

Watlington Newsletter December 1 2025



Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fully immersed in the term of glitter and excitement, with rehearsals underway for our annual events including the carol concert and nativity, with 20 sleeps until Christmas day!

The Year 1 to 6 trip to see Dick Whittington at the Oxford Playhouse was fantastic! Watching live theatre is such an enriching experience for our children who had a wonderful time.

Thank you to the staff for their team effort to make it a brilliant day, and to the children for their impeccable behaviour throughout.

Foundation Stage, and the Nest class also had a magical, musical theatre experience by Aesop's Theatre Company who performed The Hare and the Tortoise.

There has also been a visit from our favourite owls, and a Santa flypast - thank you so much for your generous donations for this cause.

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, and to the staff for supervising the event.

Congratulations to the Foxes class today! Their class assembly today was joyous demonstration of their learning. I particularly enjoyed the singing, which I know they have been practising!

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 Update



Thank you to our school council who decorated our Christmas tree at the church on behalf of the school who have been busy creating 'Christmas song' 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!



Wednesday 17th December, Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas carol service is on Wednesday 17th December, at St Leonard's church in Watlington, starting at 5.30pm. Please arrive from **5.15pm** to ensure we can start on time. Parents will be asked to wait outside.

Year 6 will lead the service, taking us through the Christmas story, and classes will perform songs throughout. We ask for as many children from Year 1 to Year 6 as possible to attend.

Here are a few reminders for the evening to ensure the service runs smoothly,

- Photos can be taken of your child, no photos of other children should be taken (where possible) or be published on social media without consent. This includes WhatsApp.
- Mobile phones should be on silent
- Children should wear school uniform
- We politely ask that you bring no more than two adults per family. Anything over this may mean that some families will have to stand. Younger children will need to sit on laps to help with spacing
- Please note, Robins and Hedgehogs children and families, are very welcome however they will need to sit with their adults, as part of the audience. We are really looking forward to seeing you at this festive event.
- If you have a family member who needs additional access arrangements, please let us know prior to the day.

Biking to school

To help keep everyone safe, we remind all children to follow important bike safety rules when riding through the school car park. Children should always **wear a properly fitted helmet**, ride at a **slow and careful pace**, and **stay alert** for moving vehicles and pedestrians. Following basic road safety habits—such as riding on the correct side of the road, keeping both hands on the handlebars, and walking their bike when areas are crowded—helps ensure a safe environment for all.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to make our school grounds safe and welcoming for everyone.

For more information on road safety, please click [here](#).

Attendance

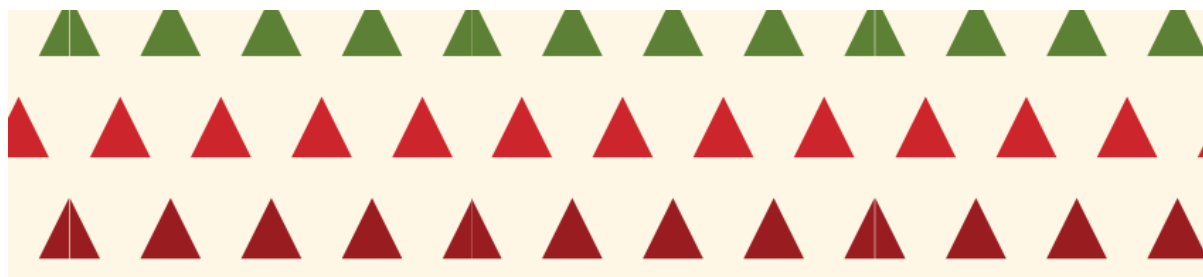


Excellent attendance habits start now! We are currently at 96.9%. Foxes class are in the lead so far, with Golden Eagles a close second.

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



PTA update



December's here!! Lords will be leaping, hens will be frenching and partridges will be pear treeing!!

As always November is manic for your PTA with lots of events as well as getting your orders ready for Christmas so thank you for supporting us.

Quiz night was a great success with Matt VDP at the helm and including a round of Watlington knowledge – can you name the most haunted street in Watlington? Thanks to Mat and Steph VDP, and Amy for organising and to Al for his half time games!

DJ Dave rocked the mic for the school disco and the kids loved it!! Lots of noise, lots of energy and a very long conga!! As always, Justine was the brains behind this one so a big thanks to her and to Albie and Mia for sweet bag filling.

Your Christmas orders for cards, mugs tea towels etc are gradually coming in so we will set up an after school collection stall – your reps will let you know when that will be.

Speaking of reps – a huge thank you to the class reps for circulating all our posters and messages during this busy period. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Don't forget

Monday 8th is preloved Christmas Jumpers and Uniform sale at KS1 library so if you have any of either please leave at the office.

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[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Golds



Hedgehogs: Emily, Molly, Billy, Oscar, Arnie, Oliver, Mason, Torvi, Daphne, Rosa, Daisie, Lorenzo, Ethan, Gracie, Kelly, Riley

Foxes: Eliza, Arvo, Evie, Remy

Badgers: Maria, Max, Wren, Oliver and Rufus

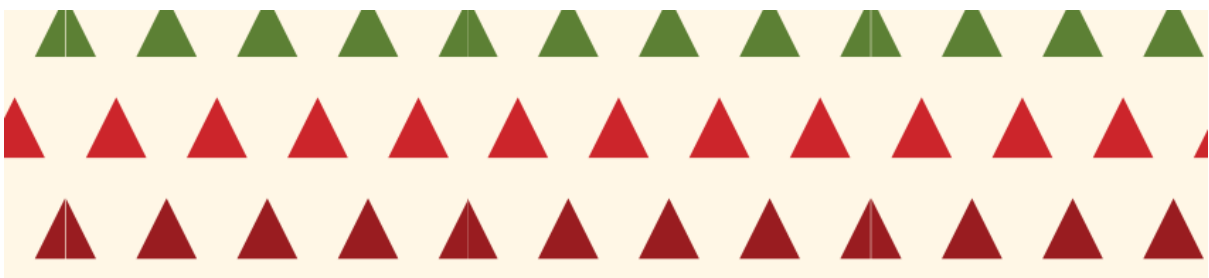
Golden Eagles: Daenerys, Ella, Lucas

Owls: Luna, Brooklyn

Bats: Elora, Steve, Oliver, Grayson. Arthur

Red Kites: Nanami

Dates (this section is regularly updated)



- **Thursday 11th December: Christmas lunch**
- 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 18th December: Christmas 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
- Wednesday 21st January, 2.30: Whole school assembly (years 1 - 6) + after school event (whole school)
- Friday 6th February, 2.30pm: Red Kites assembly (year 5 parents)

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