

Watlington Newsletter - May



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the Botanical gardens on Monday. They learnt about a range of plants linked to their rainforest topic, and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day. Well done Foxes!

Thank you to the volunteers who have supported us with the recent sunflower sales, second hand uniform and book sales - we really appreciate your support.

Over the coming weeks, and into next term we turn our focus to assessments, starting with Year 6 SATs week, Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. Assessments are ongoing throughout the school year and teachers use them to inform progress, attainment, next steps and trends.

We also wish Year 5 good luck and lots of fun for their residential visit to Youlbury next week. Year 5 parents - please ensure your child is able to carry all their luggage!

Enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo


Science Competition

SCIENCE INVESTIGATION

What do we need?
 got are investigation we used:

- A Tape-measure
- A meter stick
- Two white boards
- Chalk
- and two pen's

Team



How did we do this investigation?

- First we measured the length of peoples femurs. Then we write them down on a whiteboard. After that we jumped 1 by 1 to see how could jump the furthest. Finally we compared the scores and we had a 3way tie!

Name of Person Jumping	Length of Femur	Order of Lengths of Femur 1 st -6 th	Distance Jumped	Order of Distance Jumped
Henry	39cm	1 st	1m20cm	1 st
DYLAN	37cm	2 nd	1m20cm	1 st
Jimie	36cm	3 rd	1m20cm	1 st
Sam	34cm	4 th	1m15cm	2 nd
Torry	35cm	5 th	1m10cm	3 rd
mani	34cm	5 th	1m2cm	4 th

If you have a bigger femur do you jump further?

Well done to everyone who have participated in Oxford Science's 'Big Science Event' which promotes children to use their working scientifically skills. The children were asked to work in small teams and to think of an investigation they would like to follow. They had to then organise equipment, predict what might happen, decide which variables they would control or change, carry out the test and

then record and interpret their results. They were then asked to present their investigations in posters.

A group from the Foxes class (Mani, Dylan, Sam, Henry, Harry and Jimi) have been shortlisted for the semi-finals where Oxford Science will interview them and hopefully put them forward to the finals! Their investigation question is 'If you have a bigger femur do you jump further?'

Good luck Foxes!

Healthy Smiles

A huge congratulations to our Early Years department for renewing their Healthy Smiles accreditation.



Sports Update

On Wednesday 24th April, we took a team of 10 Year 3 & 4 children to a tag rugby tournament in Wallingford. The children played brilliantly and won 5 out of 6 of their matches. A special shout-out must go to Freddie V for scoring so many tries that we lost count! Also, a huge thank you to Mark Newman for getting us involved in the event and for coming into school and giving the team a brilliant coaching session beforehand. We will definitely be back next year!

Coming up: athletics event, cross country, rounders and dance across the partnership

In other sports news:

The u10s football team in Watlington were raising funds for the club this weekend by running a paint fun run. They all managed 5k and have so far raised £300 and still counting.

The team also won their semi final match on Saturday, so are through to the final, tomorrow! Good luck!



Music

Congratulations to Maddie, Josh and Noah who took part in the Oxfordshire Brass Band competition last weekend. Noah and Josh came third in the duet section. Maddie, Josh and Noah came 2nd, 5th and 8th respectively in the solo section.



150th Anniversary Events



This May marks the 150th anniversary of Watlington Primary School. Amongst other events for staff and governors, past and present, the School Council have the responsibility of organising school celebrations for pupils, which will be on Friday 24th May.

They will be sharing more information with you soon.

GOLDS



Hedgehogs: Miller,

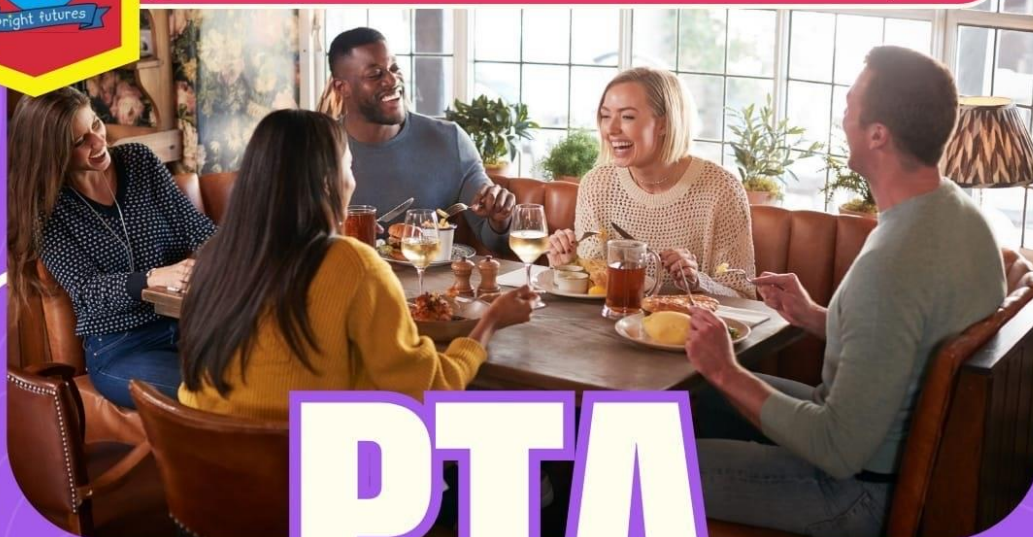
Foxes: Ethan, Roni and Mani

Owls: Isabelle, Hector, Dolly and Rose

PTA



PTA SOCIAL



PTA MEETING



THURSDAY 9TH MAY



8:00 PM

THE SPIRE AND SPOKE



All welcome



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This year the PTA is fundraising to support the school's landscaping and renovation of the pond area, so that the children can learn about the wildlife there and enjoy this outdoor space, in addition to contributing to music and languages teaching and the library computer system. We are making great progress towards our targets for the year; recently the Easter trail raised £400 and Josh Robinson-Ward has been successful in gaining 2 grants, £500 from each of the Watlington Business Association and the Doris Field Grant. Thank you Josh!

Upcoming PTA events are the movie night (which will have happened by the time you're reading this) and the summer fete. Thank you so much to Claire and Christina, Amy and Vanessa for organising the movie night again, which is always a favourite with the children, and to the teachers for staying late to look after them!

We are holding a PTA social event and informal meeting on Thursday 9th May at 8pm in the Spire and Spoke. All parents are very welcome to join us to hear about the work we do supporting the school, make suggestions, meet other parents, and to find out how to get involved. If you have any questions please contact watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com.

Dates



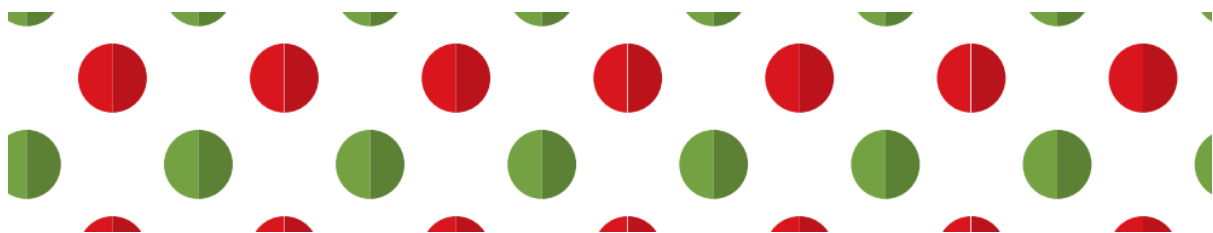
- Friday 3rd May, 2.30pm: Owls class assembly
- Monday 6th May: Bank holiday
- Wednesday 8th-10th May: Year 5 residential
- Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATs week
- Monday 13th May: Bikeability (year 5) - please see information sent out this week
- Friday 17th May, 2.30pm: Bats class assembly
- Friday 24th May: 150 year celebration day
- **Friday 24th May: Break up for half term. (Robins at 3pm, Reception to Year 6 at 3.15pm)**
- **Monday 3rd June: Term starts**
- Year 4 Multiplication check window opens
- Year 1 Phonics screening window opens
- Friday 7th June: Watlington Cross Country races
- Monday 17th June: Rounders tournament
- Thursday 20th June: Henley Football tournament
- Thursday 20th June (choir): Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey

- Friday 21st June, 2.30pm: Foxes class assembly
- Wednesday 26th June (Foundation Stage): Early Years Olympics
- **UPDATED** Wednesday 26th June, 2.30pm: Dance performance in the hall for parents (Year 1,2 and 3)
- Friday 28th June: (Years 1 to 6): Sports day
- Monday 1st July: Arts week
- Friday 5th July, 3.15pm: Open afternoon art gallery
- Wednesday 10th July: Whole school transition day
- Friday 12th July: Back up sports day
- Friday 19th July: PTA BBQ tbc
- Monday 22nd July, 9.15am: Leavers' assembly (year 6 parents)
- Tuesday 23rd July, 9.15am: End of year celebration assembly (Reception to Year 6)
- **Term ends at 1.15pm**

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

Class	Class assembly date – Friday 2:30pm
Golden Eagles	Friday 17 th November 2023
Red Kites	Friday 8 th December 2023
Badgers	Friday 9 th February 2024
Foxes	Friday 21 st June 2024
Owls	Friday 3 rd May 2024
Bats	Friday 17 th May 2024
Hedgehogs	Friday 22 nd March 2024

Attendance



We are currently at 96.3% We are so very close to our target of 97%! Keep up the great work!

There has been an increase in term time holidays again. Just a reminder that these dates are not authorised and could result in a fine.

Please remember that every day really does count.

Here is some useful information from the NHS around 'is my child too ill for school?'

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>