

Watlington Newsletter - July 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been so many enriching experiences and opportunities for our children over this academic year and more recently.

Following on from the success of the Key Stage Two dance performance, years 1, 2 and 3 showcased their routines last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to show off all the hard work the children have put into learning their dances this year. We are so proud of what they achieved! A huge thank you to Miss Pickering from Icknield for sharing her expertise and teaching the children new skills.

The Reception class trip to Sutton Courtenay was enjoyed by all and it was reported that our Hedgehogs class showed impeccable manners and enthusiasm on the day.

Arts week was another opportunity to study musicians and artists, and to learn new skills. The week ended in a celebration of work displayed in a whole school gallery. Thank you to the Arts team, Mrs Tanner, Miss Dearlove and Miss Harman for organising this week.

I hope you found the meet the teacher sessions useful (the Reception meeting will now be held on Monday 8th July). Transition arrangements continue this term with the whole school transition morning on Wednesday 10th July.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

Sports update



- The Early Years Olympics was well attended with lots of our early years community attending, including our close friends, Rainbow Corner Nursery. Thank you to Year 5 for organising the games, and to the team for their support on the day.
- On Thursday last week we attended a football friendly match at the MUGA in Watlington. Well done to our team who won 7 - 1!
- Next week we have our final tournament of the year. Good luck to rounders club!
- Sports Day

On Friday 28th June everyone from year 1 up to year 6 took part in sports day to try and win points for their house.

The events included: vortex throwing, hurdles, skipping races, throwing and catching and many more!

We did all the events in our houses while the parents watched and cheered on their children. We were also awarded points for sportsmanship and teamwork by the adults running the station. To finish off the event we had races for each class, racing to see who will win. Years 1 to 4 had mixed races for boys and girls while year 5 & 6 had separate races for each gender. At the very end medals were handed out for sportsmanship and for winners of the races. Then the house who won was announced: 4th: Red 3rd: Green 2nd: Blue 1st: Yellow

From the Sports Captains





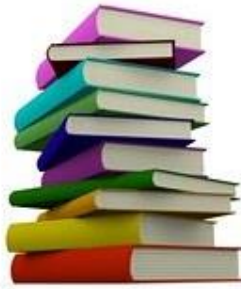








Summer Reading Bingo Challenge!



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!

Music Showcase at Icknield, with Watlington Primary School Choir!



Raffle tickets!

Please support our PTA by helping to sell raffle tickets. Wren has already made a great start! Thank you!



GOLDS



Badgers: Blake

Owls: Aiden and Olivia

Hedgehogs: Rigby

Devices

Please be reminded that children should not be wearing watches that have games, access to the internet or the ability to make calls.

If absolutely necessary, children in Year 6 can bring in phones which will be stored away from use during the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Photos and videos

We currently allow photos and videos at events to capture your children's special moments however there are some guidelines in place to ensure that we respect the wishes of our school community. We remind you about this at every event.

Just a friendly reminder that photos and videos taken at school events (assemblies, sports events, performances etc.) are not to be shared on social media if they include children other than your own. This includes WhatsApp class groups. You do not have permission to share photos/

videos of other children.

This is to protect the safety and privacy of our children and families.

Can I politely ask that any videos including other children in the class are removed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Update

Thank you everyone who came to our AGM last Friday. We elected Marc Nielson as our new chair and Steph Halliwell as secretary – congratulations Marc and Steph!

The summer fete is only 2 weeks away, so now is time to start planning your class stalls. We ask every class to run one stall – this could be an obstacle course, coconut shy, tombola or anything new you can think of! Anyone who commits to an hour of volunteering - either on your classes stall or one of the other roles at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta/> - gets free entry and 5 tokens to spend.

It's also time to buy your raffle tickets – these went out in school bags and extras are available from the school office. There's a £25 cash prize for the child who sells the most tickets. Many of our fabulous prizes have been donated by local businesses:

- Chocolates from Sin Azucar
- £20 voucher for Peppermint lime
- £25 voucher from the Granary deli
- Gluten morning T-shirt and bag from the Orange Bakery
- £20 voucher for Calnan brothers
- Cycle bag from Sprocket science
- £20 voucher from Tutu delicious
- Tickets to Crocodiles of the World
- Go-karting tickets
- Cineworld tickets
- Hollywood bowl tickets

Attendance

This term we are currently at 96.3%.

Just a friendly reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm, with nursery finishing at 3pm. There are a number of parents who are late on a regular basis. Please ensure that you arrive on time.

Dates



- Wednesday 10th July: Whole school transition morning
- Friday 12th July: Rounders tournament (Year 3,4 and 5) Rounders club
- Friday 12th July: Acer University challenge (selected pupils)
- Wednesday 17th July: Foundation Stage beach party (details to follow)
- Wednesday 17th July, 7pm: Year 6 play
- Thursday 18th, 2-4pm: Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
- 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.