

# Watlington Newsletter - July 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally a glimmer of sunshine!

Transition morning last week was an important opportunity for our children to meet their new teachers, and in some classes, new friends joining our community in September. We hope this has been a positive step towards their next stage in September.

The Foundation Stage beach party is always a highlight of the year, with a visit from Bertie Slippers, water fun and ice cream!

Year 6 have been working hard in play rehearsals this term and it has all been worth it. The performances were fantastic and a true showcase of the talent we have. Thank you to Miss Johnson who wrote and directed the play.

Icknield and Watlington summer showcase was a wonderful fusion of talents including the Watlington Community, Icknield and Watlington Primary School choirs. There were dance performances, a rock band and lots of talent from our support staff members who are part of the community choir. Well done to everyone involved in this event!

Thank you to those who have helped to fundraise for the outdoor landscaping project. The children have enjoyed the frog themed events around school including the staff video, themed sales and frog visit! If you are able to make a donation please support the PTA with events or get in touch with the school office.

I look forward to seeing you at the BBQ this evening.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo





## Farewell

After many years at Watlington Primary School, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Clutterbuck. She has been a fantastic member of the team, with boundless energy, and endless positivity! We are so sad to say goodbye to her, but wish her well for the future.

## Sports update





- We took the rounders team to Lewknor last week and played against RAF Benson and Lewknor. I am pleased to say that we won the tournament with 22.5 rounders, and the team showed great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. What a super way to end our sporting events for the year!
- Thank you to the sports captains for their wonderful support this year. They have supported sports lessons across the school, have helped organising events, sorting the PE equipment and promoting sports across the school. They have done a wonderful job representing Watlington and demonstrating our school values in their roles. Well done!
- Looking ahead to next year, if you, as a parent or carer, have an interest in sports and would like to help out with a club or could offer a session to share your skills, do get in touch.

## Library

**Do you love books?** If so read on...

We have recently moved and refitted our KS1 library. We have lots of great new shelves but are in need of new and current books to fill them! The school library is run by a group of parent volunteers and relies totally on fundraising to buy new books and keep it updated.

**How can I help?** Could you spare a few pounds and donate some money for new books OR do you have any relevant children's books that you would like to donate?

We are looking for contemporary books, both fact and fiction, for children aged between 5-10 years.

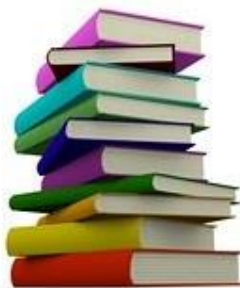
Any donations can either be dropped off at the school reception or can be collected locally. Please contact [sunnyrowley@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyrowley@gmail.com) for collection.

We are keen to shop local and have a new online account with Thame Bookshop. Here is the link for our donation page on The Book House website and QR code for the same.

<https://shop.thebookhousethame.co.uk/collections/watlington-school-library-donations>



## Summer Reading Bingo Challenge!



We are encouraging our children to keep reading over the summer with our reading Bingo Challenge.

1. Complete each challenge on the grid and get a parent or grown up to sign when you have completed each one.



2. Bring back your completed sheet after the summer holiday in exchange for a raffle ticket to win prizes in September. There are lots of prizes to be won! Prizes include cake in the staffroom, extra break time for your class and a chance to star in the Watlington Times!

## GOLDS



Robins: Luna, Freddie

Hedgehogs: Rigby, Hazel, Samuel, Lily, Freya-Rose, Jonah, Miller, Reuben, Joss, Jenny and Robyn

Owls: Elena and Bonnie

Foxes: Jimi, Jake, Cherry, Kit, Ana, Joaquin

Badgers: Mary

## Attendance

**This term we are currently at 96.3%.**

**Another friendly reminder that registration is at 8.45am for the whole school and 9am for nursery. It finishes at 3.15pm, with nursery finishing at 3pm.**

**There are a number of parents who are late for drop off and pick up on a regular basis. Please ensure that you arrive on time.**

## Dates



- Friday 19th July, 6-8.30pm: PTA BBQ
- Monday 22nd July, 9.15am: Leavers' assembly (year 6 parents)
- Tuesday 23rd July, 9.15am: End of year celebration assembly (Reception to Year 6 parents)
- **Tuesday 23rd July: Term ends at 1.15pm**
- Thursday 5th September: Term starts

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