



Newsletter 1st May 2025

Dear Parents and families,

What a truly lovely week it has been! The sun has been shining, and it's been wonderful to see the children enjoying lots of their lessons outdoors, making the most of the beautiful weather.

Just a reminder that we regularly post photos and updates from the classrooms and various activities on our Facebook and Instagram social media pages. Please do follow us there to stay informed and get a glimpse into the exciting learning happening across the school.

This term, we are delighted to welcome back the Stevenage Borough Football Club coach, who is once again overseeing football games for all classes during lunchtime. It's fantastic to see the children enjoying playing together, developing their football skills and keeping active.

Our summer term programme of after-school enrichment clubs has now started, and it's wonderful to see how popular they are! A huge number of children have signed up to attend at least one club this term, which is fantastic. If your child hasn't yet joined a club and you would like them to be added to a waiting list, please do let our admin team know, as spaces sometimes become available during the term.

Finally, we were incredibly grateful to welcome 6 volunteers from Tesco into school this week for their community morning. They continued the excellent work that previous Tesco volunteers have started, and we are thrilled with how much smarter our main school gates and the wooden fencing in the early years playground are now looking. A huge thank you from all the staff and children for their fantastic support!

We would love to finish both of these painting projects this term and would welcome any parents, grandparents or family members who enjoy a spot of painting. We are short on staff but will be generous with the refreshments to keep you going. We welcome volunteers during the school day. Please contact the admin office if you are able to help us. Many thanks

Next week

Next Thursday, we will be marking a very special occasion in school as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V.E) Day. It will be a day of remembrance, learning, and celebration for all our children.

Leading up to this event, the children have been learning the iconic song 'We Will Meet Again' by Vera Lynn in their classes and during singing assembly. We are very much looking forward to a whole-school performance of this moving song together next Thursday.

In addition, our Year 6 pupils will be showcasing their learning from their recent World War 2 history unit by performing 'The White Cliffs of Dover' and the energetic Lindy Hop dance that they have been learning. It promises to be a fantastic and fitting tribute to this significant historical event.

Following the entertainment, we will be holding a whole-school picnic out on the field, providing a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together as a school community.

To make the day even more special, **next Thursday will be a non-uniform day**, and we encourage all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue clothing to show their patriotic spirit.

For lunchtime on this day, our kitchen will be preparing special VE Day packed lunches for all children who normally have school dinners. Please note that there will be **no hot food options available** on this occasion. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience, but this will allow all children to have a lunch that is easily enjoyed during our picnic on the field.

We are keeping our fingers tightly crossed for a lovely, dry day so that we can all enjoy the celebrations outdoors!

We look forward to a memorable V.E Day with the children next Thursday.

Year 3 Sports Festival at Heathmount School

On Thursday, Year 3 attended a sports festival at Heath Mount school which was organised and run by Year 6 volunteers. The children took part in a range of events such as badminton, netball, hockey, javelin, dodgeball and many more! Everybody had a great time and represented our school very well. A big thank you to our Year 6 sports ambassadors Isabelle and Noah for their hard work to make this event a success.



Interhouse Fun Run Competition

This week, Mr. Ring organized an inter house fun run event at lunchtime (10 minutes per day).

On Monday, children in Blue house managed to accumulate 75 laps of the field.

On Tuesday, Green house managed to accumulate 145 laps of the field.

On Wednesday Red house managed to accumulate 95 laps of the field.

Then finally today, yellow house managed to accumulate 145 laps of the field.

Well done to all the children who took part in the fun run this week.

Green house were awarded 40 house points, Yellow house were awarded 30 house points, Red house were awarded 20 house points and Blue house were awarded 10 house points.

Bug Hotel

We are always looking for ways to enhance our children's learning experiences and connect them with the natural world. With the warmer months approaching and the children's evident interest and fascination with insects and minibeasts, I am delighted to share some exciting news!

Our very own Mr. Tighe has recently been hard at work constructing a fantastic "Bug Hotel" for the school. This wonderful addition is situated in a prime location near the gym equipment, meaning it will be easily accessible for the children to observe and learn from for most of the year. A bug hotel provides a safe and inviting habitat for a variety of insects and small creatures, offering them shelter, a place to breed, and protection from predators. It's a fantastic way for our children to learn about biodiversity, lifecycles, and the important role that even the smallest creatures play in our ecosystem. To make our bug hotel a truly welcoming place for its future residents, we need to fill it with a variety of natural materials. These different materials create diverse nooks and crannies that appeal to different types of bugs. We will be talking to the children about what we can use to fill our bug hotel, and we may even be asking for their help in collecting some items from nature! We are very excited about this new resource and the learning opportunities it will provide for our children. We hope they will enjoy observing the fascinating inhabitants of our bug hotel throughout the seasons.



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<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Freddie - Freddie has been a superstar learner this week. He did some fantastic recall when learning about the lifecycle of frogs! He even told me all about it again the next day! He really impressed us! Well done Freddie!</p> <p>Winnie - Winnie has had a brilliant week this week. She has shown great resilience when facing a challenge and she didn't give up! Amazing work Winnie!</p>	<p>Jacey - Jacey also showed great resilience, when climbing over a bridge. At first she needed help but kept trying until she could do it herself! She was very proud of herself saying 'I did it!!' We were also very proud too! Well done Jacey!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Ada - for working to the best of her ability and sharing her shape knowledge during our group time. Fantastic Ada!</p> <p>Soren - for showing more confidence during our group times this week and contributing his answers. Excellent Soren, keep it up!</p>	<p>Fajar - for playing alongside her peers and joining in with others in her independent play. Great work Fajar!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Eoin - for working to the best of his ability and really wowing us with his independent writing.</p>	<p>Annie - for working to the best of her ability and showing excellent comprehension in guided reading.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Vittori - for working to the best of her ability and being an outstanding role model.</p> <p>Oscar - for showing his love for learning and making great contributions in class.</p>	<p>Tiora - for working to the best of her ability and created a beautiful story in English.</p> <p>Leo - for being an outstanding role model and trying hard with transition times.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Isaac WP - always being well mannered to everyone; friends and adults.</p> <p>Logan - always working to the best of his ability in all lessons.</p>	<p>Penelope - being an outstanding role model at all times.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Charlie - for trying very hard this week to make the right choices and for paying attention to adults.</p>	<p>Eric - for making the right choices and working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Frankie - for showing a love of learning, especially with his reading. Well done Frankie.</p> <p>Lily - for always working to the best of her ability. Well done Lily.</p>	<p>Henry - for working to the best of his ability. I have really noticed an improvement in Henry's efforts this week. Well done Henry.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Penny - for always working to the best of her ability and following the rules in school.</p>	<p>Sam M - For paying attention to all adults and working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Martha - for her love of learning.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Isabelle - for showing a love of learning in her English, being able to produce quality writing in two different genres this week.</p> <p>Charlie - for working to the best of his ability and going the extra mile to produce excellent work.</p>	<p>Carmelita - for showing a love of learning in all subjects, always giving full attention to produce her best outcomes.</p>

This Weeks attendance %

Wilson Class (Reception)	93.2%
Riley Class (Year 1)	98.6%
Blake Class (Year 2)	98.6%
Morris Class (Year 3)	100%
Seurat Class (Year 4)	96.7%
Crosby Class (Year 5)	98.5%
Moore Class (Year 6)	99.1%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.75% / this term 97.75%

Well done to Morris Class for 100% attendance.



SEND Support Resource

Understanding and supporting a neurodivergent child is a journey filled with learning, love, and celebration of their unique strengths. "Neurodivergent" is an umbrella term that describes individuals whose brain processes, way they learn, and/or behaves differently from what is considered typical or "neurotypical." This can include conditions like Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Tourette Syndrome, and others.

Here's a guide to help you navigate this journey and provide the best possible support for your neurodivergent child:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/media-library/documents/resource-area-documents/supporting-your-neurodiverse-child-handbook-pdf-6.6mb.pdf>

It's really important to talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns about how your child is learning, behaving, or interacting. Teachers see the children in a different environment and can offer valuable insights. Early identification of any neurodiversity can make a huge difference in getting your child the right kind of support. Just to be aware, though, even after a referral is made, the waiting times for appointments and assessments can be quite long at the moment - sometimes around two years. This can be frustrating, but getting the ball rolling early is still the best approach so that support can be put in place as soon as it becomes available.

House Points

This week

First place - Yellow House - 528

Second place - Green House - 511

Second place - Blue House - 449

Third place - Red House - 449

Total Scores to date

First place - Yellow House - 1,727

Second place - Green House - 1,702

Third place - Red House - 1,588

Fourth place - Blue House - 1,555

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Jacob S - 27th April

Isabella L - 28th April

Lillie C - 29th April

Grace B - 30th April

Nora E - 30th April

Thomas Y - 1st May

Imogen C - 2nd May

Children Fit For Life Award



We were delighted that as a school we have been awarded the 'Children's Fit For Life' award in recognition of our dedicated to enhancing the physical, emotional and mental well-being of all children in school.

This half term and next half term, we will be awarding special 'Children Fit For Life' pin badges for the boy and girl in each class who are excelling in their daily mile brain breaks in recognition of their efforts.

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:

Frankie and Orla - for being independent with their writing and showing lots of resilience.
Ellis - for being well mannered and always remembering to say please and thank you.

Year 1:

Tyler- for showing resilience in his writing starting to show independence.
Emma- for being creative in her work always.
Lila- for becoming more independent in writing and working well with others on her table.

Year 2:

Isaac H - having pride in his handwriting.
Milly - being creative with clay in our Art lesson.
Amelia A - being creative with clay in our Art lesson.
Sophia - showing resilience in her Guided Reading group & maths lessons this week.

Year 3:

Frankie - for having high aspirations during our benchwork activity.
Verity - for demonstrating resilience throughout all of her lessons this week.
Jess - for showing empathy and kindness to her friend when she was sad.

Year 4:

Erin - for having high aspirations in every lesson. Well done Erin.
Alessia - for taking risks in her learning. Alessia will always 'have a go' at answering questions even if she is unsure. Well done Alessia.
Rose - for being resilient, especially in our maths lessons this week. Well done Rose.

Year 5:

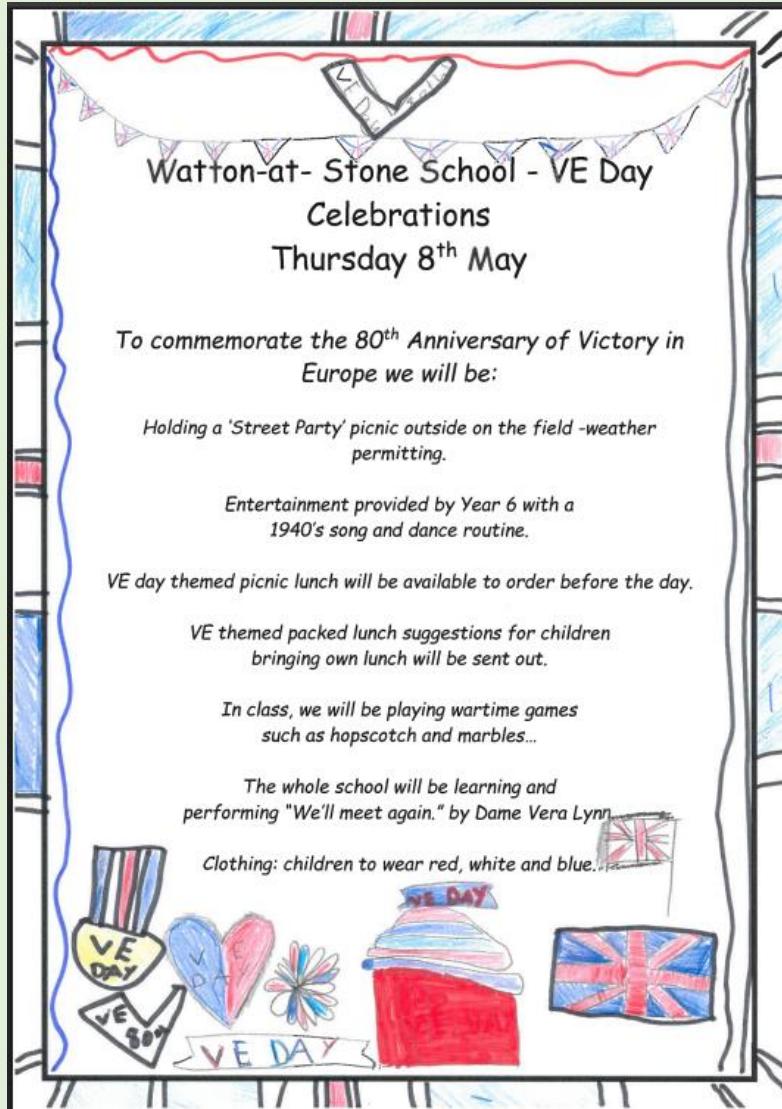
Logan - for being resilient, especially in maths.
Leo - for being respectful in P.E and having high aspirations.
Josh - for having high aspirations and writing in his Knowledge book to help his learning.

Year 6:

Finley S - for showing resilience in reading by overcoming challenges and being determined to succeed.
Noah - for super sportsmanship by showing kindness and empathy to his peers in PE lessons.

80th VE Day Celebrations

On 8th May, the children and staff will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of V.E day with a lunchtime picnic and party.



Friends of Watton Update

HAPPY FRIDAY, EVERYONE. Friends of Watton School are registered with EasyFundraising, which means you can raise **FREE** donations for us whenever you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use EasyFundraising to shop with them - at **no extra cost to yourself!** By utilising the EasyFundraising platform for your online shopping, we have the potential to generate up to **£20,000 per year.**

These donations really **mount up and would make a BIG difference to the school community.** Please take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment.

You can find our EasyFundraising page by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Wishing you all a fabulous bank holiday weekend. [FOW](#)

Watton at Stone Village V.E Day Celebrations

Fun for all the family at the V.E Day event in the community hall. There will also be a 1940's themed fancy dress competition for the children so please support by getting involved if you possibly can.



**WATTON-AT-STONE
VE DAY 80**
A Shared Moment of Celebration

05 MAY 25 2PM - 6PM

**WATTON AT STONE COMMUNITY HALL
SPORTS FIELD**

COMMUNITY 'PICNIC IN THE PARK'
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
BLANKET, CHAIRS, GAZEBO

LIVE MUSIC FROM MISS JONES (VINTAGE SINGER)
CREAM TEAS, LICENSED BAR, PIMMS TENT, CAKE STALL & MORE...
WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO 'HELP FOR HEROES'

*Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future
built on unity, hope and peace*

*Join in the nationwide
VE Day community celebrations!*

2025 WILL MARK THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN EUROPE (VE) DAY. AS IT WAS IN 1945, THE HEART OF THE VE DAY 80 COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS WILL BE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WHILE VE DAY ITSELF IS THE 8TH OF MAY, TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S MOMENTOUS ANNIVERSARY, THE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5TH MAY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS! WE WANT TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR SECOND WORLD WAR VETERANS, HAVING THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ONCE MORE FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES.

Let's make Monday 5th May a day to both remember their efforts and to honour the freedom that VE Day represents.



Watton-at-Stone Primary School

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House, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG

Tue 27th May - Fri 30th May

FULL DAY:
£27 per day
£98 for the week
Year 1 - 7
9AM - 3PM

HALF DAY:
£16 per day
Reception



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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red -new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 5th May - school closed (BANK holiday)
- Thursday 8th May - VE Day celebrations. Non uniform day (red/white and blue clothing)
- Monday 12th - 15th May - Key Stage 2 SATS
- Friday 16th May - Year 6 trip to Henry Moore museum
- Tuesday 20th May - Year 4 STEM day part 2
- Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May - Little Wandle Assessments
- Wednesday 21st -23rd May - Y4 Hudnall Park Trip
- Monday 26th May - 30th May - Half Term
- From 2nd June (for 2 weeks) Year 4 multiplication check for Year 4
- Monday 2nd June - Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd June - Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd June - Year 6 PGL meeting for parents 6pm
- Week beginning 9th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Thursday 5th June - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Tuesday 10th June - Sports Day 1
- Thursday 12th June - Year 4 class assembly 9am
- Tuesday 17th June - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Wednesday 18th June - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Monday 16th - 20th June - Year 6 PGL
- Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day 2 (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Thursday 26th June - Year 3 class assembly 9am
- Friday 27th June - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 30th June - 4th July - Little Wandle Assessments
- Thursday 3rd July at 9am - Year 6 class assembly
- Thursday 3rd July - FOW Playout
- Friday 4th July - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Wednesday 9th July - Reception class trip to Epping Forest
- Monday 7th - 11th July - Assessment Week
- Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 play 6pm

- Wednesday 16th July - End of year reports sent home
- Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 play 6pm
- Wednesday 23rd July - End of Term 2.15pm