the inflatables, having chosen to use their own enterprise day profit to help fund the cost of the event.

## Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **97.4%**

This term's whole school attendance is: 96.7%

A huge well done to Wilson Closs for being our "Most Improved" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	99.3%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Riley Class (Year 1)	94.5%	🚀 Rising Stars
Blake Class (Year 2)	98.3%	🌟 On Track
Morris Class (Year 3)	97.8%	👉 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	95.8%	🌟 On Track
Crosby Class (Year 5)	97.2%	🏆 Most Improved
Moore Class (Year 6)	98.6%	💎 Setting the Standard

### We Are Here to Help

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 talk to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant or speak to myself or one of the admin members of staff about your concerns.

## Year 1 Class Trip To Watkins Farm Hall

Year one had a lovely time at Watkins Hall farm. We learnt about the different types of trees and identified which ones were deciduous and which ones were evergreen. Then we learnt about the different parts of a tree before having some fun exploring the woods.



## Enjoy the Sunshine



## Year 4 Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, we were treated to a truly wonderful class assembly by Year 4, who shared their recent adventures at Hudnall Park. It was an absolute joy to watch the children speak so confidently and enthusiastically about their experiences, demonstrating just how much they grew in independence and resilience during their time away. The children did a fantastic job of bringing their outdoor learning to life, sharing lovely photos and videos that beautifully showcased the different activities. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves for reflecting our school values so brilliantly.



## Parent Forum Meeting

On Wednesday this week, our latest Parent Forum meeting took place.

During the meeting, we discussed:

- Sports Premium Funding & Future Plans: Outlining our P.E strategy for the upcoming academic year, particularly in light of Mrs Stevens leaving us and changes to the funding schools will be receiving.
- Sports Day
- Arbor Consent
- Social Media Photos
- Recent Heatwaves: looking after the children's wellbeing during the recent hot weather.

We also shared an update on the specific actions the school leadership team have taken to address the feedback raised during our previous meeting in March.

The full, detailed minutes from Wednesday's meeting will be published on the school website shortly for you to read at your convenience.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to these important conversations.

## Transition Meetings in the Autumn term

We're already looking ahead to September and want to make sure the transition to a new class is as smooth as possible for all of the children. To help facilitate this, we will be holding "Meet the Teacher" transition meetings for parents at the start of the new academic year.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and teaching assistant, learn about the exciting curriculum ahead and ask any questions you may have.

All meetings will start at 9am. Please mark your calendars for the relevant dates below:

Year 3 meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September


Year 4 meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Year 1 meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to ensure a fantastic start to the new school year!



## Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Milly D - 5<sup>th</sup> July

Ida T - 5<sup>th</sup> July

Eleanor S - 6<sup>th</sup> July

Tristan N - 7<sup>th</sup> July

## Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway

As we approach the end of the school year, many families will be starting to think about sorting out uniform for September. Before you head out to buy brand new items, please come and see what we have available in school.

We currently have pre-loved uniform that we would love to see go to new homes. Choosing pre-loved is not only a fantastic way to save money, but it also supports our school's commitment to sustainability by reducing waste.

Please come along to the school hall at the following times:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3:20pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8:45am



FOW PRESENTS  
THE

# SUMMER

PLAYOUT

THURSDAY 16TH JULY  
3.20 - 4.45 PM

### WHAT IS THE PLAYOUT?

- EXTRA TIME TO PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS
- SWEET & TOY STALL
- OUTDOOR TOYS
- FUN ON THE TRIM TRAIL, BUS, BOAT AND OUTDOOR GYM
- TICKET INCLUDES A PACKET OF CRISPS & UNLIMITED SQUASH

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING  
YOUR POCKET MONEY  
FOR THE SWEETS AND  
TOYS STALL!!!**



Tickets available on Classlist  
£5 each for first and second child, subsequent kids £2.50

## Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p><b>Oliver</b> - Has had a great week at Preschool. He has been really happy and focused on his learning, and dealt with his transition morning to Nursery beautifully! We are very proud of you Oliver!</p> <p><b>Alfrida</b> - Has had a great week! She comes into Preschool with a smile on her face, and has done lots of independent exploring this week. She also dealt with the transition morning beautifully! We are very proud of you Alfrida!</p>	<p><b>Raffy</b> - Always shows us his love for learning! He is always inquisitive, asking questions to find out more information if he needs to, and always sharing his thoughts and ideas! We are very proud of you Raffy, keep it up!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p><b>Gracie</b> - for showing lots of confidence during our transition morning and managing the move with ease. Excellent Gracie, we are really proud of you!</p> <p><b>Carwyn</b> - for showing a love of learning and talking about his holiday with confidence. Carwyn has also been talking about his learning at home. Fantastic Carwyn!</p>	<p><b>Hallie</b> - for showing lots of confidence during our transition session, Hallie joined in really well and set a fantastic example to others around her. Great work Hallie!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p><b>Haisley</b> - for always being well-mannered.</p>	<p><b>Tristan, Louis and Ella</b> - for working to the best of their ability and wowing us with their phonics.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p><b>Freddie</b> - for showing impeccable behaviour outside of lessons.</p> <p><b>Eoin G</b> - for showing a love of learning in all areas.</p>	<p><b>Antoine</b> - for constantly making right choices.</p> <p><b>Molly</b> - for always being well mannered.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p><b>Romilly</b> - for working to the best of her ability and making good choices in PSHE.</p>	<p><b>Tyler</b> - for making good choices and paying attention to the adults.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p><b>Sophia</b> - for being an outstanding role model.</p> <p><b>Lily</b> - for showing her love for learning in French.</p>	<p><b>Lucas</b> - for working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p><b>Jess</b> - for showing a love of learning in all her lessons.</p>	<p><b>Peter</b> - for being well mannered, holding doors and saying please and thank you.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p><b>Ethan S</b> - working to the best of his ability and impeccable behaviour outside of lessons.</p>	<p><b>Lillie C</b> - Love of learning and working to the best of his ability</p> <p><b>Mayci T</b> - For being a role model to others.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p><b>Orlagh</b> - for showing a love of learning and getting into character for the play- setting a good example for others.</p>	<p><b>Martha</b> - for working to the best of her ability in PSHE this week and every week- making valuable contributions.</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:

Miles - for being our 'star writer' this week by always completing our writing challenges and showing lots of resilience with his pencil grip.

### Year 1:

Grace - is our 'star writer' this week for her independence and resilience.

Eva - for always showing empathy and kindness to everyone in the class.

Lili - for showing pride in her learning.

Owen T - for having high aspirations with his reading

### Year 2:

Zachary - was our 'star writer' for using conjunctions when describing a character's feelings.

Leo - for being creative in DT when experimenting with wheels and axles.

### Year 3:

Lillian- is our 'star writer' for working hard on her presentation.

Milly- for showing resilience in her clubs. (IROCK, Choir).

Freddie- for having empathy and kindness for others.

### Year 4:

Freya H - for having high aspirations in maths when wanting to demonstrate complements to 100 on the board

Mila - is our 'star writer' for an amazing description of a jungle setting independently

Nathan - for having high aspirations and taking risks in cricket this week

### Year 5:

Logan - for having kindness and empathy.

Danny - is our 'start writer' for his creative writing.

Connor - for his team work in PE.

### Year 6:

Sam A- for having pride when learning and singing the songs - he is spot on every time.

Gracie- being creative with Mrs Marchese making the props for the school play.



## August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
<b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b>	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



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What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
<b>FREE - Masking Awareness</b>	<b>24 Sep 7-8pm</b>
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

## Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

### Summer Term

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 End of Year Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 3.20pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 8.45am
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - 'Move Up To New Classes' part 2
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - IRock performances to parents 2.30pm

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 performance to parents 6pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - whole school inflatable fun day!!
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 class assembly 9am
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - F.O.W Summer Payout
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of year reports sent home
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Watton's Got Talent (change of previously published date)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 2 trip to Lea Valley Park
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 6 leavers trip
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - House Point Reward Treat pm
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 leavers assembly in church 9.30am
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm