

Watlington Newsletter - March 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fortnight! Year 6 have had a wonderful week on their residential at PGL, Swindon. The week included canoeing, fencing, trapeze, aero ball, giant swing, campfire and disco! The food was fantastic and another highlight of the week! A huge thank you to Miss Johnson for organising, Mrs Heycock, Mrs Tanner and Miss Harman for attending, and to the wider team who covered during the week. The team really go above and beyond to ensure that Year 6 have the best time. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the team when they get back.

Next week has a STEM focus, with lots of motivating activities and interesting visitors planned. Do join us for our STEM open afternoon in classes from 2.30pm on Wednesday 27th March. Please arrive on time to make sure you have time to visit multiple classes if needed. The bell will ring at 3.05pm so that we can organise the children to get ready for home time.

Well done to the Hedgehogs for their first class assembly today too! Although I wasn't at the assembly, I did get to see the rehearsals which were fantastic, particularly learning those lines and a lively rendition of 'The Animal Fair'!

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

Health Snacks

Please ensure that you are packing balanced snacks for your children. Remember that children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One are provided with fruit for break times so there is no need to provide anything. For Key Stage Two children or if your child is attending a club (and you have been asked to provide a snack) then do ensure it is healthy. This could be a piece of fruit or vegetable (cut up where possible), rice cakes or malt loaf. Click [here](#) for more snack ideas.

Follow this [link](#) for more healthy lunch ideas.

Remember that water bottles should be filled with water, not squash or flavoured juices to protect their teeth.

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 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 27th March and 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, or Jennie for non-logo items jennien.80@gmail.com.

Library



As I'm sure you are all aware, without your donations and help with school fundraising, we wouldn't be able to keep the library updated and relevant.

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

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

<https://shop.thebookhousethame.co.uk/collections/watlington-school-library-donations>

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

Thank you!

The Library team

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



Healthier Together Initiative



<https://www.oxfordshire-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/>

Dates

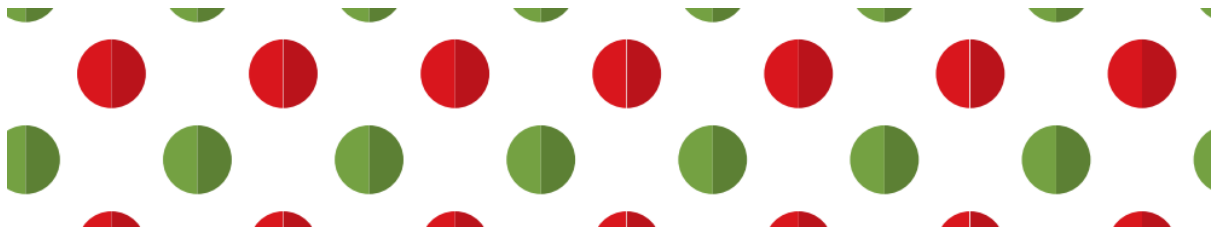


- Monday 25th March: STEM week
- Wednesday 27th March: STEM open afternoon from 2.30pm in classrooms. Please arrive on time to attend this event. The bell will ring just after 3pm to signal leaving classrooms ready for home time.
- **Thursday 28th March: Break up at 1.15pm (Nursery to Year 6)**
- Thursday 28th March: Easter trail (PTA event)
- **Monday 15th April: Term 5 starts**
- 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
- Wednesday 22nd May, 3pm: Careers event (whole school)
- 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 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 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