



Newsletter 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and families,

Hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend with your families. The highlight of the week for the children were our VE Day 80th celebrations yesterday. It was wonderful to see everyone looking so patriotic in their red, white, and blue clothes. The effort the children (and staff!) put into their outfits truly made the day feel special.

We all enjoyed coming together as a school on the playground for our VE Day entertainment. The atmosphere was fantastic as the whole school sang the classic Vera Lynn song 'We'll Meet Again'. A particular highlight was the Year 6 children's performance of the Lindy Hop and 'The White Cliffs of Dover', which they had been practicing with great enthusiasm.

Following the entertainment, all the children enjoyed a picnic-style lunch on the field together. The weather was kind to us, and it was a lovely opportunity for the children to socialise across year groups and celebrate this important day in a more informal setting.

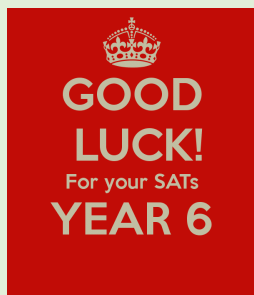
It was a lovely occasion for the children to learn more about the importance of VE Day, helping them to understand the sacrifices made for the peace we enjoy today, and to come together as a school community. We have created a photo gallery towards the end of this newsletter, so please do take a look at the photos to see the day's highlights.

On Thursday, 5 children from Years 3 and 4 went to Presdales school to attend the Boccia Festival. They enjoyed their games of Boccia against other schools in the Hertford and Ware partnership and represented our school really well.

Last week we sent home our intervention letters to show what additional support some children would be receiving this term to support them with their progress. This week, you should have all received a curriculum map for your child's class so that you can see what the children will be learning this term. Perhaps put it somewhere visibly at home so that you can regularly discuss with your child what they have been learning in school.

Next week

Next week, Year 6 will be sitting their end of KS2 SATs tests in reading, mathematics, and grammar/punctuation and spelling. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and positive attitude throughout the year. They have demonstrated great resilience, determination, and a real thirst for learning. We have been really impressed with their efforts, and we know they will do their best. We wish them all the best.



Sports Day

Looking ahead, our annual sports day is not too far away now. The date is Tuesday 10th June, but we also have an alternative date in case of bad weather on 10th June or in the days leading up to this day where the field is too wet. The reserve day is Tuesday 24th June. Our sports day is a full day's event, with the Nursery, Reception and K.S1 children having their event in the morning and the K.S2 children having their event in the afternoon. We will also be having a whole school picnic at lunchtime, which parents and families are welcome to attend. We will provide more details about this event nearer the time, but just wanted you to have the main details at present so that you are aware of both dates.



V.E Day Photo Gallery



Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Bella - Bella has just started Preschool with us and has been a superstar! She has happily explored the Preschool environment, taken part in activities and has got creative! Great job Bella we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Bertie - Bertie has had a brilliant first week at Preschool. He has explored all of Preschool, played with lots of toys, and joined in with our singing and dancing! We are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Orla - Orla has been such a kind friend this week. She has welcomed our new friends and has been really kind to them, looking out for them and helping them settle in at Preschool. We are very proud of you Orla, well done!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Beatrix - for always showing our great to be gold behaviours at school, Beatrix has beautiful manners and sets a fantastic example to everyone around her. Excellent Beatrix!</p>	<p>Louis - for trying hard in our phonics game and identifying some of the sounds we have learnt with independence. Fantastic Louis!</p> <p>Kasey - for showing a love of learning and beginning to write some of the letters in his name. Excellent Kasey!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Archie - for showing a love of learning in phonics and maths and working to the best of his ability this week.</p>	<p>Orla - for showing all of the Great to be Gold behaviours.</p> <p>Charlie - for showing a love of learning and working to the best of his ability this week.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Frankie - for being an outstanding role model and always helping others.</p> <p>Lucia - for showing her love for learning always making class contributions.</p>	<p>Emma - for being an outstanding role model and having good manners.</p> <p>Jack - for showing his love for learning in all subjects.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>George - working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Lucas - constantly making right choices.</p>	<p>Amelia H - for showing a love of learning in all areas.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Daisy - for paying attention to all of the adults and for having good manners.</p> <p>Jasper - for working to the best of his ability during English and for showing a love of learning. We are so impressed with Jasper's writing progress.</p>	<p>Amelia - for being an outstanding role model in Morris class and for always following the school rules.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Ffion - for constantly making the right choices. Ffion knows what is expected of her whether she is in the classroom environment or the playground. Well done Ffion.</p> <p>Ab - for working to the best of his ability. I have really noticed an improvement in Ab's efforts in class. Well done Ab.</p>	<p>Beatriz - for being an outstanding role model. Beatriz is respectful to her peers, works to the best of her ability and has a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done Beatriz.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Leo - for working to the best of his ability - great progress in reading</p> <p>Beau - for her love of learning and always working to the best of her ability.</p>	<p>Josh - for always working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Eddie - for being well mannered and paying attention to all adults.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Eve - has shown a love of learning in all subjects, thinking carefully about how she presents her work, both with her handwriting and her content.</p>	<p>Rose - for meeting all the Great to be Gold criteria; she is a great role model with impeccable manners at all times.</p>

This Weeks attendance %

Wilson Class (Reception)	95.1%
Riley Class (Year 1)	95.3%
Blake Class (Year 2)	100%
Morris Class (Year 3)	92.7%
Seurat Class (Year 4)	99%
Crosby Class (Year 5)	100%
Moore Class (Year 6)	98.9%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.25%
This term 97.49
Well done to Blake and Crosby Class for 100% attendance.



House Points

This week

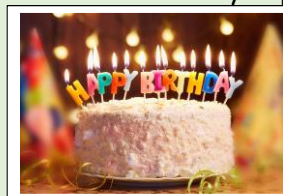
First place - Green House - 322
Second place - Yellow House - 311
Third place - Red House - 307
Fourth place - Blue House - 270

Total Scores to date

First place - Yellow House - 2,038
Second place - Green House - 2,024
Third place - Red House - 1,895
Fourth place - Blue House - 1,825

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Amalia B - 3rd May
George M - 3rd May
Jess P - 4th May
Felicity E - 7th May



Pre-walkers

Baby Group



£1.50
per family

Session Details

Friday 10:00 - 11:30
Beane Valley Family Centre,
Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA

Meet other families with young babies and the Family Support Team in a friendly environment. During this session there will be time to play and discover more about your baby's development as well as support your wellbeing as a new parent.

No booking required!

MORE INFORMATION: hertsfamilycentres.org CALL US ON 0300 123 7572

LITTLE HERTS

YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you



We are here to help you

Our staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times without the risk of threatening behaviour or violence.

This is a reminder that all school staff have the right to feel safe and be treated with respect. While we value open communication, disrespectful or unacceptable behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated. Please use appropriate channels to raise any concerns and engage in constructive dialogue. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a positive environment for our entire school community.

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:

Molly for working well with others.
Benji for being proud of his writing.
George for showing lots of resilience with his writing.

Year 1:

Alfie- for showing kindness and empathy in PE.
Tiora- for having resilience in her handwriting.

Year 2:

Lily - being resilient with her learning especially in guided reading.
Gianni - having high aspirations in English & applying learning from guided reading lessons.
Eliza - having high aspirations in her English learning.

Year 3:

Verity - for having high aspirations and being resilient during our tennis lesson.
Mila - for having high aspirations and being independent during our tennis lesson.
Aiden - for being reflective on VE day.
Francis - for being resilient and showing determination. Francis independently decided to attend homework club at lunch time to work on her reading comprehension.

Year 4:

Olly - for having pride and trying really hard to improve his handwriting. Well done Olly.
Lily - for having high aspirations. This is particularly evident in our maths lessons. Lily tries her hardest to explain her thinking when solving problems. Well done Lily.
Isabella P. - for improving her resilience in our writing lessons and applying the feedback she is given. Well done Isabella.

Year 5:

Isabella - for her resilience in maths.
Martha - for having high aspirations in P.E.
Sam B - for having high aspirations in P.E.

Year 6:

Monty - has shown great resilience this half term with his writing, listening to next steps and applying them to his work to improve the quality with pleasing outcomes.
Christian - for taking risks when he was unsure about learning a dance for VE day and then performing with confidence in front of the whole school.



MAY **HALF-TERM CAMP**

Watton-at-Stone Primary School

Watton-at-Stone Primary School, Watton
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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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at
Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>
Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill



CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY

A Free Range Experience



Camping at Church Farm

At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red –new dates added this week

Summer Term

- **Monday 12th May - Year 1 Infant Agility Sports Event, Sele School**
- 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
- 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 3 class trip to Celtic Harmony**
- 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 Payout
- 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