

# Watlington Newsletter September 2 2025



Friday 19th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Classes are fully immersed in their new topics. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

Thank you for your patience with communication through MCAS, as well as the initial issues with the new school meal company. Behind the scenes our office team are working hard to ensure that everything runs smoothly. If you do have any issues, please do get in touch - we are happy to help you.

We still have a number of families who are not signed up for MCAS. If you have signed up and downloaded the app onto your phone, please ensure you have enabled push notifications for the

MCAS app so that you receive notifications regarding school communications. If you require a new link please let Suzie in the office know using [office.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk).

Please find attached our summer 2025 results.

Warm regards,

Gemma Sterjo

Headteacher

## Watlington Sports Update

### Sports Captain

2025 – 2026

Green	Red	Blue	Yellow
Mikey Eliza	Sam Ryan	Henry Cherry	Jimi Belle

I would like to welcome our new Sports Captains. They will have a number of responsibilities at school including ensuring the PE equipment is in order, helping with PE sessions and running sports clubs.

We are already organising sports fixtures for the year and aim to include as many year groups as possible. There will also be a range of sports clubs throughout the year, so do encourage your children to sign up. If there is a cost to the club, and that is a barrier to your child attending, please get in touch.

If your child would like to attend the Sacred Heart primary school cross country run, the details are below.





## School Council

I would also like to introduce our new School Councillors. Their roles include creating priorities for the year, liaising with staff and the wider community, and most importantly representing the voice of the pupils.

Congratulations to Mary, Ella and Sophie (year 6), Jess and Wren (year 5), Alice (year 4), Darcy (year 3), Hazel (year 2) and Charlie (year 1)



## PTA update



Welcome back from your PTA Team!!

We hope you enjoyed your summer and have had a smooth transition back into the world of drop offs, remembering to book school lunches and everyone's favourite, home learning!!

Behind the scenes, your PTA has been quietly assembling some awesome events for the children and yourselves to enjoy this year, kicking off with our 'Welcome Bake' on Friday 26th September from 3.15 in the hall.

Free tea and cake to start the new term!!

Many more events to come so keep an eye out on your class WhatsApp groups and the school newsletter.

A big thank you for all your support last year. It was a busy one but also lots of fun and we hope to have the same this year.

**Want to help us this year?** There are many ways you can.....

**Join us** - We're a friendly bunch, always open for new recruits and it doesn't have to take up much of your time.

**Volunteer for us** - We often need an extra pair of hands at events be it setting up, baking a cake or ru a stall.

**Match Fund** – Many companies offer their employees a Match Funding scheme which maximises our fundraising efforts.

**Eco Party Pack Hire** – Say 'Bye Bye' paper plates and 'Hello' plastic reusable plates for your next birthday party. Enough plates and cups and jugs for 30 and all for a £5 charge.

For all of the above and anything PTA related just email our Chair Marc.

watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com

See you at the Welcome Bake!!

As always follow us for updates on the socials!!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## Attendance



**We have a statutory responsibility to monitor and action attendance.**

**Excellent attendance habits start now! Our target is 97%.**

- Regular attendance, including arriving on time, helps children to develop social skills and resilience.
- Consistent participation fosters deeper relationships with peers and staff.
- Primary school children in Year 6 with attendance over 95% are 30% more likely to meet expected standards in reading, writing and maths at GCSE level compared to peers with lower attendance.

[Attendance | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

***A blanket warning letter regarding unauthorised term time absence has been sent to all families, and is also attached to this newsletter. You can also find it in your MCAS account in important documents.***

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

Dates - this section is regularly updated.



- Friday 26th September: Day of Languages
- Friday 26th September, 2.30pm: Family assembly (Years 1 to 6)

- Friday 26th September: PTA welcome bake
- Wednesday 1st October, 4.00pm: Early Years Curriculum Evening, online session
- Monday 6th October: Flu immunisations (details to follow)
- Monday 20th October, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd: Bikeability: Year 5
- Tuesday 21st October: Swimming starts for 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
- 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: Early Years open evening (prospective new parents)
- Friday 14th November, 2.30: Golden Eagles (Year 6) class assembly
- Tuesday 18th November, 9.30am: New parents tour (prospective new parents)
- Thursday 20th November, 3.15pm: Reading cafe (all year groups welcome)
- Tuesday 18th-20th: Bikeability: Year 6
- Wednesday 26th November: Theatre visit (Years 1 to 6) - more information to follow
- 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**

## Parenting support through FACE

Please find attached the September timetable for FACE, offering a range of webinars covering a range of topics including, supporting a child with ADHD, anxiety based school avoidance, anxiety explained and an introduction to OCD.

## Going for Free!

We have a scooter going spare. If you are interested, please email the office.



## Golds



Owls: Hazel, Samuel, Chloe and George C

Hedgehogs: Emily

Badgers: Aiden, Elenor, Maria and Anna

Foxes: Remy

Golden Eagles: Eddie, Georgia, Matilda, Niamh, Lily and

Red Kites: Tibby, Henry and Dylan