

# Watlington Newsletter - April



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful break and managed to catch some sunshine, spend time (hopefully playing cards) with your loved ones and took some time to recharge.

Wishing a warm Watlington welcome to the families who have recently started, or are starting with us this term. We look forward to getting to know you and your families over the coming weeks. If you are yet to be added to the PTA WhatsApp groups let us know.

Just a reminder to check the class pages. It is brilliant to see the exceptional experiences on offer including: engaging topics, curriculum weeks including our recent STEM week, cooking, clubs, all with the support of our fantastic school community. Remember, you can look at the other class pages too! Click [here](#) to have a look.

Just a friendly reminder to ensure your children are wearing full school uniform, have the equipment they need, and are completing the home learning tasks set.

Let's have a great summer term.

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

A huge well done again to the School Council for organising Children's Mental Health week!



## 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:

Relationships

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.

## Library News



**Thank you** again to everyone who kindly supported us at the Scholastic Book Fair last term.

Every book you purchased helped raise funds towards purchasing new books for the school library. We managed to buy over 30 books from the children's wish list, plus lots of exciting new authors for the children to discover and enjoy...

The books arrived this week and have been shared between KS1 & KS2 libraries.

As I'm sure you're aware the school libraries are run by a group of parent volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to keep them updated, relevant and tidy!

We rely entirely on donations and scholastic fundraisers.

If you would like to donate any pre loved books or purchase new books we would be delighted to receive them.

Here is the link to the recently updated children's wish list, select 'unpurchased items'.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OV8WH7TKOHZZ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OV8WH7TKOHZZ?ref=wl_share)

For anyone who would prefer to shop local we have a new online account with Thame Bookshop. Here is the link for your donation page on The Book House website and QR code for the same.

Donations of these books can be left in the box by the school office J

Thank you!

The Library team

(Sunny, Ellen, Kate, Helen B, Liz, Helen T and Claire)





## GOLDS



Badgers: Lily, Niamh, Sophie, Eddie

Hedgehogs: Sebastian

## PTA Update



Pre-Loved Uniform Sales

We are continuing to aim to hold a pre-loved uniform sale approximately once a month in the school lobby area so do come along if you can. All proceeds go to the PTA. Next sale date is: Weds 24th April. Lots of summer dresses and shorts available! If you can't make the sales then please contact Becca for logo items [rebeccahadrill@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccahadrill@hotmail.com), or Jennie for non-logo items [jennien.80@gmail.com](mailto:jennien.80@gmail.com).

## Dates



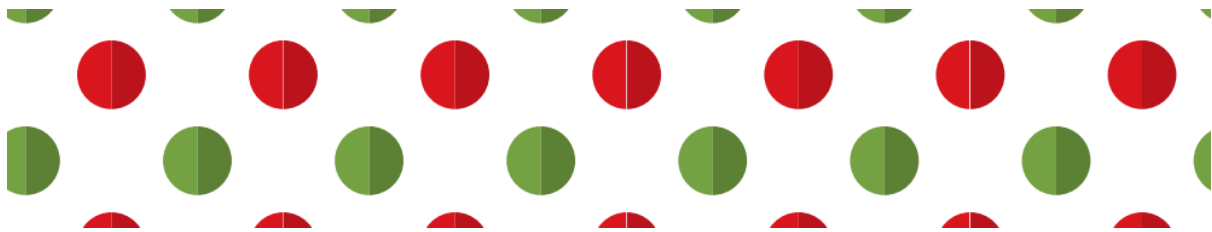
- Friday 26th April, 2.30pm: Whole school assembly (from Reception to year 6)
- Friday 3rd May, 2.30pm: Owls class assembly
- Monday 6th May: Bank holiday
- Wednesday 8th-10th May: Year 5 residential
- Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATs
- Monday 13th May: Bikeability (year 5) - More information to follow
- 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

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

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

## Attendance



**We are currently at 95.9%**

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/>