

# Watlington Newsletter June 1 2026



Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the excitement of term 6!

Looking back on last term, the year 5 residential to Juniper Hall in Dorking was a super enriching opportunity for our children to get hands on experience to enhance the geography and science curriculum. We visited a local village to look at its features and change over time, trapped small mammals, orienteered and lots more. We are so proud of the children who were resilient and independent throughout, even having to make their own beds! Thank you to Mr Gale for organising behind the scenes and to Mrs Eltham and Mrs Hanger for radiating positivity for three days and two long nights!

Arts week was a huge success, with the theme of 'under the sea'. The artwork created was exceptional and a huge celebration of talent in our school. Thank you to Miss Dearlove and Mrs Tanner for organising, and to all the parents and carers who joined us for the open afternoon.

This afternoon's Year 4 class assembly was lively and informative. It was evident that the children have worked hard on their performance skills, with great results. Congratulations to the Badgers - you should be very proud of yourselves.

This term involves annual assessments across year groups including the Year 4 multiplication check, phonics screening and year group assessments. Please be reassured that this is a snapshot of your child's attainment and most importantly highlights areas for us to focus on, areas to support with at home, as well as up to date information to hand over to the next teachers. More information will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

The final term of the year is action-packed, so please check the dates and utilise the class WhatsApp groups for information sharing. Also, this term can cause worry in some of our children, who may find changes of timetable and thoughts about transition a challenge. Where possible, we will provide social stories for you to share with your children to support with this. We also carefully consider transition arrangements to suit all children. This includes, meet the teacher meetings (more details to follow), transition meetings between staff, and transition day. If you do need any additional support or have questions, please contact your child's current class teacher.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

## Jigsaw



We use 'Jigsaw' as a way of supporting the children's Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education. We aim to equip our pupils with the knowledge and skills to successfully

and safely manage their lives now and in the future. Lessons happen across the school every week and are delivered in an age-appropriate manner.

This term in Jigsaw our whole school focus is on:

### *Term 6: Changing Me*

If you would like more information on what we will be covering in lessons, we can provide you with access to the Jigsaw Parent Portal, which allows parents and carers to view the standard lesson plans for their child's year group. Due to copyright reasons, we are unable to send out a blanket login code to parents, but we are able to set up individual parents with access, should they wish to view the materials. If you would like to have access to this, please email the school office ([admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk)) and we can arrange this for you.

## Behaviour Survey

### [Parent/Carer Survey: Behaviour and Bullying – Fill out form](#)

We would like your feedback on behaviour in our school. Please complete this survey by Friday 19th June. Thank you.

## Watlington Cross Country 2026!

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for our Cross Country Event on Wednesday 10th June. The course will start and end in our playground and include the field of Icknield, for those able to run a little further!

Children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 will participate and we will encourage everyone to get involved.

The course will be planned to enable all age groups to walk, jog or run as much as they are able to. The start times will be staggered to allow more seasoned, faster runners space to run the whole race and younger or less experienced runners time to go at their own pace.

Please make sure your child(ren):

- Have a healthy breakfast that day so they have the energy they will need
- Come dressed in PE kit, wearing well-fitting TRAINERS (plimsolls will not be safe to run in)
- Have a water bottle
- Have a healthy snack for after the run (fresh / dried fruit, carrot sticks etc.)
- If it's rainy, please bring school uniform to change in to.

## Young Carers in Schools award



We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Young Carers in Schools award in recognition of our support for young carers and their education.

The award is part of the Young Carers in Schools programme run by The Children's Society and Carers Trust. The programme helps schools identify and support pupils who care for family members affected by illness, disability, mental health conditions or addiction.

We achieved the award by demonstrating strong support for young carers, including drop-in sessions and dedicated staff support.

For more information about Young Carers, visit [our website here](#).

## Would you like to thank a teacher?

### **National Thank a Teacher Day**

National Thank a Teacher Day (17 June) is a chance to celebrate everyone who makes your schools what they are - from teachers and TAs to support staff, leaders and central teams - and an opportunity for both the education sector and the wider public to come together to show just how appreciated they are.

You can sign up as a school for this or you can share the link to the form [Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)

Say 'thank you' to a teacher today

We'll send a lovely card with your message, for free!

## PTA Update



Into the final stretch we go and if you really squint, you might be able to see summer holidays off in the distance!!

If the raffle ticket Gods are with us, this time next week you will have raffle tickets in your kids bags for this year's raffle. Huge thanks to Beth and Hayley who have organised this and collated some great prizes which we will reveal in the coming weeks. As always prizes will be given to the highest sellers and all monies raised helps your kids and the school.

### TOYS AND TEDDY DONATION REQUEST!!

Have a bunch of new or nearly new/ great condition toys or teddies hanging around?

Did you do a half term kids bedroom clear out and that box of things they promised they would use everyday is sitting there waiting to be moved on to a good cause?

We can be that good cause – we have 2 stalls in need of great prizes for the Watlington Fayre and our Summer Fete so if you have items to donate please pop them to the office and enjoy that extra space you now have at home!!

Dates for the diary:

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

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](#)

## Attendance



Good attendance remains one of the biggest factors in helping children achieve well, build confidence and feel part of school life. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Oxfordshire County Council highlights that children with attendance lower than 90% are more likely to fall behind in learning.

Thank you for working with us to ensure children have the best possible opportunities to learn, thrive and succeed. Please remember to contact the school office as early as possible if your child is unwell or unable to attend school.

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



## Golds



Red Kites: Jamie and Roni

Badgers: Harry, Otis, Max

Bats: Elora, Bella, Bo and

Golden Eagles: Belle, Mikey

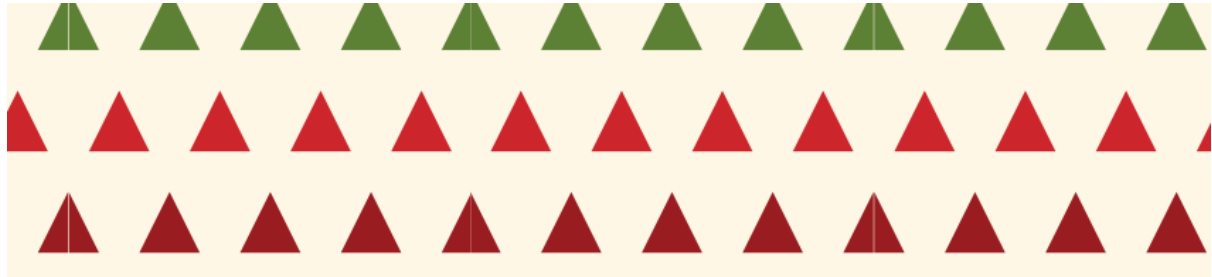
Owls: Brooklynn, George C, Leo and Hugo

Foxes: Oliver, Edward, Andrew, Rey, Wills and Albie C

Hedgehogs: Joshua, Mason, Torvi, Rosa, Ophelia, Margot, Arnie, Billy

Robins: Alfie, Darcy, Leo and Oakley

## Dates (this section is regularly updated)



- 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) + new FS parents invited
- 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 19th June: Bats (Year 1)