



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School & Watton Junior School

Newsletter Thursday 24th October 2024

***This term our British Value is Democracy***

### CLASS NEWS

**Nursery:** In Hedgehog nursery this month we have been talking about the people who are special to us, and learning to recognise similarities and differences between people, using the language of big and little, boy and girl, tall and short.

Next half term we will be exploring Autumn, colour and Christmas!

In Squirrels we have been learning about what makes us special. We have explored similarities and differences between how we look, talked about our families and the things we are good at.

Next half term we will be learning about different celebrations, including Bonfire Night, birthdays and Christmas.

**Reception:** In Reception we have been retelling the story 'Dan and the Ball' in four parts. We have also been developing our blending skills to help us read words. In maths, we have been learning to subitise.

**Year 1:** In Year 1 this half term we have been reading our vehicle text Old Bear, looking at old toys, learning about plants and trees and learning about computers. We have had a big focus on sentence writing, remembering our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

**Year 2:** In Year 2, we have been talking about different places around the world, including continents and oceans, and the animals we might find there. We have thought about our use of IT and how to stay safe online. We have also thought about the creation of the universe.

Next half term, we will be learning about explorers, healthy eating and the uses of different materials.

**Year 3 & 4:** We have had a great start to the year, with year 3 studying The Iron Man and year 4 studying The Whale. During our writing sessions we have been writing an approaching threat narrative, using some great vocabulary to describe the setting and the threat. In maths, year 3 have been practicing addition and subtraction, looking at what happens when having to exchange or bridge 10s and 100s, while in year 4 maths we have been rounding numbers as well as adding and subtracting with exchanging. Our afternoon topics have been science (Electricity), geography (local study of Watton and surrounding areas) and DT (light up models). We have been lucky to have Norfolk Music Hub joining us on Monday afternoons. Year 4 have been having these music sessions, learning Samba music.

After half term, year 3 will have the music sessions with Norfolk Music Hub. In English, year 3 will continue The Iron Man, before moving on to Fox. Year 4 will continue with The Whale before moving on to The Leaf. In Maths, both year 3 and 4 will move on to multiplication and division.

**Years 5 & 6:** In Y5 we have been looking at the core story 'when we walked on the moon' by David Long and Sam Kalda which has inspired us to write a formal mission log of a journey to the moon. Next term we are looking forward to learning about Vikings.

In year 6, we have been enjoying our vehicle text 'Rose Blanche' and writing a diary entry and bravery award speech after learning about her courageous deeds. Our science focus has been on space and we have been learning about the solar system and how day and night occur.

**Social, Emotional & Mental Health SRB:** This half term we have enjoyed learning about Space including planets and cooking Moon pies.

Next half term we will be learning about Electricity and Places in the World.



**Monday 4th November**—School opens for Autumn term 2

Immunisation Team visiting both schools for Flu Vaccines

**Tuesday 5th November**—Bonfire night meal

**Thursday 7th November**—Open Afternoon for Reception 2025 intake 1.30pm—2.30pm

**Monday 11th November**—School Photos at Watton Westfield

**Thursday 12th November**—Bag2School Collection at Westfield

**Tuesday 12th November**—School Photos at Watton Junior

**Friday 15th November**—BBC Children In Need Non-Uniform day - including special menu

**Wednesday 4th December**—EYFS Christmas performance PM

**Thursday 5th December**—EYFS Christmas performance AM

**Wednesday 11th December**—Y1 Performance AM

Nursery Performance PM

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 12th December**—Y1 Performance

**Friday 13th December**—Curriculum Day - wear pjs

**Tuesday 17th December**—Y2 Performance AM

**Wednesday 18th December**—Y2 Performance PM

Y3/4 Performance AM

**Thursday 19th December**—Y3/4 Performance AM Christmas Parties PM & Afterschool Chocolate Tombola

**Friday 20th December**—Y3/4 Performance AM

School breaks up for Christmas

**PLEASE CHECK DOJO FOR UPDATES**

**SMILE:** We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil in a Safe, Meaningful, Inclusive Learning Environment

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## Starting School



If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be due to start their Reception school year in September 2025.

Come along to our open afternoon on Thursday 7th November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm to see what we can offer! No booking necessary. We will have staff on hand to show you the Reception classrooms and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you.



At the junior school we were very lucky to have the Paralympian Sean Rose come and do a PE circuit with each class. The children raised money for this to get vouchers for the school. We have raised

**£676.55**

Studybugs 

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



The Benjamin Foundation

Watton Youth Group

(The Benjamin Foundation) is currently part of Tesco Stronger Starts. This means you can put a blue token in our box at Watton Tesco. Several of our children attend this group and it would be great if you could support this cause.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Together we raised

**£189**

### A message from PC Austin Clarke

It is important to remember issues and dangers that parking near to educational premises can cause for our young children going to and from school.

As you will know, drop off and collection times at Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery and Watton Junior schools means parking is at a premium.

But like all inconsiderate parking, this especially lends itself to risk of incident and as I am sure you appreciate, we need to at least reduce or remove that risk.

With your help this can undoubtedly be achieved by working together.

This means, with your support as parents, carers, and friends of both Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery and Watton Junior school parking sensibly, leaving enough room, not parking as to hinder emergency vehicles, minibuses and not parking on top of junctions we can achieve a better and safer environment for our children, in fact makes a better and safer environment for everyone.

Be:  
**S**chool Aware  
**T**hink Child  
**O**nus on Safety  
**P**ark Sensibly

Police will of course monitor and very much hope you are committed in making a real difference.

Those of you already taking these positive 'S T O P' steps of which there are many, I and Norfolk Constabulary sincerely thank you.



Thank you to everyone who has purchased their childrens' designs. As soon as we receive your purchases we shall send them home with your child. Together we raised

**£446.50**

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15th November.  
We will be taking part this year by decorating ourselves with spots or stripes. Donations will be accepted by our just giving page or cash on the day. Please check our Dojo pages for more details.

Pop along to the High Street in Watton Saturday 26th October to follow their 'Watton High Street Witches Trail.' More details from Adcocks.



**Staffing News For Watton Westfield!**

We are pleased to inform you that after half term we have the following changes:

Roxanne Murty—will be KS1 Lead

Tracy Culver—will be stepping into the HLTA post in the Hive

Rhiannon Patrick—will be joining our TA team.

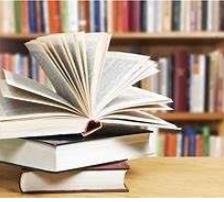
Congratulations to you all.



If your child comes to school by bikes or scooter please ensure they dismount before coming on to school grounds. This will help reduce the risk of them or others being injured.



Flu Clinic— We have the vaccination team coming to our schools on 4th November 2024. If you have not registered your child then please scan the QR code to register your child for this.



**At Watton Junior School.**

Book sale after school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the old hall, all books 20p including Roald Dahl, Micheal Morpurgo and Harry Potter.



From after half term the KS1 gates at Watton Westfield will be opened at 8.40am in the morning, so children can be in their classrooms ready for learning to start at 8.50am. The gates will be locked at 8.55am . The door times for Nursery and Reception are unchanged.  
Thank you.

After half term we will be on the run up to Christmas. There are lots of things coming up including raffle, tombola, tree decorations and lots more. Please keep an eye on our Dojos for more details.



While your children are waiting, please ensure they are behaving safely and considerately to others. Please do not allow them to climb or swing from the gates, fences and trees as this may cause injury and/or damage to property.

Whilst on site or waiting around the school areas please can you be mindful of language that is being used. Please refrain from swearing especially in front of children.



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