



Newsletter 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing May half-term holiday. We were certainly blessed with some gorgeous weather—even if it did feel a little too hot on a few of the days! I trust you had some great quality family time and managed to find creative ways to keep the children busy, entertained, and cool in the heat.

It has been a fairly quiet week, allowing everyone to settle back into their day to day routines smoothly. This final half-term of the academic year is always a long and busy one, so it is important that we all pace ourselves for the weeks ahead.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our fingers firmly crossed that our annual Sports Day (for children in Nursery to Years 6) will be able to take place on Tuesday. As always, this is entirely dependent on the weather, as we require a dry field to set up on Monday afternoon as well as a dry day on Tuesday so that the children can compete safely. We will make a final decision on Monday (as the weather forecast keeps changing) and will let you know if we need to postpone the event. If a postponement is necessary, our back-up date is Tuesday 16th June. The Pre school children are due to have their sports day on Thursday 11th June and their reserve date is Thursday 18th June. For more details, please see the information on p3 of this newsletter.

We have an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks ahead of us, with lots of activities, trips, and events planned for the children. In terms of trips and residential visits, we have class excursions to Celtic Harmony and Lee Valley Park, alongside the highly anticipated Year 4 residential to Hudnell Park and the Year 6 residential to PGL in Grantham. For academic and safety enrichment, the children will be participating in the Year 5/6 K'NEX Challenge and the vital Year 6 Crucial Crew workshops.

Our school community has plenty of fun to look forward to as well, including the Friends of Watton Father's Day Stall, the Summer Payout, District Sports, and our very own Watton's Got Talent showcase. Finally, as we approach the end of the summer term, we will be supporting the children through our Transition Programme as they prepare for their new classes, and we look forward to celebrating with the Year 6 Leavers' Performance, which will be wonderfully supported by Year 5.

There is so much to do and look forward to as we celebrate the final weeks of this school year. Thank you, as

Class Photos

As you know, our children recently had their class photographs taken. Whilst we were pleased with the quality of the majority of the group photos, unfortunately, a small number did not meet our usual high standards.

We want to ensure you have a keepsake you can cherish, so we have liaised directly with the photography company regarding this. They have kindly agreed to return to school to retake all class photos.

The new date for these photographs is Thursday 18th June. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart in their full school uniform on this day.

Named Jumpers/Fleeces and Cardigans

With the warmer weather, many of our children are removing their jumpers, cardigans, and fleeces during playtime and lunchtime. Unfortunately, a large number of these items are completely unnamed. When left on the playground or field, it becomes impossible for staff to return them to the correct child. Currently, all unlabelled items are being hung up in the dining room for children and parents to check. Please take a moment over the coming days to ensure **all** of your child's school uniform is clearly named. Any items left unclaimed in the dining room at the end of term will be placed into our uniform give-away at the end of this term.

Sad Farewells

This week, we also say a very fond farewell and a huge thank you to Peter Crossley, who is retiring from teaching guitar in our school. Peter has been teaching guitar lessons to children at our school for the last 16 years. During this time, he has inspired a love of music in countless children and has been an integral part of our school community. We wish him a very long, happy, and well-deserved retirement!

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce that Tom Hollylee will be taking over the role as our new guitar teacher. Tom comes highly recommended, and he has been in school this week undertaking a thorough handover with Peter to ensure a smooth transition for all of our young musicians. We are excited to welcome him to our team.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Jolley who has made the decision to retire from her role after an incredible 30 years of dedicated service to our school community.

Mrs Jolley first joined our school back in 1996. Over the last three decades, she has been a pillar of our community, supporting our children and staff in almost every way possible. She has taken on roles as an admin assistant, a teaching assistant in classes, and ensured that our lunchtimes ran smoothly as our lead Midday Supervisory Assistant. Her devotion has left a lasting mark on generations of children.

As many of you know, Mrs Jolley recently returned to school following a brave battle with illness. We were absolutely thrilled to have her back with us. However, following further health challenges, she has understandably decided that now is the right time to step down and focus on her health and retirement. She will be missed by both the staff and the children, to whom she has given so much care.

I am certain that you will all join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to both Mrs Jolley and Peter Crossley for their exceptional service to our school. We wish them both a very long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **96.24 %**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.97 %**

A huge well done to Riley Class for being our "Attendance Champions" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	93.8 %	↓ Declining Attendance
Riley Class (Year 1)	99.1 %	🏆 Attendance Champions
Blake Class (Year 2)	96.5 %	📈 Most Improved
Morris Class (Year 3)	93.1 %	↓ Declining Attendance
Seurat Class (Year 4)	97.4 %	🌟 On Track
Crosby Class (Year 5)	96.5 %	↓ Declining Attendance
Moore Class (Year 6)	97.3 %	🌟 On Track

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.

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)

When: 9th June 2026 (reserve date is 16th 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.

Lunchtime arrangements:

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

<u>Year 1 and 2</u>	<u>Nursery and Reception</u>	<u>Years 3, 4 5 and 6</u>
Their sports events will start at approx. 9.15am and finish at approx. 10.30am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 10.45am and finish at approx. 11.45am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 1.30 <u>and</u> finish at approx. 3pm.

- Parents are welcome to walk around with the children whilst they take part in the team events.
- Parents are kindly asked to remain in the seated areas when the children are running in the sprint events.
- 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.
- Toilets – available for the elderly, infirm or for young children. Please go to the admin office.
- Toilets are also available at the community centre which is only a short walk from the school.
 - Main gate will be unlocked all day but manned by a member of school staff.

Pre school sports day will be held in the pre school/children Centre gardens on Thursday 11th June and with a reserve date of Thursday 18th June. More information to follow nearer the time.

Online Safety Talks for Children and Parents

On Wednesday 24th June, we are pleased to host a vital session for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, led by a Hertfordshire Constabulary Cyber Protect and Prevention Officer.

The children will participate in a workshop during the afternoon, designed to engage them in thinking about their digital footprints. To ensure parents are equally informed, there will be a dedicated online session at 6 pm on the same day. We strongly encourage as many Year 5 and Year 6 parents as possible to log in and listen. The focus of these sessions is to highlight the types of illegal online activity children can inadvertently become involved in, ensuring both parents and children understand the serious real-world impact and legal repercussions of such actions. Furthermore, the sessions will emphasise constructive and positive ways for our children to apply their technical interests and talents for the future.

A Note on Smartphones

In line with our commitment to the children's well-being, we would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement.

As a school, we support the recommendation that parents wait until their child is at least 14 years old before providing them with a smartphone. Delaying access to these devices can significantly help protect children from the pressures of social media, reduce the risks of online harm, and support their emotional and social development during these formative years.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/349844913999413?p=hz1Ds88R6Q7DsrToon>

Meeting ID: 349 844 913 999 413

Passcode: 2hF739CS



House Points

This week

First place - Yellow House - 301

Second place - Blue House - 284

Third place - Red House - 282

Fourth place - Green House - 260

This Half Term

First place - Yellow House - 617

Second place - Red House - 603

Joint Third place - Blue and Green House - 582

iRock

SPACES NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER!

At iRock, children experience the excitement of being in a real band, learning instruments, playing songs they love and building confidence through music. Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, our fun and inclusive in-school sessions help children develop teamwork, resilience and musical skills in a supportive environment. Every term ends with a live concert performance for family and friends, giving children the chance to shine like real rockstars and celebrate everything they've achieved!

Ciao everyone!

This week we're asking for volunteers for Fathers Day stalls and the upcoming playout



Fathers Day Gift Stalls: 19th June Calling for volunteers!

We still need some volunteers to help us run stalls with gifts for Fathers Day. We'll need you for any time you can spare between **8:45am - 11:30am (you don't need to do the whole slot!)**

If you can help for an hour, please let us know either via an email to the school, or on the class whatsapp.

Or if you'd like to take a look at the jobs we need doing, you'll find them at
<https://volunteersignup.org/TJTRA>

Playout 16th July Calling for volunteers!



We are also in need of volunteers to help support the summer playout. This will be for **3:20pm - 4:45pm (you don't need to do the whole slot!)**

If you can help, again please let us know either via an email to the school, or on the class whatsapp, or take a look at the jobs at
<https://volunteersignup.org/K3TYX>

DATCHWORTH GIRLS RUGBY



Have fun, build confidence
and make new friends!

every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm
from Wed 10th June

for girls aged 7+
no experience necessary!

email: girlsrugby@datchworthsportsclub.com



or register
here

Birthdays this week and During The Half Term Holiday

We wish these children a very happy birthday



- Riley E - 25th May
- Lexie L - 25th May
- Francis R - 25th May
- Ella K - 26th May
- Toby G - 27th May
- Isla S - 30th May
- Oliver B - 31st May
- Kayden C - 3rd June
- Eric T - 3rd June
- Poppy C - 4th June
- Vittori M - 4th June
- Aila G - 5th June

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

ON MONDAY

WE ARE GOING TO DO
SOME CRAFTS!



BOOK
ON BOARD

COME ALONG,
HAVE FUN AND
GET CREATIVE!

LIMITED
SLOTS

TO AVOID
MISSING OUT!

HERTFORDSHIRE SEND RECRUITMENT EVENT

Meet employers from:

- Hertfordshire County Council
- Teach in Herts
- Social Care Services
- Health
- Charities that support Children and Young People
- Other support services in Hertfordshire

Are you interested in making a real difference to the lives of children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND)?



Event details:
17th June 2026 1pm and 4pm
Fielder Centre, Hatfield, AL10 9TP



Book your place today!



Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Bodhi - Has done brilliantly this week with a personal challenge of his. We are super proud of you. Keep it up!</p> <p>Ezra - Has done really well coming into Preschool this week, settling quickly and choosing where he wants to begin his play. We are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Bella - Has come back with confidence, and has been really chatty this week, talking to the grown ups about what she has been doing in the half term and what she is up to when exploring the Preschool! We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Camille - for always showing our great to be gold behaviours at school. This week we have focusing on manners and Camille has been particularly polite to adults without being asked. Excellent Camille!</p> <p>Freddie - for always working to the best of his ability; Freddie has really impressed us during phonics lessons in school but has also been working really hard on his phonics at home as well. Fantastic Freddie!</p>	<p>Leo - for making a really positive start to the new half term; Leo has worked hard to listen to the adults and has really impressed us with his running while practicing for sports day! Great work Leo, keep it up!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Nate - for always being well-mannered by saying please and thank you.</p> <p>Ella - for working to the best of her ability.</p>	<p>Louis - for showing a love of learning and working to the best of his ability, especially with his writing.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Leo - for always following the rules in school.</p> <p>Eva -for constantly making the right choices.</p>	<p>Annie - for always working to the best of her ability.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Leo - for making good choices and for being polite, holding the door open for others.</p>	<p>Lucia - for being an outstanding role model.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Isaac H - for being an outstanding role model and always being well mannered at all times.</p>	<p>Harlen - working to the best of his ability in all subjects.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Amelia - for paying attention to all adults and working to the best of her ability in producing great pieces of work.</p>	<p>Francis - for paying attention to all adults and taking on board what they say to improve her understanding.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Bettie - for always working to the best of her ability and listening to all adults</p>	<p>Henry - for working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Eliza - for having impeccable manners and always coming to school with an amazing attitude and wonderful sunny disposition - a real delight to see first thing in the morning.</p>	<p>Bobby - for meeting the GTBG criteria daily, a wonderful, polite, hard working, super role model that every class should have! A real pleasure.</p> <p>Gracie - for showing a love of learning in English this week, she is enjoying retelling the story of Alma.</p>

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:

Amalia - for having high aspirations, especially with her reading.

Faye - for being our 'star writer' by showing high aspirations and reflecting on what she has written.

Beatrix - for being creative with her Jack and the Beanstalk story and taking pride.

Year 1:

Eoin - for showing empathy and kindness to his friends.

Ronnie- for having high aspirations with his learning in his first week in year 1!

Hudson - is this week's 'star writer' for his effort with his handwriting.

Year 2:

Vittori - is our 'star writer' for taking pride in her handwriting and applying spelling rules to her independent work.

Aila - for always being respectful when working with others.

Year 3:

Eoin- is our 'star writer' by working hard on his pencil grip and handwriting.

George- for having independence and being resilient in all his learning.

Year 4:

Nathan - for taking risks and being resilient in swimming showing improvement each week.

Frankie - for being more independent and resilient in maths with good results.

Hadley - is our 'star writer' for carrying out thoughtful editing and proof reading in his work this week.

Year 5:

Logan - for his great team work in P.E.

Louis - for having high aspirations in P.E.

Rosie - for being a great team member in P.E.

Alessia - is this weeks 'star writer' for her creative writing in English this week.

Lily H - for having high aspirations.

Year 6:

Imogen for showing resilience when writing, listening to next steps and suggested improvement and always acting upon them without being reminded.

Erin - for having high aspirations in all that she does, every piece of work is showing progress from the last piece.

Isabella - this weeks 'star writer', for clearly using the success criteria and scaffolds given in order to produce her best work.

FREE Courses for Parents

We are now taking bookings for our Autumn Term Courses

These are all funded by Herts County Council so are free for parents to attend.

6 Week Courses

Delivered by trainers with personal and professional experience of the difficulties parents face. These courses are practical and usable, not just idealistic theory.

Talking Additional Needs

For parents of children with any additional need, no diagnosis needed.

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

15th September to 20th October
ONLINE (ages 10-19) - Course ID **864**

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am

3rd November to 8th December
ONLINE (ages 2-19)- Course ID **859**

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm

4th November to 9th December
Face-to-Face (ages 2-19) - Course ID **858**
Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead



Talking Families

For parents of children under 12

Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm

17th September to 22nd October
ONLINE - Course ID **861**

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am

4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID **860**



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Talking Teens

For parents of children 12-19

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

16th September to 21st October
ONLINE - Course ID **865**



Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID **866**

Talking Dads

For dads and male carers of children of all ages

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

16th September to 21st October
ONLINE - Course ID **867**



Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm

3rd November to 8th December
ONLINE - Course ID **868**

Talking Anxiety

For parents of children struggling with worries or anxiety aged 3-19

Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm

4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID **862**



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Talking Anger in Teens



For parents of children struggling to manage their anger aged 11-19

Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm

15th September to 20th October

ONLINE - Course ID **863**

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709 556

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you.

Professionals can contact us for priority places for parents they are working with.

Details of the course content are on our **flyers**, which are available in PDF and PNG (picture) formats

Full details are also on our

website. <https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>

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We also have a number of short online **workshops** running the Summer and Autumn terms. Places can be booked through **Eventbrite**.

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Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Tuesday 9th June - Sports Day 1
- Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 and 6 KNEX challenge
- **Thursday 11th June - Pre school Sports Day**
- Thursday 11th June - Year 6 trip to Watkins Farm
- Friday 12th June - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day 2 (reserved in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 3 class trip to Celtic Harmony
- Thursday 18th June - Class photos
- Thursday 18th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm start (Morgan's Primary School)

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- Thursday 18th June - Pre school Sports Day 2 (reserved in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Friday 19th June - FOW Father's day marketplace
- Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June - Year 4 residential trip to Hudnall Park
- Wednesday 24th June - Year 5/6 Online safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 1.30pm
- Wednesday 24th June - Parents Online Safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 6pm
- Thursday 25th June - Peter Pan drama workshop Nursery - Year 2
- Thursday 25th June - District Sports
- Thursday 25th June - Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 26th June - Pupil Parliament Meetings
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 residential trip to PGL
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- Thursday 2nd July - New to Reception parent meeting 6pm
- Monday 6th July - New to Nursery parent meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 8th July - Choir performance to parents (during the after school club session)
- Thursday 9th July - Whole school 'Move Up To New Classes' (morning only) and Year 6 transition day to their secondary schools
- Friday 10th July - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 End of Year Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Monday 13th July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 3.20pm
- Tuesday 14th July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 8.45am
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - 'Move Up To New Classes' part 2
- Wednesday 15th July - IRock performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 performance to parents 6pm
- Thursday 16th July - Year 6 class assembly 9am
- Thursday 16th July - F.O.W Summer Playout
- Friday 17th July - End of year reports sent home
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm