

Watlington Newsletter November 2 2025



Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to marking Remembrance this year, from wearing poppies, joining us for the assembly or coming to the Watlington remembrance parade. I would like to say a particular thank you to Alison Andrews for playing The Last Post on Remembrance day and to Mary, Sophie, Luna and Finlay (the two oldest in Year 6 and youngest pupils in Year 1) for laying the poppy wreath with me.

Congratulations to the Golden Eagles (Year 6) class on their wonderful assembly last Friday! They took us on a tour through America which is their current topic, based on the book Wonder.

I am looking forward to a fun evening, led by our resident quiz master, Mat Van de Pette, and PTA. The winners will be announced next week. Watch this space.

Next week we step into Christmas with the school discos and Year 1 to 6 theatre trip see see Dick Whittington.

As always, please get in touch if you need us.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

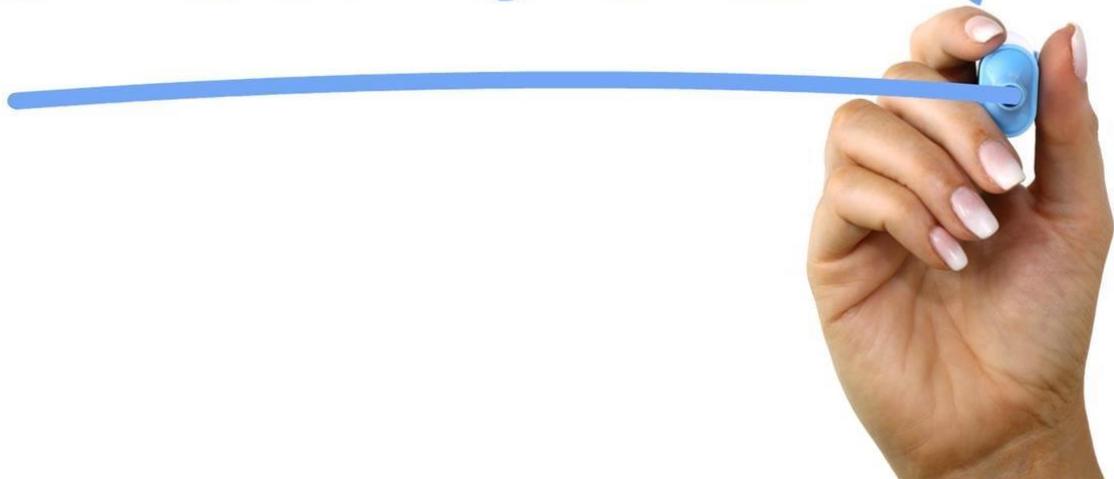
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School Survey Results

SURVEY



Thank you to everyone for sharing your views

A total of **123** responded to the survey.

Headline data:

- There were a balanced number of responses from all classes (Nursery – Year 6)
- 99% agree, strongly agree that they would recommend Watlington Primary School.

- 98% agree, strongly agree, are neutral, or this does not apply to me, that WPS gives their children with SEND the support they need to succeed. (89% with neutral removed)
- 97% agree, strongly agree, are neutral, or this does not apply to me, about if the school deals with bullying effectively. (87% with neutral removed)
- 97% agree, strongly agree that there are a good range of subjects available.
- 96% agree, strongly agree that their child feels safe at WPS.
- 95% agree, strongly agree, or this does not apply to me, that when they have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.
- 96% agree, strongly agree that their child is happy at WPS.
- 94% agree, strongly agree that WPS makes parents aware of what their children learn during the year.
- 95% agree, strongly agree that WPS ensures pupils are well behaved.
- 93% agree, strongly agree that children do well at this school.
- 91% agree, strongly agrees that WPS informs parents about how their children are doing.
- 90% agree or strongly agree that the school supports the children's wider personal development.
- 88% agree, strongly agree that their child can take part in clubs and activities.
- 83% agree, strongly agree about if the school has high expectations. (98% including neutral)

Testament to the staff

- 'At Watlington Primary School the staff go above and beyond. It's a wonderful school'
- 'Great school, we're very lucky'

We have taken any specific comments on board and have shared the outcomes with the governors.

As always, if there is anything you would like to raise, please do get in touch. This could be with the leadership team (Mrs Sterjo, Mr Gale, Miss Sharman, Mrs Doran and Mrs Tanner) or your child's class teacher.

Sports Captains

On Monday 17th November year 5 and 6 went to a rugby tournament hosted by Chalgrove Primary School. It was a fun experience, even though it was cold and very muddy - but the sun was out! We played 3 games and enjoyed ourselves. First we played Benson who we lost to. They played very well, however we did score some amazing tries, Joaquin managed to score 2! Next we played Lewknor, with their bright green kit. Again we played well and we had good teamwork and the subs were very supportive and cheerful, even though we didn't win. Last but definitely not least we won against Chalgrove by scoring 6 tries against them, AJ managed to get a hat trick of tries. In the end we came 3rd overall. It was a great tournament, everyone played very well and rugby has gained some new players. *Written by AJ and Oliver.*

Primary school places for September 2026



If your child was born on or between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. Apply online [here](#) it's quick, easy and secure.

EMAIL: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

TEL: 01865 519 800 Option 2

PTA Update



Here at your PTA, we do love a good ***Save the Date!***

Some can be pretty low key that you barely know they are there, but then some can be so mahoosive, you just can't ignore them. These are the kind that need special treatment, and need it today!

So for those who missed out earlier, and we're sorry you did because I dressed up especially, it is our pleasure to finally pass this hugely exciting ***Save the Date*** on to you...

Save The Date

03.10.26

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL!!

The legendary Happy Circus will bring their big top, jugglers, trapeze acts, clowns and so much more to our very own paddock. Lots more on this to come in the new year but we guarantee it will be a very special day for all, so Save That Date!!

Big thanks to Alex for another creative smash with bauble painting on Monday.

Friday 21st November – Pub Quiz Night is tonight!!! At a loose end? Plans changed? Come on down and join us. We have food, we have drink and we have Mat VDP - what more could you want????? Doors open 7.30pm, rock up and pay on the door.

Thursday 27th November – DISCO! Tickets are on sale now and when the kids wake up on Friday morning and can't get out of bed don't blame it on sunshine, don't blame it on moonlight, don't blame it on good times, blame it on the Boogie!

Follow us on the socials!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Digital parent forum



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our second meeting.

We would love your thoughts on the use of Smartphones by our children. Please [click](#) here to share your views.

RAF Santa Drop



This year we will be collecting and donating gifts to the Children's Ward at the John Radcliffe. RAF Benson will be collecting and delivering donations, and there will be a Santa Fly Past over the school as in previous years. Personnel from RAF Benson would like to collect donations on **1st December**. The hospital have provided the following guidelines:-

New and in original packaging.

Wrapped in suitable wrapping paper, and labelled to help the Elves with the sorting - age/gender/description.

If you do not have time to wrap, please do not worry as the Elves can wrap for you.

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you

Attendance



Well done to everyone for their term 1 attendance! Currently at 97% which is our target.
Thank you

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



Golds



Bats: Albie, Grayson, Ruby, Jodie, Maggie and Luna B

Hedgehogs: Gracie, Thomas, Arnie, Rosa, Margot, Joshua, Oscar and Mason

Foxes: Peter

Owls: Jenny, Jonah, Luke and Robyn

Golden Eagles: Logan

Badgers: Kit, Elena, Wren and Joel

Red Kites: Imogen, Ethan, Cherry and Kit

Golden Eagles: Albie,

Dates - this section is regularly updated.



- Wednesday 26th November: Theatre visit, The Oxford Playhouse (Years 1 to 6)
- Thursday 27th November: School discos
- Friday 5th December, 2.30pm: Foxes (Year 3) class assembly (Year 3 parents only)
- Friday 12th December, 9.15am: Foundation Stage Nativity
- Tuesday 16th December: final year 5 swimming session
- Wednesday 17th December, starts at 5.30pm, children to arrive at 5.15pm: Christmas service, St Leonard's Church
- **Thursday 11th December:** Christmas lunch, and jumper day (over school uniform)
- **Friday 19th December; Term ends at 1.15pm**
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026; Term 3 begins**
- Tuesday 6th January 2026: Year 4 swimming

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