

# Watlington Newsletter September 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is in full swing, with classes immersed into their new topics:

Foundation Stage: Traditional Tales: Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs

Year 1: Toys

Year 2: The Great Fire of London

Year 3: The Stone Age

Year 4: The Romans

Year 5: Vikings and Anglo Saxons

Year 6: Wonder and the USA

Remember to utilise the class pages for more information about your children's learning.

I am so proud of the Golden Eagles (Year 6) class already who have been learning basic life support skills including the recovery provision, chest compressions and how to use an AED during their IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme) sessions this week.

In other news, I have attached the data outcomes for 2024 to this newsletter, (also on the school website) for your information.

Finally, I have attached the parent code of conduct and home school agreement, as a friendly reminder of our expectations.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

## Harvest



This year, to mark harvest at Watlington, we will be learning harvest songs, having a whole school assembly for the children and will be collecting tea, coffee and biscuit parcels which we will donate to families in need, and the wider community. We will have collection boxes on the playground after school from next week to collect your donations. Thank you for your support.

If you know anyone who would like a harvest package, let us know.

Did you know?

During our 150th anniversary celebrations, Janet Vaughan, a former Watlington Headteacher, told us that during harvest the school would close so that all the children could help!

Cross Country - if you are interested in attending the event below let me know so I will be there to support you on the day! You can collect registration forms from the office, or complete at the event.

**SACRED HEART**

# Cross Country Championship

**SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**  
JUBILEE PARK, AFC FOOTBALL GROUND

PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CROSS COUNTRY  
RACES OPEN TO  
ALL CHILDREN  
NURSERY TO  
YEAR 6

**CÔTE**

Organised by Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School  
Staggered start times per year group - first registration from 9.40am  
Prizes kindly supplied by Côte Henley

The poster features a background image of a person's legs and feet in running shoes. A red heart contains the text 'SACRED HEART'. The title 'Cross Country Championship' is in large white letters on a dark blue banner. Below the title, a red banner contains the date and location. To the right, white text on a dark background lists the event details. At the bottom left is the Côte Henley logo, and at the bottom right is a photograph of a cross-country race in progress on a grassy field with yellow markers.

We have also been given the dates for the primary cross country events this year. If you would like to know the details, please email [admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk) for details.

## CAMHS News



# PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



### SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

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## Summer Reading Bingo Challenge Results



This summer, our children were tasked with taking part in our reading challenge. Well done to those who took part! We hope you enjoyed reading a range of books!

Our winners are: Alice A, Hector F, Anna, C, Mia C, Ben C, Hadley F, Jenny T, Robyn B, James L and Albie C.

I will in be touch with you to choose your prizes!

## Attendance



Excellent attendance habits start now! We are currently at 96.4%

Our target is 97%.



## Music at Watlington

Did you know we offer a range of music lessons at school, including piano, cello and a range of wind and brass instruments.

Please get in touch with the office, via [admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like more information. If you need financial assistance with the cost of lessons, please let us know.



## Golds



Badgers: Reuben, Tibby and Cherry

Owls: Wills, Arvo, Alex, Joshua

Foxes: Oliver

Red Kites: Logan, Imogen and Lily

Dates - this section is regularly updated.



- Thursday 19th September, 4pm: Welcome to Watlington, online session
- Monday 23rd September: Acer University Challenge (selected pupils)
- Tuesday 24th September, 4.30pm: Early Years Curriculum Evening, online session

- Thursday 26th September: Day of Languages - we are marking this day on Wednesday 25th.
- Friday 27th September, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Family assembly
- Monday 7th October: Flu immunisations
- Thursday 10th October, 2.30pm, Whole school, including Foundation Stage: Open afternoon
- Monday 21st October: Bikeability - Year 5
- Monday 21st October, 3.45pm-4: Choir showcase (choir parents)
- Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October: parents' evening - more details to follow
- **Friday 25th October: Term ends at 3.15pm, 3pm (for nursery)**
- **Monday 28th - Friday 1st November: Half term**
- **Monday 4th November: INSET (teachers only)**
- **Tuesday 5th November: Term 2 starts**
- Friday 8th November, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Family assembly
- Thursday 14th November: Individual school photographs
- Friday 15th November, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Family assembly
- Thursday 21st November, 3.15pm: reading café in the hall - all year groups welcome
- Tuesday 26th November, 5-6.30pm: Prospective new parent open evening
- Thursday 28th November: Big Christmas Sing, Oxford (choir only)
- Friday 6th December, 2.30pm, Years 1-6: Family assembly
- Saturday 7th December: Watlington Christmas market (choir)



#### 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 |
|---------------------------------------|
| 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.

Teaching assistant vacancy - please click below for more details.

<https://www.watlington.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies/>