

# Watlington Newsletter - November 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 2! The children have started well, keen to start new topics, with a positive attitude to learning. The Year 5 trip to the Chiltern Open Air museum was a super learning opportunity to end their topic on the Anglo Saxons. They had the opportunity to experience an archaeological dig, story telling and craft workshops - look on the class page for some photos! Mrs Heycock was 'kidnapped' by a witch, which launched the Year 2 writing topic. Do not worry, Mrs Heycock is now back with us!

As always, make sure your child is wearing full school uniform, including the right footwear. This includes for PE days where they should be wearing red t-shirts and navy/ black bottoms.

This term gets very busy with lots of events. Please ensure that you make a note of the dates (below) and utilise the WhatsApp groups to keep updated.

We strive to ensure that we have a balance of free and fee paying events. That said, we know that this is an expensive time of year. If you require financial assistance, please get in touch. This includes for any clubs that your child might be interested in.

Click [here](#) for the link to the PTA newsletter. They have organised lots of festive events including wreath making, bauble decorating and Christmas disco. Please do support the PTA!

Best wishes,

Gemma Sterjo

If you didn't get the chance to fill in our Parent survey at parents' evening, please click [here](#).

We would really appreciate hearing from you. The survey will close on Monday 6th November.

Good Neighbour Scheme





## GOOD NEIGHBOURS NEEDED

### COULD YOU HELP RUN A GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME IN YOUR AREA?

- Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups supporting older, vulnerable, and isolated people in your community.
- They help with things like shopping, transport, household tasks, dog walking, gardening, befriending - whatever is most needed in your area.
- £500 start-up grants are available for new schemes; existing informal schemes may also be eligible for funding.



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## Sports



On Monday 9th October, Watlington hosted the first inter-schools tournament of the new academic year. We took part in a football tournament with three other local schools: Chalgrove, RAF Benson and Lewknor. Watlington came 2nd place overall. Well done to everyone who played, what a great start!

For more information about our sporting fixtures, please check the 'News, dates and events>Personal development and clubs>sports' section of the website.

Look out for our rugby results from the tournament on 13th November.

## Helping your child with their worries parent workshop



- \* How can I tell if my child is worried about something?
- \* How can I help my child to talk about their worries?
- \* What can I do to help?
- \* How can I build a stronger connection and communicate more easily with my child?

Come along and find out!

This workshop is led by our School Counsellor, Julie Watt, for parents on Monday 6th November, from 5-6pm at school.

This workshop is fully funded by us, as we believe it is an important area for parents to learn more about.

If you would like to attend, please email [admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates, including Christmas dates



- Monday 6th November, 5-6pm, Helping children with their worries workshop
- Wednesday 8th November: Individual and sibling photos
- Friday 10th November, 2.30pm: Whole school remembrance assembly
- Monday 13th November: Anti-bullying week
- Friday 17th November: 2.30pm, Golden Eagles class assembly (Golden Eagles parents only)
- Monday 20th November: PTA bauble painting event
- Tuesday 21st November: 5-6pm, Foundation Stage open evening for new parents
- Friday 24th November: 7.30-10.30, PTA quiz night
- Wednesday 29th November: Foundation Stage theatre visit (in school) (The Gingerbread)
- Thursday 30th November: Big Christmas Sing, Oxford (choir only)
- Friday 1st December: 6.30-8.30pm, PTA wreath making event
- Saturday 2nd December: PTA at the Watlington Fair
- Wednesday 6th December: Years 1-3 theatre trip (Jack and the Beanstalk)
- Friday 8th December: 2.30pm, Red Kites class assembly (Red Kites parents only)
- Wednesday 13th December: Foundation Stage Nativity (9.15am)
- Wednesday 13th December: Year 4-6 theatre trip (A Christmas Carol)
- Wednesday 13th December: 5.30pm, Christmas Church service (Years 1-5 taking part, with Year 6 leading) everyone welcome.
- Thursday 14th December: PTA Christmas discos (Year 1 to Year 6)
- Friday 15th December: Christmas jumper and festive lunch day
- Tuesday 19th December: Foundation Stage Christmas party
- Wednesday 20th December: Term ends at 1.15pm (all year groups)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class assembly date – Friday 2:30pm</b>
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 **97.1!** We're meeting our target, thank you!

Thank you again for your ongoing support with keeping our attendance achievements high.

Please remember that every day really does count.

