



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Curriculum News

Nursery:

This half term in Hedgehogs we have been leaning about different types of vehicles. Hedgehog children have really enjoyed going to the school woods every Wednesday and they can all now manage putting on their outdoor rain clothing and welly boots independently. Well done Hedgehogs!



In Squirrels we have used stories, such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'Whatever Next' to explore different journeys. We have also been learning to make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity. Next half term we will be looking at what we can find in our gardens, looking at flowers, bugs and birds.

Reception:



During March in Reception we have explored the life cycles of humans and chickens, and written instructions describing how to grow a plant. We have learnt how to double in Maths and how to combine numbers to make 7. In PE we have been doing gymnastics, learning to improve our balancing and jumping skills. Next half term we will be learning about Traditional Tales.

Year 1:

In Year 1 we have been reading the vehicle text; 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We have written a portal narrative to retell the story, created our own 'Wild Thing' and written a fact file about it. We had a DT day and learnt about healthy eating and tried some different fruit and vegetables. We designed a kebab or smoothie and then we used the skills we had learnt to cut the fruit and veg and make our healthy snack. We also had our trip to Gressenhall and learnt about 'farm to food'. This involved learning about wheat and what food products this makes. We got a tractor ride around the farm and got to meet the animals who live there. Next half term we will be learning about weather in the UK and farming.



Year 2:

This half term in Year 2 in English we have been reading 'Grandad's Island'. We have been writing our own narrative of our character's travel to an island and having to experience the loss of leaving someone behind. In Maths, we have been learning about money, including making the same amount in different ways and giving change. We have also moved onto fractions and have learnt about 'half'. In Topic, we have been learning about the world, naming the seven continents and the five oceans. In R.E, we have learnt about the Seder plate in Judaism and what each food symbolises for Passover. Next half term we will be learning about life in a castle and online safety.



Inclusive Attendance News:

We have noticed an increase in the number of children in school, on time, ready to learn. This is fantastic progress, and we appreciate all of our families for making a conscious effort to help improve attendance across the school. If your child is absent, please report their absence via Study bugs, email the office or call us on 01953 882669 (option 1).

Diary Dates

**see Class Dojo for more information*

Wednesday 23rd April: School reopens for Summer 1 (St. George's Day Lunch)

Monday 5th May: School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May: VE Day Anniversary Celebrations

Monday 12th May: Reception Height, Weight, Hearing & Vision Checks

Tuesday 13th May: Reception Educational Visit to Gressenhall

Wednesday 14th May: Nursery Open Morning for September 2025 Intake

Tuesday 20th May: Yr1&Yr2 Sports Afternoon

Thursday 22nd May: Reception Sports Afternoon

Friday 23rd May: Nursery Sports Afternoon / School Closes for Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd June: School Reopens for Summer 2

Tuesday 17th June: Bag2School Collection / New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting (Sept. 25)

Tuesday 24th June: New Squirrel Nursery Parents Welcome Meeting (Sept. 25)

Friday 27th June: Westfield's Got Talent Final

Tuesday 1st July: Yr2 Educational Visit to Gressenhall / New Hedgehog Parents Welcome Meeting (Sept. 25)

Wednesday 2nd July: Happy Days Creative School Photos

Friday 4th July: Reports go Home

Monday 14th July: Transition Week

Friday 18th July: Yr2 Leaver's Disco

Tuesday 22nd July: Yr2 Leaver's Assembly / School Closes for Summer Holiday

Wednesday 3rd September: School reopens

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

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Reclaim the Rain Project

We are very excited to see the progress of the Reclaim the Rain project on school site. Reclaim the Rain are working with communities in Norfolk and Suffolk to reduce the risk of flooding and develop new ways of saving water.

They have started building a rainwater garden next to the Hive and will be planting this up over the Easter holiday. They have also planted fruit trees and bushes in the school allotment area.

These will provide wonderful learning areas for the children, as well as benefit the environment.



Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent View survey. Out of those who responded:

95% said they would recommend the school to another parent

We appreciate your feedback and support!



Tesco Stronger Starts

We have successfully made a Tesco Stronger Starts bid for funding to help us cover the cost of daily toothbrushing in school to help prevent dental issues. There are no NHS dentists available in Watton and we recognise the importance of toothbrushing in schools to promote healthy lifestyles and improve attendance. Stronger Starts funding will help us buy toothbrushes, toothpaste and hygienic storage for all our Nursery and Reception children.

Please collect your blue token every time you shop in Watton Tesco and post it in the voting box for Watton Westfield.



Easter Plate Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the Easter Plate competition. Your animal themed decorated plates were amazing!

Across Watton Westfield and Watton Junior School we raised £204.00 which will be split equally between PACT Animal Sanctuary and the PTA.

Our Westfield Winners were Miriam M, Maciek C, Sophie W and Emily F who each won an Easter egg and goody bag. Miriam M was our overall winner and will also receive a VIP family tour of the PACT Animal Sanctuary!



Warmer Weather

We are all looking forward to the days getting brighter and warmer.



Please make sure your child is safe in the sun by always having a water bottle in school to stay hydrated and a wide brimmed sunhat to protect their face and neck. Please apply a high SPF (minimum 30+) sunscreen before school. Your child may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school to top-up at lunchtime.

In the summer term children can wear grey or black tailored school shorts or blue checked gingham dresses as part of their uniform. No open-toed shoes please for safety. Please label everything with your child's name. Thank you!

Clubs

We are pleased we can now offer externally run after school clubs 3 days a week for Years 1 and Year 2 after Easter!



Premier Education will be running football on a Monday and gymnastics on a Tuesday. All enquiries should be directed to <https://family.premier-education.com/login>

The Creation Station will continue to run their Create Club after school on a Wednesday. For more information contact adamdaniel@thecreationstation.co.uk



We break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 4th April and return on Wednesday 23rd April. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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