

Watlington Newsletter October 2 2025



Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first term, I wanted to say how proud of our new starters!

This week, years 1 to 6 enjoyed a science themed assembly, led by Julian from the Space Store, Oxford. The children were motivated and engaged throughout, a certain staff member was encouraged to dress up as an astronaut and it commented on that our pupils are so knowledgeable about space! We hope that the children were inspired to consider careers linked to space in the future! One pupil in particular was extremely knowledgeable, about space and had lots of facts to share.

'Did you know that Jupiter has lots of moons?', Hugo (year 2)

Harvest day was a great success and the assembly showcased everyone's work including, poems, art and singing! Thank you for bringing in your donations, and then taking the packaged items to give to a friend, neighbour or someone in need. Thank you to the gardening club for their Watlington Primary harvest! We hope you enjoyed their wares.

Parents' evenings are coming up, so please ensure you have booked your appointment via the MCAS system. These meetings focus on how your child/ren have settled into their new classes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Good luck to year 5 for Bikeability next week!

Best wishes,

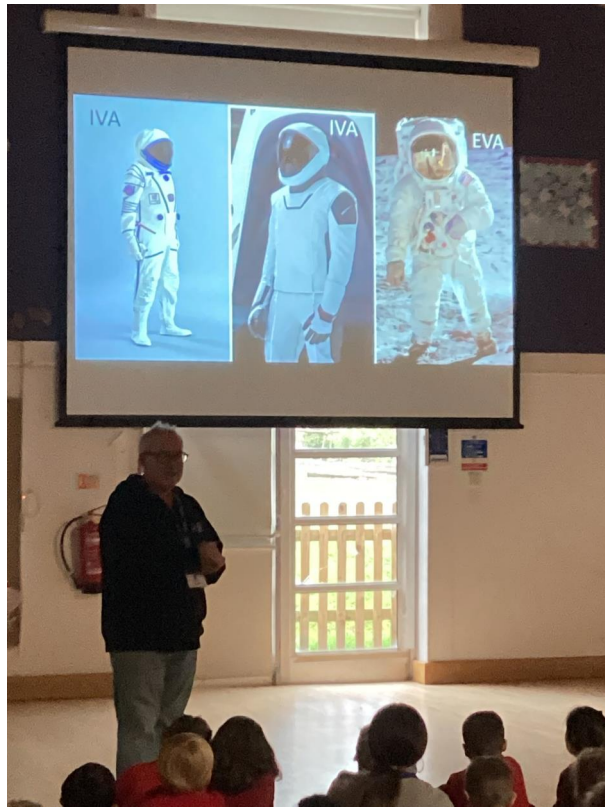
Gemma Sterjo

Headteacher










Love Lane,
13th October

We would like to
thank you for your
Harvest Festival gift,
which our small
neighbour, Edward,
brought. We appreciate
the thought, & he got
some apples in exchange!

George & Margaret,
Bruce.

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Sports Captain Update



A huge congratulations to our football team who took part in the annual Watlington schools partnership tournament on Monday.

Report written by Oscar and Mikey (Year 6):

This Monday, Watlington Primary School attended a football tournament for year five and six. For the first goal William scored from outside the box in the second match setting the score 1-0. Even though the competition was tough, Watlington were undefeated throughout the tournament while drawing our first and last matches. Our match against Chalgrove was a great 2-0 victory. Just before the whistle was about to blow, Blake smashed the ball into the top left corner of the goal but unfortunately while the ball was in mid air the referee (Mr Challis) blew the whistle sadly disallowing the goal. But as a team we still celebrated the amazing goal. Our winning combination of match domination and dedication paid off in the end as we ended up winning after working very hard.



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY RACE**


19TH OCTOBER 2025 • SUNDAY

AFC HENLEY FOOTBALL GROUND
JUBILEE PARK
HENLEY ON THAMES
RG9 4HA

PLEASE ARRIVE 20 MINUTES AHEAD OF RACE START
TIME TO REGISTER

Nursery boys 10.00	Nursery girls 10.05
Reception boys 10.15	Reception girls 10.20
year 1 boys 10.30	year 1 girls 10.35
year 2 boys 10.45	year 2 girls 10.55
year 3 boys 11.10	year 3 girls 11.20
year 4 boys 11.35	year 4 girls 11.45
year 5 boys 12.00	year 5 girls 12.10
year 6 boys 12.25	year 6 girls 12.35

HOT DRINKS
AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE



1 - Cross country event in Henley on Thames

Green Team



As Green Team Leaders we want to make the environment a safe and welcoming place. To do this we empty the bins every day and we litter pick to make sure that the school is a safe and friendly place for all nature and animals. We make sure everyone in the green team feels included, are secure with their roles and make our school the best it can be. When we do the bins, we make saure that there is no reusable scrap paper in them and if there is we make sure to take it out and put it in that classes scrap paper drawer.

Over the next coming year as leaders we want to help the school thrive and be the best it could ever be.

By Ava, Imogen and Eliza (Year 6)

PTA Update



Hold on a minute!!! We break up for half term in a week – how did that happen???

Movie Night was a great success with over half the school enjoying some movie magic and a lot of parents enjoying some quiet time magic!! Thanks to Christina, Stephanie, Alice and the team for organising and running.

Dates for your diary for this term:

Monday 17th November – Paper chains are so last season – get with the cool kids and design yourself a ceramic bauble for the Christmas tree this year under the watchful eye of our very own Alex Browne. You design it, Alex cooks it and then leave it hanging for the world to admire. A truly unique experience to share with your kids.

Friday 21st November – Pub Quiz Night - not a what3words location (although if it is, then a free drink on quiz night to whomever tells me first) but a night of question-able fun at Ye Olde School Hall Pub with plenty of drinks and food. Quizmaster Mat VDP is hard at work conjuring questions that'll awaken those brain cells you thought you'd lost in your 20s!

What about Match Funding I hear you cry! Well I'm glad you brought this up because companies who partake in Match Funding, would love to Match Fund a quiz night so if your company does then please get in touch watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com. Its super simple and it supports what we do for the kids and the school.

Thursday 27th November – D-I-S-C-O! Theres no point spending hours watching Strictly and not put it into practice so here's the chance your kids have been waiting for. 10's all round!!

More details on all of these to come so keep an eye out on your WhatsApp groups and follow us on the socials!

[Facebook](#)


[Instagram](#)

Join us at our digital parent forum. To talk about the use of smartphones and technology in our children's lives.



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our first meeting where we shared the challenges we face as parents and carers of children using technology.

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 19th November

 **18.00 – 19.00**

If you are unable to attend face to face then you can join us online! Email the office and we will share a link with you.

This session is a supportive, open space to explore the role of smartphones and technology in our children's lives — from social media and gaming to boundaries, screen time, and mental health.

Come and share your experiences, learn from others, and help shape a healthier digital future for our children.

Please let the office know if you are attending.

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- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

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Attendance



Well done to everyone for their term 1 attendance! Currently at 98% which is above our target of 97%!

Please ensure you arrive on time in the mornings and after school. It is unsettling for your children if they are late!



Golds



Bats: Bella, Ruby, Grayson and Cora

Hedgehogs: Tyson and Margot

Foxes: Rey, Peter and Albie C

Owls: Miller, Reuben, Nicholas and Lily

Golden Eagles: Mary and Lucas

Bats: Monty

Badgers: Harry, Lucy, Max and Amelia

Red Kites: Ana and Imogen

Dates - this section is regularly updated.



- Monday 20th October, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd: Bikeability: Year 5
- Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October: Parents' evenings
- Thursday 23rd October: Term ends at 3.15pm, 3pm (for nursery)
- **Friday 24th October: INSET (staff only)**
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October: Half term**
- **Monday 4th November: INSET (teachers only)**
- Tuesday 5th November: Term 2 starts
- Tuesday 5th November: Swimming starts for Year 5
- Friday 7th November, 2.30pm: Family assembly (Years 1 to 6)
- Sunday 9th November, Watlington High Street: Remembrance Parade
- Monday 10th November: Anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 11th November: Individual school photos

- Tuesday 11th November 5pm-6pm: Early Years open evening (prospective new parents)
- Friday 14th November, 2.30: Golden Eagles (Year 6) class assembly
- Monday 17th November: Bauble workshop (PTA) pre booking required
- Tuesday 18th November, 9.30am: New parents tour (prospective new parents)
- Wednesday 19th November, 18.00-19.00: Digital parent forum (face to face or online)
- Thursday 20th November, 3.15pm: Reading cafe (all year groups welcome). The library will be open during this session, so you can help your help your child choose a book.
- Tuesday 18th-20th: Bikeability: Year 6
- Wednesday 26th November: Theatre visit (Years 1 to 6) - more information to follow
- Thursday 27th November: School discos
- Friday 5th December, 2.30pm: Foxes class assembly
- Tuesday 9th December: Swimming starts for Year 4
- Friday 12th December, 9.30am: Foundation Stage Nativity
- Wednesday 17th December: Christmas service
- Thursday 18th December: Christmas lunch, and jumper day (over school uniform)
- **Friday 19th December; Term ends at 1.15pm**

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



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COMING SOON

Thursday 16th October

7.00pm-8.00pm

@ Watlington Club, 20 High Street, Watlington, Oxfordshire, OX49 5PY

Age 7 ¾ - 9 ½? Want to try something new and exciting? Go on adventures? Meet new people and have lots of fun? Why not come along to our open event to take part in these exciting scouting activities and learn those all important #skillsforlife

Come along for free and find out more!

Send an email to katy.hadfield@scouts.org.uk to register your interest or scan the QR code to complete our booking form.



Scouts
2nd Watlington



Watlington's ArtSpine Trail



All children will have brought home a flyer with information on the Watlington ArtSpine Trail. There is an opportunity for any resident (including well behaved dogs!) to have a 3D scan and be part of a sculpture entitled 'To build a Community'. Further details of how you can be a part of this fun community project are attached.

Aspens catering vacancy at Stadhampton



Aspens have a vacancy for a chef manager at Stadhampton Primary School

Chef Manager Term Time Only

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- Family friendly working times –No Weekends, and school holidays off
- Competitive salary–up to £15ph
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If you think this position is for you, please contact John Boor with your CV:

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