

# Watlington Newsletter December 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the full swing of Christmas events, with 19 sleeps until Christmas day!

The Christmas disco was a huge success including a dance competition, sweets, sparkles and lots of hair gel! Thank you to the PTA for organising.

The choir were wonderful representing the school at the Big Christmas Sing in Oxford on Thursday last week. They sang as part of a massed choir, with a wonderful choir performance of Mele Kalikimaka.

Thank you to Mrs Tanner for organising the visit, to Katy Fox for leading the choir, as well as Liz Acaster and Jenny Smith for their support during rehearsals.

What a wonderful way to end last week with a live theatre performance of Peter Pan! Reception to Year 6 enjoyed the show with an impromptu dance off between Miss Sharman and Mr Chadd!

Well done to the Badgers class on a wonderful class assembly. I particularly enjoyed their festive finish of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer using sign language.

A lovely Christmas story. In the last newsletter, I mentioned that Mrs Doran was leaving to have her baby on the Friday. Well, we are very pleased to announce that Mrs Doran had her baby on her final day, the Friday! A huge Watlington welcome to baby Archie Oliver Doran. We wish Mrs Doran and her family well during this lovely time!

Next week we are looking forward to a whole school community performance of The Snowman, with the Icknield community orchestra, Foundation Stage Nativity and the Key Stage One trip to Windsor castle.

Finally, please bring in Christmas cards from Monday. They can be posted in the school post box and the elves will make sure they get to the right people. Please make sure you indicate the child's name and class.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo





School Council



Thank you to our school council who decorated our Christmas tree at the church on behalf of the school who have been busy creating 'traditional tales' themed decorations. Our tree will be displayed as part of the Christmas tree festival at St Leonard's church. Please do try to visit over the Christmas break, as it is a lovely community event, and the children love it!



## Sports update

On the 25th November, several members from Year 6, played a friendly football match against Chalgrove Primary School. We played our best but we sadly lost from a penalty by a marginal 1-0 to Chalgrove.

Special recognition goes to Elliot and Ben C because they defended really well.

It was intense skills wise. Credit to Chalgrove for scoring that penalty that we as a team conceded. The positions were, Oliver up front, Elliot and Ben in defence and Luka, Abbey and Olivia. Then Kyan, Rex and Margot in mid field, last but not least, Albert and Noah in goal.

Written by Oliver F and Kyan (Year 6)

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The swimming gala was so much fun and we got to swim lots of lengths. We won two swims with Libby and Elsie, Sam drew with a pupil from another school, and we won the relay (Wren, Katie, Elsie and Libby)

Written by Katie and Sam (Year 4)



## Attendance



Excellent attendance habits start now! We are currently at 95.7%. Owls class have taken the lead and now have the highest attendance so far this year, with Red Kites now a close second.

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



1 - A gentle reminder that children should be in school on their birthdays!

*If you keep them at home on their birthday with 'illness', this results in over 1 week of school missed during their time with us!*



Parents are reminded of the following pick up times from after school clubs. Please ensure you are here on time to collect your child.

Choir 4pm



Yoga and Mindfulness **4pm**

Christmas Club **4pm**

Athletics Club **4.15pm**

Netball Club **4.15pm**

Little Masters **4.30pm**

Gymnastics **4.15pm**

Football **4.15pm**

Multi sports **4.15pm**



## School Library News



Firstly, Thanks to everyone who came to the Reading Cafe and bought some of our pre-loved books. We raised £48.50 which will be spent on new books for the KS1 & KS2 libraries.

Also, a HUGE “Thank you” to all of the parents who have kindly donated books over the last few months. It makes an enormous difference. As you know we rely solely on donations and fundraising so it is very much appreciated. A special mention to the following families: Bew, Shields, Nicholas, Acaster, Britt, Fox and Clutterbuck

Also, The Woolf family who continue to buy/donate new books from our Amazon wish list on a regular basis.

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If you would like to donate any pre loved books, audiobooks or purchase new books we would be delighted to receive them.

Here is the link to the recently updated children's ‘Wish List’ - select ‘unpurchased items’.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OV8WH7TKOHZZ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OV8WH7TKOHZZ?ref=wl_share)

For anyone who would prefer to shop local we have a new online account with Thame Bookshop. Here is the link for your donation page on The Book House website and QR code for the same

<https://shop.thebookhousethame.co.uk/collections/watlington-school-library-donations>

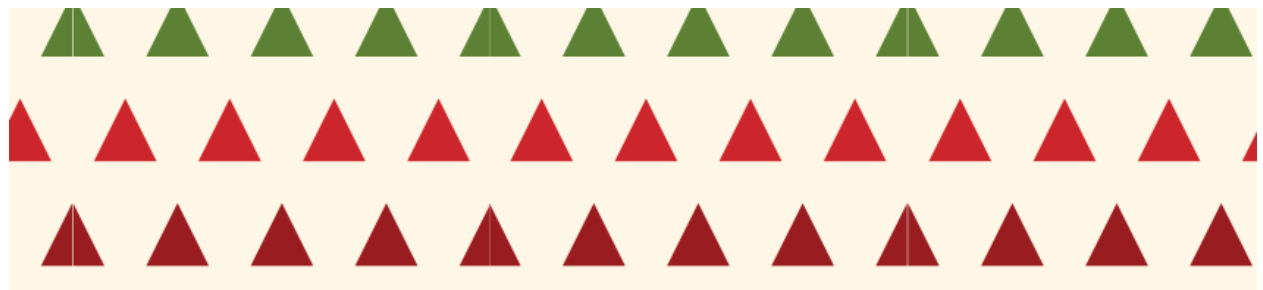
Donations of these books can be left in the box by the school office

Thank you!

The Library team

(Sunny, Liz, Helen, Lynette and Vanessa)

## PTA update



If you haven't checked it out yet, The PTA Advent Window Trail is up and running with a newly decorated window lit up every night until Christmas. Great for the family to do of an evening and enjoy the town.

Follow the clues on our Instagram @wpsptaaxon and at mywatlington.co.uk or grab a map from So Sustainable for £1 donation.

Don't forget to follow us on the socials for updates on all our events. Click below to visit us:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## Job Vacancy



We are looking for a nursery nurse practitioner to join our team in January. To find out more, please click the link [here](#).

## Free Parent Webinar



To join this free webinar on keeping your children safe online, see flyer attached.

## Golds



Hedgehogs: Benjamin, Sienna, Luna, Maggie and Steve

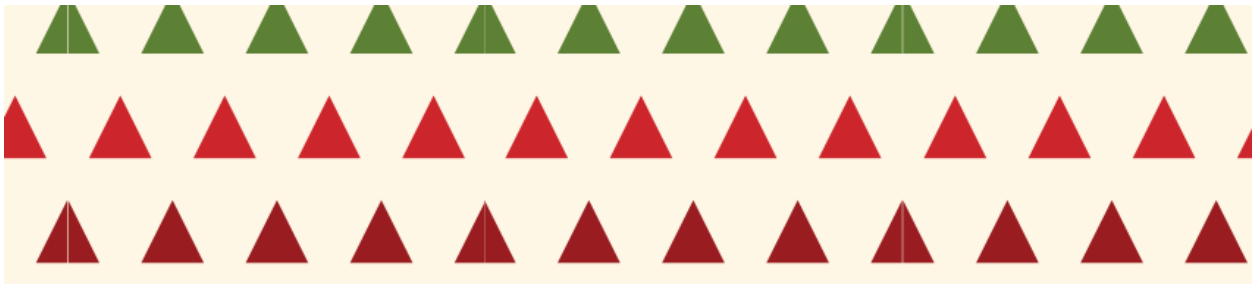
Foxes: Harry, Izzy and Maria

Owls: Edward, Lola, Daniel, Eliza and Clara

Badgers: Cainan and Libby

Bats: George G-C, George C and Nicholas

## Dates (this section is regularly updated)



- Friday 6th December, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Badgers class assembly

- Wednesday 11th December, 9.30am: Foundation Stage nativity
- Tuesday 17th December, 5.30pm: Church service at St Leonards (everyone welcome)
- Wednesday 18th December: Christmas jumper day (over school uniform) and Christmas lunch (please ensure you have pre-ordered)
- Thursday 19th December: School finishes at 1.15pm

Christmas break

**Monday 6th January: INSET (teachers only)**

**Tuesday 7th January: Term 3 begins**

- Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th January: year 6 Bikeability - more details to follow



**Assemblies and open afternoons 2024-2025**

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

Open Afternoons linked to theme weeks
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2.30pm

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

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