



Newsletter 23rd July 2026

Dear Parents and families,

As we reach the end of another busy and incredibly rewarding school year, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful journey we have all shared. Watching our children grow in confidence, character, and knowledge over this academic year has been an absolute privilege. Every single child has brought something unique to our school community this year, and their resilience and hard work never cease to inspire us.

I am incredibly proud to share a summary of our school external DFE assessments from this term. These official checks look at key milestones across different year groups, and our children have achieved some truly wonderful results.

Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 cohort achieved a strong set of results in their end-of-primary assessments.

At least 75% of the class achieved or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing, maths, and grammar/punctuation and spelling.

This places our school comfortably in line with the national average across the country, which is a fantastic testament to the children's dedication as they prepare for secondary school.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Our Year 4 children took part in the national times tables check and absolutely shone.

The class secured the highest average score our school has ever recorded, with an impressive average score of 23 out of 25. This is well above the national average score of 21 out of 25.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Our younger children have been working incredibly hard on their early reading skills, and it truly shows.

A phenomenal 93% of the Year 1 class passed their phonics check.

This is significantly higher than the national average of 82%, reflecting the brilliant foundation in reading being built right from the start of their school journey.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of our children for these brilliant achievements, and equally grateful to our dedicated staffing team whose high-quality teaching and support make these outcomes possible.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

This morning, our school community gathered at the church for a moving Year 6 Leavers' Service. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect, look forward, and celebrate the incredible journey this cohort has taken with us.

The Year 6 children spoke beautifully - they shared memories, laughter, and poems about their time at the school. There were definitely a few teary eyes in the congregation as the children looked back on their primary school years.

During the service, we were also delighted to present our special School Values Awards, recognising the children who have consistently demonstrated our core values throughout their time with us.

A particular highlight was the presentation of this year's Parish Council Community Cup, which recognises an individual who quietly goes above and beyond to make our school and village a better place. Huge congratulations to Penny, who was chosen for her dedication as a digital leader and for her active service to our village.

Penny is a truly wonderful role model who leads by example without ever seeking recognition, and we are incredibly proud of her.

Thank you so much to all the parents and families who joined us this morning to give our Year 6 children such a supportive and memorable send-off. We could not be prouder of the independent, caring individuals they have become.

Sad Farewell to Staff Leavers

On Tuesday, we gathered for a deeply moving and emotional assembly to say a heartfelt goodbye to some remarkable colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this term: Mrs Stevens, Miss Martin, and Miss Dell. We were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Jolley, who left earlier this term, so that we could properly celebrate her incredible contribution alongside her colleagues.

Between them, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Jolley have dedicated an extraordinary sixty years of service to our school community, with each serving for over thirty years. Both have now decided to take a well-earned retirement, leaving behind a lasting impression on generations of children. Meanwhile, Miss Dell is embarking on an exciting new chapter at a primary school in Stevenage, and Miss Martin has relocated to Buckinghamshire. On behalf of the entire school, I want to express our immense gratitude for their unwavering commitment, enthusiasm, and hard work over the years. They were each presented with beautiful flowers, a gift, and cards created with love from every single class. They will be dearly missed by staff and children alike, but we wish them all the very best for the future.

To honour Mrs Stevens' wonderful contribution to school sport, we were proud to introduce a brand-new trophy: the Sally Stevens Sports Star award. This special award was presented to Alessia M in Year 5, recognising her incredible passion, commitment, teamwork, and dedication to sport. We are already looking forward to welcoming Mrs Stevens back at the end of the next academic year, when she will return to present this trophy to our next sporting superstar!



End Of Year Message From The Chair Of Governors

As we reach the end of another school year, the Governors would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the year and give thanks to everyone who is part of our school community.

Like most others, this has been another busy year and we continue to be grateful for the dedication and hard work of all the staff at the school who put the children first in everything they do and ensure that they feel safe, supported and inspired to achieve their potential. This is evident from the results of the external DFE assessments at the end of Reception, in the Year 1 phonics screening, the Year 4 multiplication test and the Year 6 SATs. It is clear to Governors how well the teachers know each child and what each individual child needs to reach their potential.

When we visit the school, the children always impress us with their enthusiasm, politeness and love of learning. In a recent visit, Governors were especially impressed with the knowledge and maturity with which the children spoke about metacognition – something that many adults would probably struggle to explain and talk about! We continue to remain grateful for the opportunities that our children have at Watton. In our school, learning is not just about sitting in a classroom in front of a whiteboard. It includes visiting a farm to learn about where our food comes from for a geography project, or having a lesson in our science and putting on a lab coat to become a scientist, going off to forest school for a lesson, taking part in no pens days and learning how to flamenco dance!!

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to some members of staff this term, many who have been part of the school for so many years. The Governors would like to thank them for everything they have contributed to the school and wish them well for the future. We also would like to wish Year 6 good luck as they start their new journey at secondary school. For everyone else, we wish you a very relaxing break over the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in school in September.

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 8th September

Year 6 meeting: Wednesday 9th September

Year 4 meeting: Thursday 10th September

Year 5 meeting: Tuesday 15th September

Year 2 meeting: Wednesday 16th September

Year 1 meeting: Thursday 17th September

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

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **96.3%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.8%**

A huge well done tofor being our "Most Improved" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	90.2%	Declining
Riley Class (Year 1)	96.6%	🚀 Rising Stars
Blake Class (Year 2)	97.4%	💎 Setting the Standard 🏆
Morris Class (Year 3)	98.6%	💎 Setting the Standard 🏆
Seurat Class (Year 4)	93.8%	Declining
Crosby Class (Year 5)	99%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Moore Class (Year 6)	98.7%	💎 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.

THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped us fundraise over the last school year. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Here are some of the things we've helped to fund over the year:

School Panto: £440

Hindu Temple Trip: £300

World Book Day workshops: £609

Year 6 leaving treat: £300

And of course we've been working hard to raise money towards the new playground climbing frame - So far we've raised a whopping

£10.4k (Not raised in just in one year mind!)

We've also had some amazing news that **Lucy Dodd's hard work** applying for grants for us has been successful! She's won us a fantastic **£5k grant** from **Stevenage Community Trust**, bringing our total to

£15.4k

We estimate that we will need £20k to make it to the final goal (not including inflation, so this might change a bit!) so we're on track to getting this paid for by the end of the next school year!



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

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
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	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



September Timetable

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

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
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
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Watton's Got Talent

We wanted to share a few photos from the talent show last Friday. Here are some of the 11 acts that reached the final. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to the judging panel. The overall winners were 'The Only Five' who and performed 'Hard Knock Life'. A special thank you goes to Shelby Smith who spent most of the morning creating the most amazing balloon display for the stage.



**WATTON AT STONE PRIMARY
AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

**IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START
RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2027?
RECEPTION OPEN MORNINGS
2027-2028**



**JOIN US ON ONE OF OUR
PROSPECTIVE STARTER OPEN MORNINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
10am - 12pm**



**FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
10am - 12pm**



**A FANTASTIC CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO
'STAY & PLAY' WITH THEIR PARENT(S)!**



**SCHOOL TOUR
WITH**

**THE HEADTEACHER,
MRS ETIENNE,
AT 11AM**

Meet our friendly staff, explore our wonderful
learning environment, and ask any questions.

**PLEASE CALL THE
SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK YOUR TOUR**



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Year 2 Class Trip To Lea Valley Park

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park on Tuesday this week. They found out about the habitats and diets of various animals and even got to feed the goats and rabbits. Thank you to the volunteers who came along and helped. Your support was very much appreciated.



Year 6 Trip To Mulligans Golf

Yesterday morning, our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic leavers' treat at Mr Mulligan's Crazy Golf in Stevenage!

The morning was packed with fun as the children took on two rounds of adventure golf, followed by pizza, chips and ice cream. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to relax, share plenty of laughter, and celebrate their time together at our school.

Most importantly, the children were exceptionally well-behaved throughout the trip and represented our school brilliantly. We are so proud of them, and we hope they treasure these brilliant memories as they prepare for their next steps.

A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the children and made the morning so enjoyable!



Red Team House Point Reward

Congratulations to Red House for earning the highest number of house points this half term! To celebrate their fantastic achievement, our Red House Captain and Vice-House Captain worked hard to plan a special Reward Afternoon, which took place yesterday.

The afternoon was packed with fun activities entirely thought up and organised by our house leaders. Red House children enjoyed wearing their own clothes for the day and took full advantage of the sunshine with extra free playtime outside. Many brought their bikes and scooters into school to ride around the playground during the afternoon.

Indoors, the children spent time using the laptops and getting creative with a summer-themed colouring competition. To top off a brilliant afternoon of celebrations, everyone enjoyed an ice lolly.

A big thank you to our House Captains for putting together such a wonderful afternoon for all of the children. Well done to everyone in Red House for their hard work this term—it was a thoroughly well-deserved reward!

Shaping Our PSHE & RSE Policy Together: We Want to Hear from You!

At our school, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is absolutely vital. Our goal is to work hand-in-hand with you to support our children's personal development, well-being, and understanding of the world around them.

As you may be aware, the national statutory guidance for **Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education** and **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** is being updated for September 2026. In preparation for these changes, we are currently reviewing our school policy to ensure it remains fully compliant with national standards while perfectly reflecting the values and needs of our unique community.

To help us do this, we would love to get your input! We have put together a short survey to gather your thoughts, questions, and feedback.

- **How long will it take?** Around 5 to 10 minutes.
- **Why does it matter?** Your feedback directly shapes how we teach these incredibly important life skills, ensuring our curriculum is inclusive, transparent, and supportive for every single child.

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts with us. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and for helping us make our school the best it can be!

[PSHE and RSE Parent Consultation Survey - Fill in form](#)

Birthdays this week and During The Summer Holiday

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Louis C - 17th July
Amelia A - 18th July
Ethan S - 20th July
Theo H - 22nd July
Jackson C - 23rd July
Mila Mc - 23rd July
Kasey C - 25th July
Shiva M - 30th July
Alice N - 30th July

Alessia M - 31st July
Eoin P - 1st August
Sophia P - 5th August
Mia T - 7th August
Lucas H - 9th August
Riya L - 9th August
Ellis D - 10th August
Emma Mc - 12th August

Ivy Rose E - 14th August
Eliza H - 14th August
William H - 16th August
Sienna L - 16th August
Isaac WP - 16th August
Amelia H - 17th August
Paislyn R - 17th August
Stevey B - 18th August

Daya R - 18th August
Ruben R - 18th August
Bobby B - 19th August
Lottie W - 21st August
Henry O - 23rd August
Jack R - 26th August
Madeleine P - 29th August

Autumn After School Enrichment Clubs

We are currently in the process of organising the after school enrichment clubs for the autumn term. All of the current external companies have expressed an interest to run their club again (as well as one or two new external clubs).

The booking for the autumn term enrichment clubs will go live at the very beginning of term so that you have time to make your selection and your booking before after school enrichment clubs commence on week beginning 7th September.

Due to the cost of resources, our internal clubs run by the staff will be £4 per club booking (this is currently set at £3).

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

Autumn Term

- Tuesday 1st September - Inset Day
- Tuesday 8th - 10th September - Welcome Meetings - years 3,6,4
- Tuesday 15th - 17th September - Welcome Meetings - years 5,2,1
- Wednesday 23rd September - George Fouché Inspirational assembly and class workshops
- Wednesday 30th September 10am - 12pm - Reception Open Morning (new starters 2027 - 2028)
- Thursday 1st - 2nd October - Year 1 phonics meetings
- Monday 5th October - Harvest Festival
- Wednesday 7th - 8th - Reception Phonics Meetings
- Monday 12th - 13th October - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Wednesday 14th October - Individual School Photos
- Friday 16th October - Reception Open Morning 10am - 12pm (new starters 2027 - 2028)
- Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 21st October - Parents Evenings 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Friday 23rd October - Break the Rules Day
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term
- Monday 9th - 13th November - Anti Bullying/ Wellbeing week
- Monday 23rd November - Reverse advent calendar starts
- Friday 27th November - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 30th November - Thursday 3rd December - Assessment Week
- Friday 4th December - Occasional Day (school closed)
- Monday 7th - 11th December - Christmas Productions (7th dress rehearsal)
- Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 16th December - Pantomime
- Friday 18th December - End of Term 2.15pm

Spring Term

- Monday 4th - January - Inset Day

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

- Tuesday 5^h - 8th January - Pupil Progress Meetings
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd - Creative Arts Week
- Monday 1st - 5th February - Mock SATs
- Wednesday 10th February - Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm
- Thursday 11th February - Parents Evenings 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Wednesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day
- Monday 15th - 19th February - Half Term
- Tuesday 2nd - 3rd March - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Friday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 11th March - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 12th March - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 15th - 19th March - Assessment Week
- Thursday 25th March - Enterprise Day
- Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April - Easter Holidays

Summer Term

- Monday 12th April - Inset Day
- Tuesday 13th - 16th April- Pupil progress meetings
- Monday 10th - 13th May - Key Stage 2 SATS
- Tuesday 24th - 25th May No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Monday 31st May - 4th June - Half Term
- Monday 7th June - Inset Day
- Tuesday 8th - 18th June Year 4 multiplication check for Year 4
- Monday 14th - Friday 18th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Tuesday 22nd June - Sports Day 1
- Friday 25th June - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 28th June - 2nd July Year 6 PGL residential
- Monday 28th June - 2nd July - Assessment Week
- Tuesday 6th July - Sports Day 2 Reserved (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Monday 12th July - Watton's Got Talent
- Friday 16th July - End of Year Reports sent home
- Wednesday 21st July - End of Term
- Thursday 22nd July - Inset Day