



Newsletter 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and families,

What a whirlwind the past five weeks have been! With Easter falling later this year, this half-term has been a short one, flying by in a blur of busy classrooms, productive learning, and plenty of fun.

We made a conscious effort to keep the calendar relatively clear this half-term, allowing the teachers to focus on delivering the curriculum and ensuring our pupils continue to make excellent progress. Your children have embraced their learning with enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see their engagement and achievements across all subjects.

As we now move into the second half of this summer term, we are excited to look forward to a variety of enrichment opportunities and events that will add another dimension to the children's learning experiences. Our first event will be Sports Day on Tuesday, 10th June. We are looking forward to a day filled with friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of cheering. More details about the day are in the poster on page 2 of this newsletter.

After Sports Day, we have a packed and exciting schedule ahead, including:

- * The much-anticipated Year 6 residential trip to PGL, offering our oldest pupils a fantastic opportunity for adventure and building independence.
- * Forest School days, allowing children to connect with nature and learn through hands-on outdoor activities.
- * Our innovative No Pens Days, which encourage practical, creative and collaborative learning across the curriculum.
- * Class Assemblies, providing a wonderful platform for each year group to share their learning.
- * Pupil Parliament meeting, where all the children have the opportunity to contribute to the running of our school.
- * The ever-popular Watton's Got Talent show, promising an afternoon of entertainment and showcasing the varied talents of our pupils.
- * Our carefully planned Transition Programme, designed to ensure a smooth and positive move for all children as they prepare for their next year group in September.

We believe these diverse experiences play a vital role in enriching our pupils' education, fostering their personal growth, and creating lasting memories.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to an exciting and fulfilling second half of the summer term.

Year 4 Residential at Hudnall park

I'm delighted that the Year 4's residential trip to Hudnall Park was a resounding success! Our Year 4 children embraced the action-packed agenda with enthusiasm and energy. From the sounds of it, they were kept thoroughly engaged in the great outdoors, building impressive dens, speeding around the go-kart track, creating imaginative environmental sculptures, and developing their teamwork skills through a variety of challenges. It's wonderful to hear about the children throwing themselves into these activities and making lasting memories. I went along to visit them all on Thursday afternoon whilst they were busy making their dens. They were all so happy and having an amazing time. A huge thank you must go to the dedicated staff who made this invaluable experience possible for our Year 4 pupils. Mrs. Gill, Miss Ramirez, and Mrs. Bunce gave up their time and worked tirelessly to ensure the trip was both fun and enriching. Their commitment to providing such opportunities for our children is truly appreciated.

INSET Days

Please note that the children will be returning to school on **Wednesday, 4th June 2025**.

This is because our staff will be participating in two important INSET (In-Service Training) days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd. These training days are invaluable for the professional development of our teachers.

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)

When: 10th June 2025 (reserve date is 24th June)

Where: On the school field

Please ensure that children have their water bottles, a sunhat and are wearing sun cream if it is a hot day. We will have gazebos for the children to sit under but unfortunately, there is no shelter available for spectators.

Followed by:

Family Picnic – 12pm – 1pm (so long as it isn't raining)

Year 1 and 2

The sports events will start at approx. 9.15am and finish at approx 10.30am.

Parents are welcome to walk around with the children whilst they take part in each event.

Children are to come to school dressed in their P.E kits and with t shirts in their house colour.

Please enter the school grounds and exit via the main gate near the school office.

Nursery and Reception classes

The sports events will start at 10.45am and finish at approx. 11.45am.

Parents are welcome to come and support the children whilst they take part in each event.

Children are to come to school dressed in their P.E kits and with t shirts in their house colour (the teachers will send you this information via Marvellous Me).

Please enter the school grounds and exit via the Nursery green gate.

Years 3, 4 5 and 6

The sports events will start at approx. 1.20 and finish at approx. 3pm.

Parents are welcome to walk around with the children whilst they take part in each event.

Children are to come to school dressed in their P.E kits and with t shirts in their house colour.

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Year 4 Residential Trip To Hudnall Park





Yellow Team - House Point Reward

Congratulations to Yellow House who accumulated the most house points this term - a massive congratulations to everyone for their incredible efforts and teamwork!

As a reward for their outstanding achievement, Yellow House had a non uniform day and enjoyed a fantastic sports and games afternoon on Tuesday. The children had a brilliant time with a variety of activities, including rounders for KS2, parachute games, archery, Boccia, and table tennis.

To top it all off, they cooled down with some well-deserved ice lollies. It was a wonderful afternoon celebrating their success!

One more half term to go. Which team will be the winners at the end of this academic year?

Friends of Watton Update

HAPPY FRIDAY! FOW is organising a **clothing collection** on **Friday, June 6th**. Over the **half-term break**, you'll have a **fantastic opportunity** to **declutter your wardrobe** and help **raise funds for the school**. We are looking for **good-quality, intact clothing**, including **shoes and accessories** such as handbags, belts, bras, and hats. The collection company does not accept bedding, curtains, branded uniforms, soft toys, towels, pyjamas, dressing gowns, or underwear. Additionally, torn clothing cannot be accepted. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#)

You can drop off all items at the **bike shed** on **Wednesday, June 4th**, **Thursday, June 5th**, and **Friday, June 6th** (Friday morning only).

The **Dads and Lads Day Shopping Stall** will take place on **Friday 13th June**, in the school hall. Each class will visit the hall in the morning to select **gifts for the special people in their lives**. The committee has worked hard to choose a variety of **suitable, fun, and delicious gifts** for the children to purchase.

Prices range from £1 to £8, and children are allowed to buy **multiple gifts**.

We will need **volunteers to help ensure that the stall runs smoothly**. This fundraiser offers an excellent opportunity for children to independently select gifts for their loved ones, **and it's always heartwarming to see**. If you would like to volunteer, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank you!

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Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Caleb - Caleb started with us this week and has been an absolute star! He has explored all of the Preschool environment independently and has got involved in lots of activities! Fantastic job well done Caleb!</p> <p>Albert M - Albert has done a great job getting involved this week - especially when making his sandwich for our teddy bears picnic! He did a great job at making it all by himself! Well done Albert we are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Grace - Grace has had a really great week. She has been really brave at Preschool, and has been super busy exploring and joining in with her peers at their pretend picnic! Well done Grace - keep it up, we are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Alice - for being a really kind friend and helping someone when they were stuck. Alice always demonstrates our great to be gold behaviours at school. Excellent Alice!</p> <p>Lily - for showing determination when trying to write her name. Great work Lily!</p>	<p>Fajar - for trying really hard in our phonics lessons this week and beginning to name some of the sounds we have learnt independently. Fantastic Fajar!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Aurora - for showing a love of learning in all areas and always working to the best of her ability.</p>	<p>Louis - for paying to attention to all of the adults and always working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Fraser- for working to the best of his ability in all subjects.</p>	<p>Teddy- showing his love for learning using his grapheme mats to help with writing.</p> <p>Hattie- for being an outstanding role model.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Milly- for constantly making the right choices during lessons & being an outstanding role model to others.</p>	<p>Arthur-shows a love of learning & is always well mannered.</p> <p>Eoin- for always working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Aiden - for paying attention to all adults. He demonstrated excellent listening skills during our English lesson where he created a very persuasive radio advert.</p> <p>Hadley - for showing a love of learning and having high aspirations, particularly in maths whilst learning about fraction.</p>	<p>Amelia - for showing a love of learning for our science topic 'forces and magnets' and creating a magnetic game at home.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Year 4 children have been on their residential trip to Hudnall Park since Wednesday. The teachers have been really impressed with their positive behaviour and attitudes but were unable to select just a few children for the Great To Be Gold Award this week.</p>	
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Sam A - for his love of learning in all areas. He always having extra knowledge or an idea to share.</p>	<p>Chloe - for working to the best of her ability. Good use of sticky knowledge, her jotter and her talk partner.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Lexie - for being an outstanding role model to her peers and the younger school community. She consistently demonstrates our Great to be Gold criteria through her actions and words.</p>	<p>Mila - for working to the best of her ability in all subjects. She is always hard working and strives to achieve the highest possible standard in her work.</p>

This Weeks attendance %

Wilson Class (Reception)	99.3%
Riley Class (Year 1)	98.6%
Blake Class (Year 2)	98.9%
Morris Class (Year 3)	96.7%
Seurat Class (Year 4)	99.6%
Crosby Class (Year 5)	97.4%
Moore Class (Year 6)	96.4%

Whole School Attendance this week 98.17%

Whole School Attendance this term 97.68%



House Points

This week

First place - Yellow House - 423

Second place - Green House - 402

Joint third place - Red House - 375

Joint third place - Blue House - 375

Birthdays this week and In Half

Term Holiday

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Leo D - 18th May

Tyler O'Neil - 19th May

Beau DS - 21st May

Jasper GO - 22nd May

Riley E - 25th May

Lexie L - 25th May

Francis R - 25th May

Ella K - 26th May

Toby G - 27th May

Isla H - 2nd June

Kayden C - 3rd June

An online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



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Half Term Holiday Homework

We believe it's incredibly important for children to have a proper rest during the holidays. School life can be demanding, and this time away from the classroom allows them to recharge, pursue other interests, and simply be children. Therefore, we will not be setting any additional homework tasks for the upcoming holiday.

However, the one area we do encourage children to continue with is reading. Developing strong reading skills is crucial for all areas of learning, and regular practice, even for short periods, can make a significant difference. Please do encourage your child to read for pleasure over the break, whether it's books from home, the library, or even comics and magazines. Every bit helps!

Finally, for those children who may have outstanding tasks from this half-term's set homework, the holiday can be a great opportunity to complete these. There's no pressure to do so, but if your child wishes to catch up, they are very welcome to bring in any completed work to show their teacher when we return.

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:

Lilli - for being independent with her writing and showing lots of resilience.

Hettie - for being creative and taking lots of care with her drawings.

Year 1:

Aurelia- working well with others helping the MSA's.

Olivia- taking risks with her writing in English.

William - for showing resilience in his learning.

Year 2:

Henry - for being independent with his learning and for coaching his peers in Maths lessons.

Logan - for showing resilience in the classroom & working well with others.

Freddie - for being independent & resilient with Maths & English learning.

Year 3:

Francis - for having high aspirations during our rapid fire cricket lesson.

Eric - for having high aspirations during our triple jump PE lesson.

Mila - for demonstrating resilience during a maths lesson.

Year 4:

All of the year 4 children have been awarded a Headteacher award this week. They have demonstrated key values of resilience, working with others, showed curiosity, taken risks, been respectful and creative. A fantastic residential trip and we are all very proud of you.

Year 5:

Gracie - for her progress in developing batting skills and supporting different teams.

Verity - for her empathy and kindness.

Year 6:

Dex - for being resilient by persevering when he finds things challenging and always maintaining a positive outlook.

Monty - for taking risks in PE

Erin - for having pride in her work. Erin takes responsibility for her work and finds satisfaction in a job well done.



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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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red -new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 26th May - 30th May - Half Term
- Monday 2nd June - Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd June - Inset Day
- From 2nd June (for 2 weeks) Year 4 multiplication check for Year 4
- Tuesday 3rd June - Year 6 PGL meeting for parents 6pm
- Wednesday 4th June - Fire Brigade safety assembly
- Thursday 5th June - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Friday 6th June - FOW clothing collection
- Week beginning 9th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Tuesday 10th June - Sports Day 1
- Thursday 12th June - Year 3 class trip to Celtic Harmony
- Thursday 12th June - Year 4 class assembly 9am
- Friday 13th June - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 16th - 20th June - Year 6 PGL
- Tuesday 17th June - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Wednesday 18th June - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Monday 23rd June - New to Nursery class (September 2025) parent meeting 6pm
- 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
- Thursday 26th June - New to Reception class (September 2025) parent meeting 6pm
- 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
- Wednesday 9th July - Reception class trip to Epping Forest
- **Thursday 10th July - Moving up to new classes (morning only)**
- **Monday 7th - 11th July - Assessment Week**
- **Tuesday 15th July - Moving up to new classes (morning only)**

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- 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 - Year 6 leavers service in church
- Wednesday 23rd July - End of Term 2.15pm