

Watlington Newsletter March 3



Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another action packed fortnight with so much on offer for our pupils, with an added bonus of the sunshine!

Year 3 and 4 were invited to visit the library in Watlington to meet author of May's Moon, Sue Palmer. Both classes loved the visit and have been inspired to find out more about careers in space! A huge thank you to the Watlington library team for inviting us to such an engaging workshop.

Years 1 - 4 have taken part in a problem solving sessions, where children had to work in teams to solve a range of problems. This was a fun and engaging activity to test our team skills!

Year 5 and 6 residential was another super experience for our older pupils. They had the chance to access a range of exciting experiences including giant swings, shelter building, abseiling and fire-lighting. Of course, when asked, most children have commented on the food, which is always a highlight of a PGL adventure! A huge thank you to the staff who go above and beyond to organise these experiences for our children. It really is appreciated.

The Hedgehogs' class assembly was a lovely showcase of what they have been learning this year. I was very impressed by their recall of the focus text, 'Pip and the Egg', counting in twos and sign language skills!

Year 6 have visited the Junior Citizens Trust in Oxford this week. They had the opportunity to become immersed in a range of safety scenarios, including calling the emergency services.

Next week is STEM week, focusing on design and technology. Each class has been set a range of tasks including a DT project, a lesson on an inspiring scientist and a Science Oxford Big Talk lesson. More on STEM week in the next newsletter.

To enhance the curriculum further, duckling eggs arrived this week! All of the classes have enjoyed watching the ducklings hatch and we now have 5 lovely new members of our school community just in time for Easter!

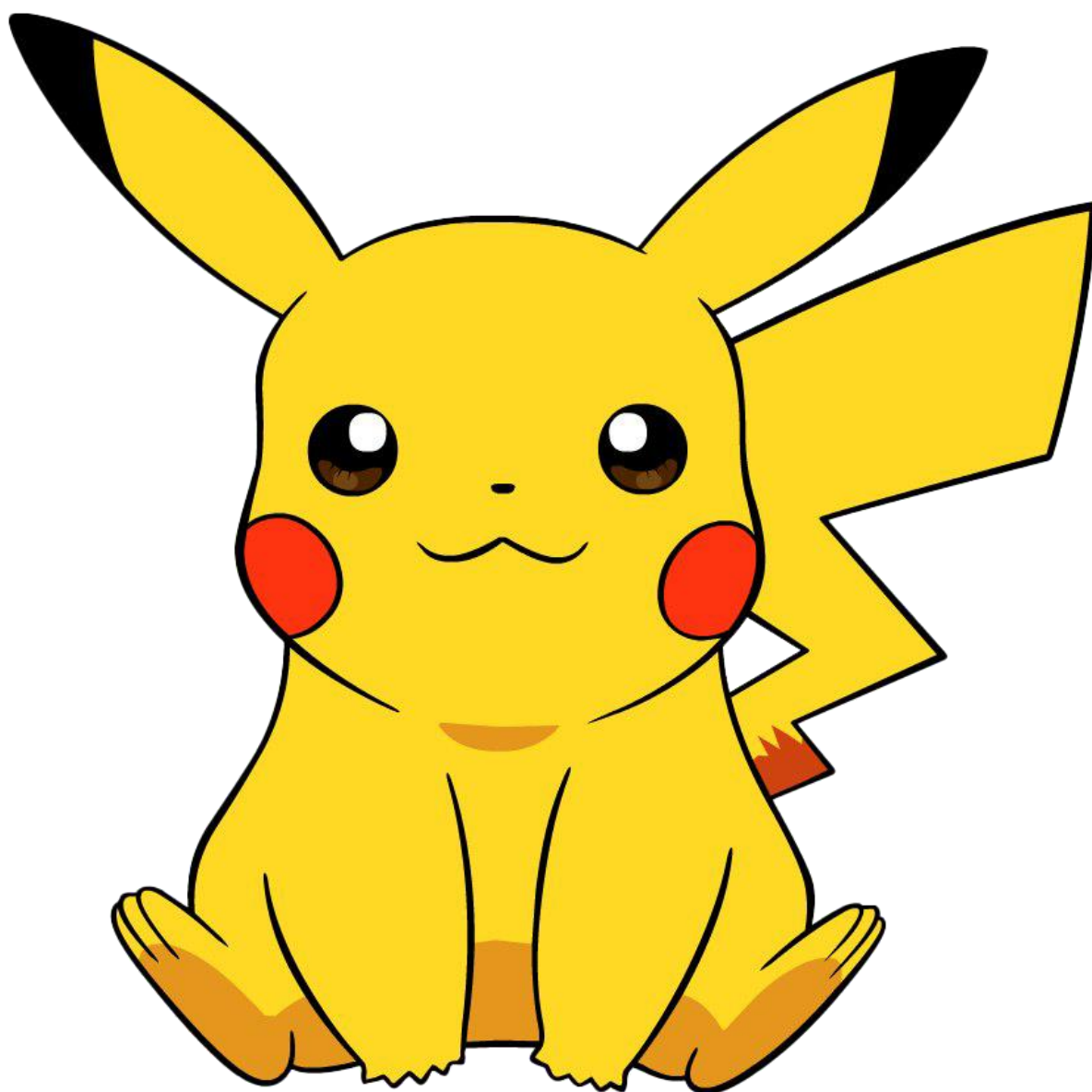
Let's hope the sunshine continues.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo



Pokemon



Pokemon is a current craze in school, engaging so many children. We are pleased to support crazes however when they begin to impact on behaviour and well being at break and lunch times, we are now having to review the use of cards in school. At present, we are happy for Pokemon cards to come into school however you do so at your own risk. If you child is bringing cards into school, they should be responsible for their own cards and any trading that happens. Please speak to your children about this.

We will continue to monitor the current trend, and if problems continue to rise, cards will be banned. Thank you for your support.

Miss Sharman's Marathon!

Miss Sharman is donning her running trainers and running the London Marathon once again this April. This will be her third marathon and we want her to know the whole school is behind her as she tackles this amazing feat! The big day is Sunday 27th April - keep your eyes out for her on the TV that day!

To encourage her on her way, we are sharing her JustGiving page, where donations can be made for Alzheimer's Research UK, a very worthy charity. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [here](#).

Go Miss Sharman, go!

Sports Update



On Tuesday 25th March we went to Wheatley Park school to compete against RAF Benson, Benson, Didcot, Sonning Common, Goring, Garsington and North Bourne. There were lots of events we had to compete in including: obstacle course, mini marathon (3 laps each), relays, over and under races. We also did some field events including vertical jump, triple jump, javelin, speed bounce and chest push. We went into the competition with determination and resilience. We kept on going even though things weren't the best. We came 8/8 but had

to beat 20 other schools to even get there in the first place so we actually came 8/28. Sonning Common came 1st winning every race apart from one. We lost two key players: Ronnie and Oskar. But luckily Griff stepped in to help our team. Well done to all the Y5 and Y6 who competed in this competition, we did really well getting into the final in the first place. We also want to say thank you to all of the staff involved: Mrs Sterjo and Mr Murton and most importantly Mrs Sharman for running athletics club before Christmas and for organising it.

By Adam, Harriet and Georgia.

PTA update

Well done to all our 21 Day Challengers!! I'm so pleased that so many of the kids took part in the challenge and stuck with it to the very end. It's a huge accomplishment and even if they didn't make the whole 21 Days, there are still many positives to take away from this as well as the chance to improve on next year. Please can all sponsorship monies be all handed into the office via envelope with name and class or by bank transfer to Watlington Parent Teacher Association sort 30-98-56 ac 00927461 ref 21 and class name, by Monday 31st March

Friday 4th April – Easter Trail

Tickets are on sale for the Easter Trail!!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta>

Not only do we have KS1 and 2 trails, refreshments, face painting, sunshine* and a ton of eggs but we also have Chloe's Mobile Petting Farm to keep the kids entertained. So get your tickets and join us at the rec from 1.15pm. You can also sign up to volunteer on the day and help us to make the event a special one with cake donation or some of your time.

*(Sunshine? Who am I kidding - other weather options are available on the day)

STILL TO COME...

****NEW EVENT ***

Thursday 22nd May – Movie Night

More movie night magic at school. More on this after Easter holidays

Saturday 28th June – Watlington Midsummer Event

This is a new Watlington event you may have heard about – think the Christmas Market, but less Christmassy and a lot warmer!! To support, we will be having a stall in the Paddock behind the library along with other children's entertainment and I believe a dog show. More on this to come on the socials but looking like a great event for Watlington.

Friday 11th July – Summer Fete

Yes, we are already planning our last hurrah of the year! Date is set. Bouncy is booked. Beer is brewing.

More details to follow so save the date!!

As always follow us for updates on the socials!!

Have a lovely Easter Holiday!!!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Attendance



Our target is 97%

We are currently at 96.1%! We might reach our target by the end of the term!

Please note we are not able to authorise term time holidays.

A friendly reminder to arrive on time to collect your children. If late, your child may have to attend after school club, which you will be charged for.



Dates (this section is regularly updated)



- Monday 31st March: STEM week
- Wednesday 2nd April: Vision screening for Reception children
- Friday 4th April: School finishes at 1.15pm
- Friday 4th April: PTA Easter trail
- **Tuesday 22nd April: Term 5 starts**
- Friday 2nd May, 2.30pm: Owls class assembly (Year 2 parents)
- Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May: Year 6 SATS week
- Friday 23rd May, 2.30pm: Open afternoon (all year groups)
- Friday 23rd May: Term 5 ends at 3.15pm (3pm for Robins)
- **Monday 2nd June: Term 6 starts**
- Friday 27th June: Sports morning (Years 1 - 6)
- Saturday 28th June: PTA Midsummer event
- Thursday 3rd July: Sheldonian performance (Years 4,5 and 6)
- Friday 11th July: PTA summer fete

Sheldonian Performance on Thursday 3rd July



Years 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, in the evening as part of an Acer Trust musical collaboration.

Due to the number of children performing it is likely that audience tickets will be limited to two per performer.

More detail to follow closer to the event.



Assemblies and open afternoons 2024-2025

| Class | Class assembly date – Friday 2:30pm |
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| Golden Eagles | Friday 15 th November 2024 |
| Red Kites | Friday 7 th February 2025 |
| Badgers | Friday 6 th December 2024 |
| Owls | Friday 2 nd May 2025 |
| Bats | Friday 6 th June 2025 |
| Foxes | Friday 20 th June 2025 |
| Hedgehogs | Friday 21 st March 2025 |

| Open Afternoons linked to theme weeks |
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| Thursday 10 th October |
| Wednesday 26 th March |
| Friday 23 rd May 2.30pm |

| Celebration Assemblies – Friday 2:30pm |
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| Term 1 - Friday 27 th September |
| Term 2 – Friday 8 th November |
| Term 3 – Friday 24 th January |
| Term 4 - Friday 7 th March |
| Term 5 Friday 25 th April |
| Term 6 Monday 21 st July |
| Term 6 Tuesday 22 nd July |

Click [here](#) for future term dates.

Golds



Red Kites: Freddie

Foxes: Hector

Owls: Alex, Eliza and Archie

Easter Camp at Watlington



WR SPORTS EASTER CAMP

7th - 17th April

MULTI SPORTS AND FOOTBALL CAMPS

Join us this Easter Holiday for 2 weeks of action-packed fun across both our Football and Multi sports camps!!

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Ages 4 - 12

ACTIVITIES

Football Basketball
Cricket Arts & Crafts
Gymnastics Tennis
Dodgeball Badminton
PLUS SO MUCH MORE

LOCATIONS:
OXFORD: *The Swan School*
WATLINGTON *Primary School*
WHEATLEY *Park School*
BRACKLEY *Leisure Centre*



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