

Watlington Newsletter May 2026



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an action packed start to the term, with the added bonus of more sunshine!

We've had two joyful assemblies including the performance themed whole school assembly, and the Owls class assembly. Both demonstrated the enriching experiences on offer for our children, including reciting poetry and stories, singing opportunities, art and full immersion into our topics. Well done to Mrs Flynn, Miss Johnson, Ms Older and the Owls for an enthusiastic performance this afternoon!

The Reception class trip to the Earth Trust was a fun experience for everyone. Highlights included seeing the animals, the coach and the packed lunches!

The Year 3 class trip to Science Oxford was another exciting day. The children loved using mini Bunsen burners, visiting the planetarium and loved the exploration zone!

Congratulations to Mr Gale for completing the London Marathon last Sunday. We are very proud of you - and very impressed with your huge medal!

A few housekeeping reminders.

- Please do order your child's lunches in advance. This really helps to ensure that they have their preferred choice on the day.
- Children should be wearing full school uniform, including shoes.
- As the weather gets warmer, please make sure your child brings a hat (named) into school. Long lasting sun cream should be applied in the morning before school. Please be reassured that children are encouraged to play in the shaded areas, including our forest school area on hot days.
- Click [here](#) for information from the primary school nursing team

Enjoy the long weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo





PTA Update



Backtracking a little today as I missed the last newsletter entry (my dog ate it- honest!) but I must do a big thanks to Stephanie and Justine and their team of merry volunteers who made a fantastic colour run extravaganza before Easter!

Congrats to Mr Gale for completing the London Marathon and still turning up Monday morning with a smile on his face!

Right where are we now.... Its May!! The home of not 1 but 2 bank holidays and a Mother's day! Plus it's the official (?) start of 5 months of great weather, pub gardens and outdoor living!!!

Dates for the diary:

****SAVE THE DATE 10th JULY SUMMER FETE ****

7th May – Movie Night. Minecraft is the film of choice.

If your kids like Minecraft, they'll love it.

If your kids like fully grown men with too much hair screaming at silly things, they'll love it.

If your kids like being at school eating popcorn and not doing any work, they'll love it.

Book your tickets now from <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta/>

Friday 26th June – PTA AGM. That's when we at the PTA get all official and tell you about all the awesome things we have done, some of the things we might do in the future and then ask you if we can do it all again for another year and (hopefully) you vote us back in. Just before sports day starts, in the school hall, so please stop by and join us at our most serious...not!

Saturday 27th June – The Summer Fayre. After last year's success the Watlington Summer Fayre is returning and we will have a stall for the afternoon from 12-4pm in the paddock. A great day out with lots to do for all the family and events all over the weekend including a Saturday night music event and a Sunday family day at the rec.

<https://www.watlington.live/>

Friday 10th July – The Summer Fete. Our grand finale to the school year. Game stalls, bouncy castles, great food and drinks. Plans have started and more to update next time

****HAPPY CIRCUS SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER – SAVE THIS DATE TOO****

Watch this space and follow us on the socials for updates!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Watlington Primary School - Sunflower Competition



The Gardening Club Sunflower Competition is back for its third year!

Prizes and winners will be announced in September, and this year there are even more chances to win:

- 🌱 Tallest Sunflower
- 🌸 Most Beautiful Sunflower variety (judged from your photos by Mrs Sterjo)
- 🥕 A booby prize for fun – so everyone has a chance!

If you don't have space to grow sunflowers at home, don't worry - your child can grow theirs in our own school allotment. Just get in touch and we'll help to arrange.

We hope you have had a chance to buy your seeds by now, but if you have any questions, or need to purchase more seeds, please email wpsgardeningclub@gmail.com

Good luck and happy growing! 🌻

Library Update

Would you like to join the Library Team?

Join our lovely school library team helping children discover the joy of reading and keeping our beautiful libraries thriving. Parent volunteers spend 1–2 hours a week in the libraries, and from time to time get involved in creating displays or helping with book sales etc. It's rewarding, fun and wonderfully calm! Volunteers complete a short Safeguarding training and DBS check.

To find out more or to apply please email the school office.

Enormous thanks to all who bought books at last term's book fair. We sold over £1000 worth of books, meaning that we can buy over £500 worth of Scholastic books which shall arrive in our libraries shortly.

There were some fantastic entries into the T-Shirt design competition and our worthy winners were Daphne, Jude and Kit R. Well done!



Design by *Aslan*
(kit oratticus)





Attendance



A huge well done to the Foxes (Year 3) class who have reached 98% for attendance, with the Hedgehogs (Reception) close behind at 97%! Can they make it to 100% this term?!

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



Golds



Red Kites: Mani, Sam and Cainan

Badgers: Bonnie, Mia, Dolly, Otis and Hector

Bats: Alyosha, Charlotte, Rudi

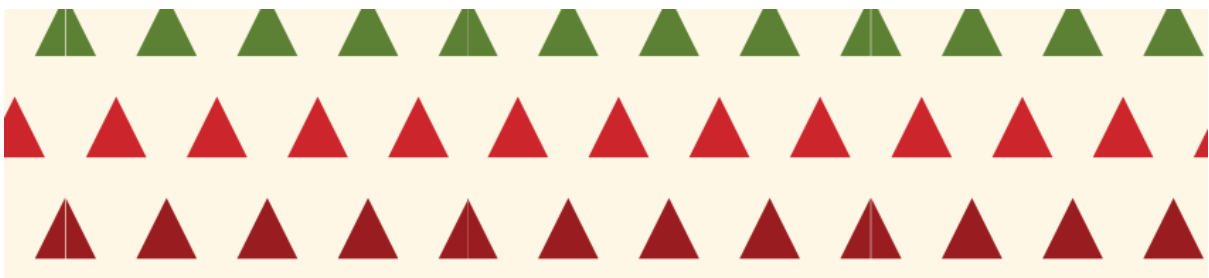
Golden Eagles: Dexter

Owls: Grace, Cianan, Jonah,

Foxes: Phoebe B

Hedgehogs: Thomas

Dates (this section is regularly updated)



- Thursday 7th May: PTA Movie night

- Monday 11th to Friday 15th May: Year 6 SATs week
- Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th May: Year 5 residential
- Thursday 21st May: Whole class photos
- Friday 22nd May: Open afternoon, all year groups **TIME CHANGE 3.15pm-3.45pm**
- Friday 22nd May: Class sale after school

Friday 22nd May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm (3pm for nursery)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May: Half term

Monday 1st June: Term 6 starts

- Friday 5th June, 2.30pm: Year 4, Badgers class assembly (Year 4 parents only)
- Wednesday 10th June: Whole school cross country event (all children to wear PE kit)
- Wednesday 17th June, 9.15-10.15am: EY Olympics (Nursery and Reception)
- Wednesday 17th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Icknield buddying session 1 (Year 6 pupils starting at ICC in September)
- Friday 19th June, 2.30pm: Year 1, Bats class assembly (Year 1 parents only)
- Monday 22nd June: Rounders tournament at Lewknor (invited pupils only)
- Wednesday 24th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Icknield buddying session 2
- Friday 26th June, 9.20am start: Sports morning (Year 1 to 6)
- Saturday 27th June: The Summer Fete, Watlington
- Wednesday 1st July, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Icknield buddying session 3
- Wednesday 1st July, afternoon, 1.30pm: Year 6 play SAVE THE DATE
- Thursday 2nd July, evening, 5pm: Year 6 play SAVE THE DATE
- Friday 3rd July: Back up sports day
- Monday 6th - 9th July: New class meet the teacher meetings this week (more details to follow)
- Monday 6th July, 4.30pm: Foundation Stage new parents meeting
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July: Icknield transition days
- Wednesday 8th July: Whole school transition morning (new classes)
- Thursday 9th July, 2pm: EY beach party

- Friday 10th July: PTA BBQ (all welcome)
- Thursday 16th July, 9.15am: Year 6 leavers' assembly + leavers' party (2-4pm)
- Friday 17th July, 9,15am: End of year assembly

Summer break begins (1.15pm on Friday 17th July)

Tuesday 1st September: INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET

Thursday 3rd September: INSET

Friday 4th September: INSET

Monday 7th September: School starts

Separate arrangements for Foundation Stage pupils

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

Reminder about class assembly dates

- Friday 5th June: Badgers (Year 4)
- Friday 19th June: Bats (Year 1)

Changes to open afternoon dates

Friday 22nd May, 3.15pm