

# Watlington Newsletter - End of term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have experienced a range of careers during STEM week including engineers, doctors and vets. All classes have focused on science, maths and technology lessons this week, making moving toys, experimenting with potatoes, growing cress and baking. As a fun maths activity, each child has been given a pack of playing cards (thank you to Winning Moves for their generous donation of a pack for every child). They have learnt different games and other fun activities to do with a pack of cards. It would be great if you could continue this at home by teaching your children your favourite card games or even just using them to practise number recognition!

A huge thank you to the library for running the Scholastic Book Fair which raised £1000 in book tokens for the school! The money will be used to buy books for the library as well as the classes. Thank you again to the team for running the fair.

The Easter trail is this afternoon. I am sure this will be a fun activity to celebrate the end of term.  
Thank you to Helen Tyrell and team for organising the event.

Eid sa'id to those celebrating Eid over the coming weeks.

Happy Easter to those families celebrating Easter.

Happy holidays to everyone!

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo



## GOLDS



Owls: Bonnie, Harry

Robins: Maggie, William, Oliver



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Easter Trail**  
Eggstravanza!  
AT THE RECREATION GROUND

Thursday 28th March 1.15pm - 3pm

1 TRAIL GUIDE + CHOCOLATE PRIZE PER TICKET

There will be 2 trails to choose from: KS2, or KS1 and nursery, with chocolate prizes at the end!



Raffle draw at 2:30pm!  
**ENTRY TO BIRDLAND,  
COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK,  
RUSH TRAMPOLINING AND  
SO MUCH MORE !!!!**

TO BUY TICKETS VISIT  
[HTTP://GO.RALLYUP.COM/EASTERRAFFLE2024](http://go.rallyup.com/easterraffle2024)

**TICKETS  
ONLY £3**

Online ticket sales close on Tuesday 26th March.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WATLINGTONOXONPTA](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta)

Drinks and treats available

**Start the Easter break with the fantastic PTA Easter trail**, at 1.15pm on Thursday 28th March in the recreation ground. There are 2 trails with fun puzzles to choose from: Key stage 1/nursery and Key stage 2. Book on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/watlingtonoxonpta/> tickets are £3, there is a chocolate prize and sales close on Tuesday.

**What if I cannot afford a ticket?** Please select a free PTA funded ticket (by Tuesday) - booking these is confidential, we don't want any child to miss out!

**What if my child is allergic to milk chocolate?** Let us know at [watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com](mailto:watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com) and we will provide a free from prize.

**Are there refreshments?** Yes, there will be a cake sale, if you can help by donating a cake (no nuts) or volunteering to serve tea/coffee on the day please sign up on the website.

**Is there a raffle?** Yes, with lots of brilliant days out - Birdland, Cotswold wildlife park, trampolining, soft play - buy tickets at <https://go.rallyup.com/easterraffle2024>

### **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 dates: 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**

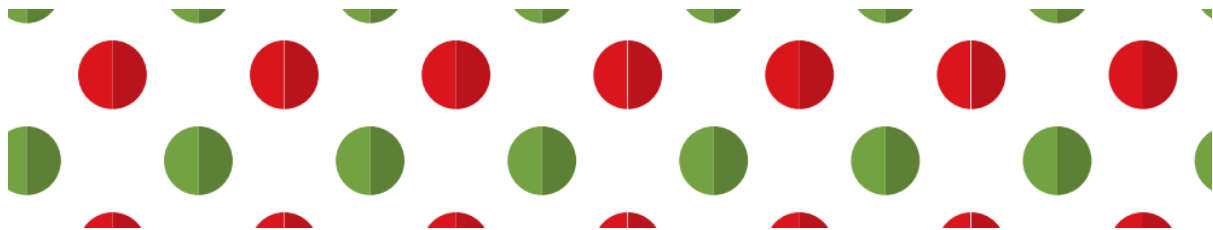


- **Monday 15th April: Term 5 starts - please arrive on time!**
- Friday 26th April, 2.30pm: Whole school assembly (from Reception to year 6)
- Friday 3rd May, 2.30pm: Owls class assembly
- Monday 6th May: Bank holiday
- Wednesday 8th-10th May: Year 5 residential
- Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATs
- Monday 13th May: Bikeability (year 5)
- 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 (choir): Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey
- Friday 21st June, 2.30pm: Foxes class assembly
- Wednesday 26th June (Foundation Stage): Early Years Olympics
- Friday 28th June: (Years 1 to 6): Sports day

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/>

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year