



## Watton Junior School Newsletter—December 2023

***This half term our Core Value is: To develop their confidence as independent learners.***

### CLASS NEWS

#### LKS2

In Year 3/4 we have enjoyed looking at Flotsam. The illustrations were beautiful and because there was no text, they had to work out the story from these alone, which the children relished. They made lots of thoughtful deductions and then wrote a story based on this. In maths, they have investigated multiplying and dividing using arrays, sharing and grouping with different times tables as the focus. In art they have explored sculptures and have used clay to bring some of their designs to life.

#### UKS2

As the Autumn term comes to an end, we are delighted to provide you with a glimpse into the vibrant and engaging activities that our Year 5 and 6 students have immersed themselves in. From literary adventures to mathematical challenges, and hands-on projects, our students have been actively shaping their educational journey.

We finally came to the end of the classic novel "Goodnight Mr Tom." The students journeyed through the heartwarming tale, delving into the intricacies of its characters and the historical backdrop. This literary adventure not only honed their reading skills but also instilled valuable lessons about resilience, friendship, and compassion.

Building on this foundation, our budding wordsmiths have embarked on a new narrative journey with "The Viewer" by Gary Crew. This captivating story has sparked their imagination, inspiring them to craft their own narratives. The emphasis on speech punctuation has not only refined their writing skills but also brought a sense of authenticity to their storytelling.

In the realm of mathematics, our Year 5 and 6 students have been navigating the complexities of fractions. The focus has been on adding and subtracting fractions, a skill that lays the groundwork for a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. Additionally, the students have successfully tackled the conversion of mixed numbers to improper fractions, demonstrating their growing proficiency in mathematical operations.

Engaging in Design and Technology (DT), the students have eagerly embraced the theme of 'Make do and Mend.' This hands-on project has encouraged them to explore their creativity, problem-solving abilities, and resourcefulness. From repurposing materials to creating innovative solutions, the students have truly embraced the spirit of ingenuity.

The festive season has seen our Year 5 and 6 students shine brightly as they performed heartwarming Christmas songs for their parents. The joy and enthusiasm displayed during these performances were a testament to the students' dedication and the supportive environment nurtured within our school community.

### Diary Dates

**Please note dates may be subject to change.**  
**See Class Dojo for updates. Thank you.**

20.12.23 —Last Day of Term

04.01.24 —School Reopens

16.02.24 —School breaks up for Half Term Holiday

26.02.24 —School Reopens for Spring Term 2

04.03.24 — Book Week

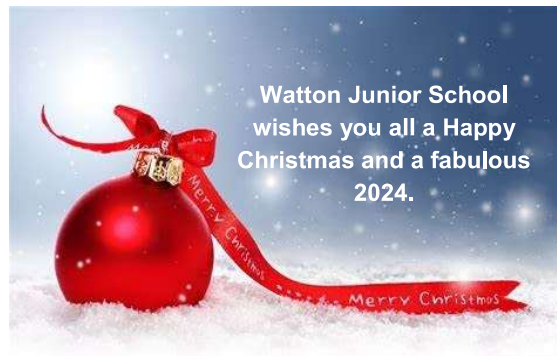
07.03.24 —World Book Day (children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)

11.03.24—Science Week

11.03.24—Bikeability

15.03.24—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief & Mid-year Reports sent home

27.03.24—School breaks up for Easter Holiday



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## Year 5 Pupils Embark on an Educational Adventure Exploring New SRB Classrooms

In an exciting and educational outing, a group of enthusiastic Year 5 pupils recently had the opportunity to visit the site of the new Special Resource Base (SRB) classrooms. This hands-on experience allowed our young learners to witness the construction process firsthand and gain insights into the development of this significant addition to our school.



Young Carers would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas!

All the children in lunch club had a wonderful Christmas Lunch. They had a mini party to begin with, then sat down and had a lovely lunch.



Every time a child goes on gold they go into a draw to win a Forest School session. The children all enjoyed their session last week.



Congratulations to Shakespeare class. They were the winners of the Primary Class Category in this year's Ground shaking Games Competition.

Sir Issac Newton Sixth-Form sent a parcel with a selection of math themed books and an individual prize for Goda due to her being the brains behind the game.  
**WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!**

## Royal British Legion.

Thank you to everyone purchasing poppy items. We raised a whopping £280.10



This month's highest attendance winners are:-

## Volunteer Reading Partners Wanted

Can you spare an afternoon a week to come and listen to the children read? We are looking for reading partners who would be assigned to a class and come at the same time every week on a regular basis. You would need a DBS check which we would arrange and pay for. Please come and speak to the office if you are interested.



Please do not bring dogs on site. Please do not smoke or vape on site or by the gates.

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