



Newsletter 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It was truly lovely to see so many of you at our parent-teacher meetings this week. I hope you found it a valuable opportunity to look through your child's books and see the progress they have made across the curriculum since the start of the academic year. It was a pleasure to share the whole school displays from our Creative Arts Week, inspired by 'The Gruffle,' which showcased the remarkable imagination and talent of our children.

We trust that you found the mini-reports sent home prior to these meetings helpful. Our teachers produce these written summaries in addition to our face-to-face discussions and end of year written reports to ensure you have a lasting record of your child's achievements and a clear understanding of their specific next-step targets. These conversations are vital in ensuring we are all working together to support every child in reaching their full potential.

In addition to our academic focuses, this week marked two important events in our school calendar: National Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. Both of these occasions are important to us as we strive to equip our children with the resilience and knowledge they need to navigate the modern world safely and confidently. You will find more detailed information regarding the activities and discussions that took place for both of these events further down in this newsletter.

Finally, we held our celebratory house point reward afternoon today for Green House. They managed to accumulate the most points yet again, marking their second victory this academic year! To ensure fairness, we maintain an equal number of children are in each coloured house across the school, even though the distribution might vary slightly from class to class. This structure allows us to keep siblings in the same house, fostering a sense of family belonging. I would like to encourage you to help your child earn as many points as possible by supporting their daily reading habits. Children can earn five house points each week for completing five days of reading, and up to seven points if they read at home every single day. There is no set requirement for the length of these sessions; the regularity and consistency of engagement is what truly matters.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

After Half term

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have a full calendar of exciting events and themed days planned, and the children will certainly not want to miss out on what is in store. Our plan includes a variety of physical and creative activities, such as "Glow In The Dark" dodgeball workshops and our celebrations for World Book Day. To make World Book Day even more special, every child from Reception to Year 6 will also be participating in storytelling dance workshops based on the story of Pinocchio which will be run by an external company.

We also have several events scheduled to encourage participation and school spirit, including the IROCK performances for both the children and parents, the Year 6 Sportshall event, our Sponsored Bounce, and Comic Relief. Throughout the half term, the children will also take part in Enterprise Day, No Pens Day, and further Forest School visits, alongside our regular Pupil Parliament meetings. I am sure that there is plenty planned to ensure there is something for every child to enjoy and engage with as we move towards the end of the spring term.

Mental Health week

We began our week with a dedicated whole-school assembly on Monday morning, focusing on the promotion of positive mental health and well-being. During this session, we discussed the importance of looking after our minds just as much as our bodies, and the children explored the different ways they can support one another within our school community. This year's theme of 'Belonging' encouraged the children to consider how their individual voices and experiences help to build the unique character of our school. We reflected on the idea that true belonging is more than just being part of a group; it is the feeling of being accepted and valued for who they are as individuals.

Central to our approach is the promotion of an environment where we are all open and honest during discussions regarding mental health. We want every child to feel that their voice is heard and that it is perfectly acceptable to speak up when they are struggling. To support this, we have an additional 'Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health' staffing team who meet half-termly. This specialist group carefully plans and coordinates bespoke support for children who may need extra help in school, for whatever reason that may be. By ensuring this provision is reviewed regularly, we can remain responsive to the needs of every child.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we marked Safer Internet Day, an essential opportunity within our curriculum to address the ever-evolving digital world. Rather than holding one-off events, each class took part in their scheduled half-termly safer internet lesson. We prefer to embed this essential teaching regularly throughout the school year, ensuring that the children receive constant reminders, engage in ongoing discussion, and build upon new learning in a way that sticks.

From discussing the importance of keeping personal information private to understanding the impact of our 'digital footprint,' these lessons provided the children with practical strategies for staying safe online. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home, perhaps by asking your child what they discussed in their lesson this week or by reviewing the importance of seeking permission before they access new games or websites.

Sponsored Bounce - 12th March

Each year, we hold our popular sponsored bounce event to help raise much-needed funds for the school. Specifically, the money raised from this event has been used year after year to purchase laptops and ipads, helping us to increase the number of devices available for the children and buy charging trolleys for each class. Unfortunately, due to updated technical requirements, all school devices must now be Windows 11 compliant. This change has meant that we have had to retire a considerable number of the devices we previously owned as they no longer meet the necessary specifications.

Our immediate priority is to replace these devices to ensure that every class has enough devices for children to work effectively with a partner. Beyond this, we remain committed to growing the number of devices on our trolleys each year; our ultimate goal is to reach a point where every class has enough hardware for all children to have their own individual device to use. A separate information letter regarding the details of this event will be sent home after the half-term break. We recognise that this vision for our children's digital learning simply won't be achievable without the help of our wonderful families to support the school in this goal.



Buna ziua everyone! 🌟

This week we're talking about clothing donations

👕 Clothing Collection: Thursday 27th February 🏠

Time for a post-Christmas declutter! If you've got bags of good-quality clothes taking up space, we'd love to take them off your hands.

Please drop off your donations to the bike shed between **Wednesday 25th Feb to morning of Friday 27th February**. To keep everything in top condition, please ensure bags are placed away from the edges of the shed so they stay dry!

♻️ **Why it Matters:** Our recycling partner gives your clothes a second life and pays Friends of Watton 70p per kilo. With an average bag weighing 7-10kg, your "too-small" jumpers quickly turn into vital funds for the school. Let's see if we can beat our previous totals!

🚫 **Quick Reminder:** What we CANNOT accept We are unable to take bedding, towels, branded school uniforms, soft toys, dressing gowns, or underwear (though bras are absolutely fine).



**CHANGE IN SCHOOL
DISCO DATE**

Due to a date clash with the Year 6 away Sports Day, we have moved the school disco to a new date:

March 19th - 3:20 - 4:35

If you've already got tickets - don't worry, they're still valid for the new date.

If you've already got tickets but can't make it now - please email us at friendsofwattonfow@gmail.com to get a refund.

World book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will celebrate World Book Day which is just one small way that we promote a love of reading. To mark the occasion, we have an external company visiting the school to lead story-telling workshops for children in Reception to Year 6 based on the story of Pinocchio.

Children are welcome to come dressed as a favourite book character, or they may come in their pyjamas or onesies, ready for a story. Please do not feel pressured to purchase a specific costume for this day.

Important Reminders:

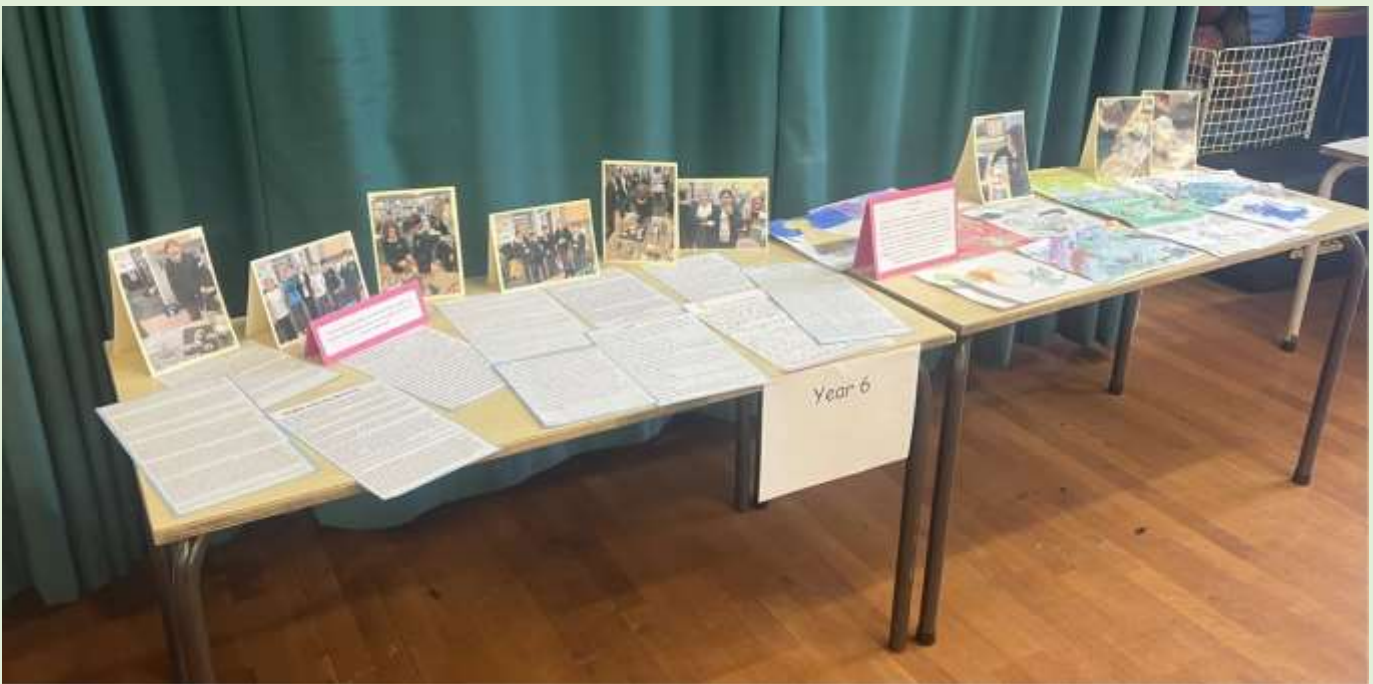
- All children will be going outside for break and lunch, so please ensure their costume is warm enough.
- Safety and school rules still apply. This means no earrings or crop tops. While face paint is allowed, please avoid other types of make-up.

All children will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher on the day, which can be swapped for a free book or used as a discount at participating retailers.

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Parents Evening - Griffle Displays

We hope that you managed to find a few moments to look around the class displays during this week's parents evenings. It was amazing to see how one single image (of a Griffle) was able to inspire such a wide variety of work across the school.



House Points

This week

Joint First place - Green House - 408

Joint First place - Yellow House - 408

Third place - Red House - 393

Fourth place - Blue House - 391

This term

Joint First place - Green House - 408

Joint Second place - Yellow House - 408

Third place - Blue House - 393

Fourth place - Red House - 391



This weeks attendance %

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| Wilson Class (Reception) | 95.7% |
| Riley Class (Year 1) | 90% |
| Blake Class (Year 2) | 97.2% |
| Morris Class (Year 3) | 97.4% |
| Seurat Class (Year 4) | 99.2% |
| Crosby Class (Year 5) | 98.4% |
| Moore Class (Year 6) | 94.6% |

Whole School Attendance this week 95.95%

Whole School Attendance this term 96.27%



ComputerXplorers

CODING & TECH CAMP

£26 AM
£24 PM
£48 FULL DAY
08:30 - 16:30

CHECK OUT THE SHOP TO FIND OUT MORE

WHAT IS IT?
A fun, hands-on tech holiday camp for 5 to 11 year olds with coding, robotics, games, and active play every day.

WHERE IS IT?
Stapleford - SG14 3NB

WHATS ON?
Bloxels
Scratch
Robotics and Coding
Game Design
Minecraft

BOOK ONLINE

Birthdays this week and During Half term

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Rafe B - 7th February

Lily H - 9th February

Lillian F - 11th February

Gracie D - 12th February

Freddie W - 17th February

Olly L - 19th February

Grace C - 20th February

Orla P - 22nd February

Great to Be Gold

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| <u>Pre Sch</u> | <p>Jimmy - Jimmy has done some fantastic joining in with our food tasting activity this week to celebrate Chinese new year. He loved the prawn crackers! Great job Jimmy, we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Stevey - Has done really well with settling when coming into Preschool this week, quickly finding an activity to play with and engaging in his learning. We are very proud of you!</p> | <p>Everley - Has been fully immersed in her learning this week - especially the Chinese new year activities, showing great imagination when playing with the pretend noodles!! Keep it up Everley!</p> |
| <u>Nur</u> | <p>Orla - for showing lots of resilience during our PE activity and not giving up when faced with a challenge. Excellent Orla!</p> <p>Don - for using his manners and being very polite to the adults. Fantastic Don, keep it up!</p> | <p>Albert - for showing a love of learning and sharing some really good ideas in our Jigsaw lesson this week. Great work Albert!</p> |
| <u>Rec</u> | <p>Ada - for always working to the best of her ability in all areas of learning.</p> <p>Fajar - for showing a love of learning and always working to the best of her ability.</p> | <p>Brayden - for always making the right choices, especially with showing his magnet eyes during carpet and learning times.</p> |
| <u>Year 1</u> | <p>Leo - for always working to the best of his ability.</p> | <p>Eva - for always following the rules in school.</p> <p>Hettie - for being an outstanding role model.</p> |
| <u>Year 2</u> | <p>Emma - for constantly making the right choices and showing impeccable behaviour.</p> <p>Grace - for showing a love of learning when coming into school each morning and working to the best of her ability.</p> | <p>Mia - for working to the best of her ability in history. She included so much detail when explaining what happened during the Great Fire of London.</p> |
| <u>Year 3</u> | <p>Milly - for working to the best of her ability taking care of her books.</p> <p>Sophia - being an outstanding role model always shows all GTBG values.</p> | <p>Amelia H - for showing her love for learning, Creating a beautiful piece of persuasive writing in English.</p> |
| <u>Year 4</u> | <p>Frankie - for working to the best of her ability in all areas and working on her independence.</p> <p>Jacob - for being well-mannered and polite in class and around the school</p> | <p>Freya H (requested by Riya) - for being the kindest, most patient talk partner ever</p> |
| <u>Year 5</u> | <p>Frankie - for always being an amazing role model.</p> | <p>Alessia - for always working to the best of her ability and listening to all adults.</p> |
| <u>Year 6</u> | <p>Arien and Josh - for showing an amazing love for learning and working to the best of their ability in DT. They have worked so well together, making a great team, designing and making a wonderful Hand Buzzer game. Well done boys.</p> | |

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service is made up of the Public Health Nursing Service (Health Visitors and School Nurses) and the Family Support Service, working together to help children and families have the best start in life, develop well and thrive.

On behalf of Hertfordshire County Council, One YMCA and Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust work in partnership to deliver the Family Centre Service. This partnership provides a joined-up approach for children, young people and families.

We provide families with a wide range of support on all aspects of family life.

Our work focuses on:

- *Supporting the health, wellbeing and development of children and families from pregnancy onwards*
- *Supporting families experiencing challenges*
- *Offering early help providing tailored support for families with more complex needs*
- *Provision of comprehensive advice and support for all families across the county*
- *A well-planned timetable of play and learning activities within your local community, with opportunities to meet other families*

With Family Centres across Hertfordshire, we're here for families when they need us most.

Find out more on our website www.hertsfamilycentres.org



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**Beezee
FAMILIES**

Show your heart some love this February



It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1:

Move a little together, every day

Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.



Activity 2:

Fill your plates with colourful foods

Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.



Activity 3:

Get kids involved in the kitchen

Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



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*Our services are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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Ready to start making healthy habits as a family?

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find **FREE** healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:



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12 weeks of
in-person
group sessions



Log in for
10 weeks
of online group
sessions, plus
2 check-in calls



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an action plan
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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:

Parker - for showing lots of resilience with his cutting skills.

Alice - for being our 'star writer' this week by always taking lots of care with her letter formation and applying her phonics to help her spell.

Year 1:

Louis - is our 'star writer' this week for his hard work in our English lessons learning about rhyming poems.

Annie - for working well with others and having high aspirations.

Lilli- for always showing empathy and kindness to everyone in her class.

Year 2:

Violet - is our 'star writer' for taking pride in her fantastic fact file: All you need to know about blue whales.

Indie - for showing great team work and resilience in PE.

Year 3:

Gianni- is our 'star writer'. Really taking pride in his work and trying to form his joins correctly.

Logan- for having high aspiration in his reading.

Year 4:

Jasper - for his resilience and independence in all areas and always listening to the adults around him

Verity - is our 'star writer' for greater independence in her writing this week and coming up with a very good report on the missing cake!

Riya - for being resilient and determined to succeed in tennis.

Year 5:

Ab, Connor, Henry, Rafe and Sam - for having resilience and high aspirations. they used a manual to work out the issue with the computer trolley and then fixed the issue so that the laptops charged.

Lillie C. - is our 'star writer' for her creative writing.

Logan - for having high aspirations and taking risks.

Year 6:

Edward - is our 'star writer'. So many parents commented on his amazing writing on display during parents evening. A great piece of work.

Liam - for his resilience and kindness during a basketball game.

Orlagh - for being resilient, learning how to be the Goal Shooter and scoring a goal in netball.

Dads Together



Sign up to our 6-week online group

Are you a dad and feel like you are constantly nagging at your child to get what you need?

Join our free dads together 6-week online group to help increase your confidence in parenting and improve communication and listening skills.



Wednesday 11th February to 25th March 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Local Performance by Peter Crossley

Next week, our peripatetic guitar tutor, Peter Crossley, will be performing a live set of his original music in the Beam Theatre Café in Hertford.

The performance will take place on Tuesday 17th February at 12:30pm at the Beam Theatre Cafe in Hertford. Peter will be performing a forty-minute opening set for the local band The Wayward Outcasts. Entry to the event is free of charge. If you are looking for a musical outing during the half-term break, we encourage you to head down and show your support.



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

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Spring Term

- Monday 16th - 20th February - Half Term
- Thursday 26th February - Year 6 Sportshall event
- Friday 27th February - FOW clothing collection
- **Monday 2nd March - NSPCC assembly**
- Tuesday 3rd March - Glow In The Dark Dodgeball Workshops
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March - Story telling dance workshops R - Year 6 'Pinocchio'
- **Monday 9th March - Science week themed assembly**
- Thursday 12th March - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 13th March - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- **Friday 13th - FOW Mother's Day marketplace**
- Tuesday 17th March - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
- Monday 16th - 20th March - Assessment Week
- Wednesday 18th March - IROCK performances for children (1.30pm) and parents (2.30pm)
- **Thursday 19th March - FOW disco**
- Friday 20th March - Comic Relief Day
- Tuesday 24th March - House Point reward treat
- Tuesday 24th - 25th March - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- **Thursday 26th March - Year 6 VE Day Fantastic Finish**
- **Friday 27th March - Enterprise Day 1.40pm**
- Friday 27th March - End of Term 2.15pm

Summer Term

- Monday 13th April - Inset Day
- Tuesday 14th April - Back to School
- Tuesday 14th- 17th April- Pupil progress meetings
- Wednesday 29th - Class Photos
- Monday 11th - 14th May - Key Stage 2 SATS
- Tuesday 19th - 20th May No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Inset Day
- 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
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day 2 Reserved (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Friday 19th June - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June - Hudnall Park
- Friday 26th June - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 PGL
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 14th - 15th July - Year 6 play
- Friday 17th July - End of Year Reports
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term