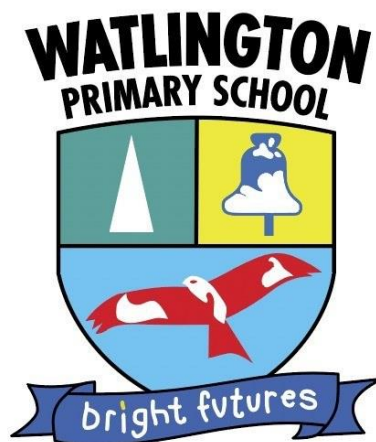


# Watlington Newsletter November 1



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! An extended welcome to our new families in nursery and across the school this term too.

I hope you managed to read and celebrate the Ofsted inspection report this week. I am so proud of the team, and wider community for their continued efforts. It's a true celebration of Watlington Primary school! Thank you again for your kind wishes and support.

This term is action packed leading up to events filled with glitter and magic, so do check the dates section below which is regularly updated.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

## Whole School Theatre visit: Peter Pan November

Friday 29th

To inspire our writing this term and to ignite the Christmas spirit, we have arranged for a theatre company to visit! Reception to year six will have the opportunity to watch a live performance of Peter Pan on Friday 29th November.

The cost of the live show is **£7.50** per pupil which can be paid via +Pay. Please remember you can speak to me in confidence if you need help paying for this experience.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the children and we do hope you are able to support. If you would also like to make a donation to pay for another child please contact the school office on [admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk) before making payment.

## Children in Need



**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**

The School Council are organising this year's Children In Need fundraising events in school and we would like to tell you about what we have planned.

### **When is our Children in Need event?**

We will be holding our Children in Need events on **Wednesday 13th November**.

### **What is happening on the day?**

All children can come in to school in **non-school uniform**. To do this, we ask you to make a donation to Children in Need (details below).

We are also holding a Bake Off competition on the same day for any children who wish to take part. To enter the Bake Off, you can bake cakes, cupcakes, bread or biscuits. Bring your entries in on the morning of Wednesday 13th November. The baked goods will be judged under one of the following categories:

- The most imaginative
- The most delicious
- The best looking bake
- The most inspired by Children in Need

The competition will be judged and there will be a small prize for the winning entries.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE BAKED GOODS MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS.**

**At the end of the day, there will be a sale of all of the baked goods, with the money collected going to Children in Need – so bring your pennies!**

**How can I donate money for the non-uniform day?**

We have set up a Just Giving website page to collect donations. [Click here](#) to donate whatever you feel able to. Please do not bring cash to school on the day.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours Sincerely

Watlington Primary School Council

## Caterlink survey



Caterlink are carrying out their annual pupil survey to assist them in improving their services.

Caterlink would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey with your child/ren.

They will provide feedback to schools once results have been analysed.

Many thanks in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

**They ask that all responses are completed by 30th November.**

## Attendance



Excellent attendance habits start now! We are currently at 95.8%. Red Kites class have achieved the highest attendance so far this year, reaching our target of 97.9%, with Owls class a close second at 97.5%.

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

Our target is 97%.

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



## PTA Update

Welcome back! Mornings are getting colder, evenings getting darker and the 'C' word is being quietly uttered – but your PTA has a bunch of events to keep you and the kids entertained.

Join Alex Browne for her Ceramic Bauble Painting Workshop on Thursday 14th November from 3.15pm in the school hall. A great way to get creative with the kids and enjoy drinks and nibbles too. This one is very popular but we only have limited spaces so book soon.

Mat Van de Pette is ready to tickle and tease your brain cells on Friday 15th November with Quiz Night from 7.30pm in the school hall. We have Orange Bakery cheese toasties, cheese boards, nibbles and the ultimate brain enhancer – a fully licenced bar! Come and join one of the most entertaining parents only events we do.

Match Funding – With previous Quiz Nights we have managed to have our monies raised matched by donations from companies. Could your company help this year? A simple message to your HR could mean a great deal to us and the works we do for the children and the school. Feel free to message me for more info or to connect with your company. [Watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com](mailto:Watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com)

'Let's move on, cause it's time to groove on, hear the drummer get wicked!' Can you name this tune which probably won't make it onto the dancefloor at the Christmas Disco on Wednesday 27th November? Posters coming out this week and tickets are up for sale right now!!

And after all that its Santa's Grotto at the Xmas Market on the 7th December!

As with all our events book your tickets at the website below.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta/index.cfm?event=Login>

## Golds



Hedgehogs: Jodie

Foxes: Kit, Max, Rufus and Megan

Owls: Joshua, Alex, Kit, Remy, Daniel, Toby, Evie

Badgers: Jake Ana, Ryan, Grayson, Katie,

Bats: Chloe,

Robins: Billy

Red Kites: Georgia and Mikey

Golden Eagles: Harriet, Valen, Margot, Heather, Oliver, Griff

Dates - this section is regularly updated.



- Tuesday 12th November 5-6pm, Foundation Stage Open Evening (for new prospective parents)
- Wednesday 13th November: Children in Need - Non-school uniform and whole school bake off competition (more details from the School Council to follow)
- Thursday 14th November: Individual and sibling school photographs
- Thursday 14th November: PTA event: Ceramic bauble painting workshop
- Friday 15th November, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Golden Eagles assembly
- Friday 15th November: PTA event: Quiz night (more details to follow)
- Thursday 21st November, 3.15pm: reading café in the hall - all year groups welcome
- Wednesday 27th November: PTA event: school disco - more details to follow
- Thursday 28th November: Big Christmas Sing, Oxford (choir only)
- Friday 29th November: Peter Pan pantomime in school (Reception to Year 6)
- Sunday 1st December: PTA event: Advent window trail
- Friday 6th December, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Badgers class assembly
- Saturday 7th December: Watlington Christmas market (choir) and PTA Santa's grotto
- 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
- Thursday 19th December: School finishes at 1.15pm

Christmas break

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

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



**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**

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|------------------------------------|
| 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**

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| 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.