



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 23rd May 2025

Curriculum News

Nursery: In Hedgehogs & Squirrels this half term we have been learning about the different things we might find in our garden. This has included: planting beans and looking at how plants grow, learning about birds and making bird feeders, and going on a bug hunt. Next half term we will be learning about lots of different animals and their habitats.

Reception: This half term in Reception we have been exploring the magical world of traditional tales. We read, discussed and retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood and in our writing, we focused on instructions guiding us on how to trap a wolf. The highlight of this half term was our trip to Gressenhall. There, we took part in some exciting activities alongside some real-life fairy-tale characters! It was an amazing opportunity to bring our learning to life and explore the stories we have been reading in class. We have strengthened our counting skills and explored the composition of numbers up to 10 in maths, learning how numbers greater than 5 can be made using '5 and a bit'. In PE we have been developing our ball skills, improving our ability to throw, catch, dribble and kick. Next half term, our topic will be Under the Sea, where we'll explore ocean life, and investigate sinking and floating!

The Hive (mixed age enhanced SEN provision): This half term we have been looking at different types of transport. The children have adapted really well to our new timetable of carousels and are working very hard. We have been watching the diggers closely in our outside area as the Rainwater Garden takes shape, it's not looking like we are going to have a swimming pool though!

Year 1: This half term in Year 1 we have been reading the vehicle text: The Secret of Black Rock. We have written descriptions and retold the story. In Art we learnt how to make sculptures. We began by learning what a sculpture is and then looked at joining techniques before designing and making our own underwater themed sculptures. In DT we have learnt about stable structures and completed research around lighthouses. We then designed, and made our own lighthouse, and evaluated them. In Science we have learnt about the human body, naming body parts and thinking about our senses.

Year 2: In Year 2, we have been learning how to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Please continue to practice this at home over the holidays. We also found fractions of shapes and numbers with a focus on half, quarters and thirds. In English, we wrote a letter to Mrs Mather, using our persuasive language to ask for additional playtime. We used this knowledge to write a letter to the King from our story, 'The King who Banned the Dark', to encourage him to bring back the darkness so we can sleep! In Design Technology, we have been learning to sew. In History, we learnt about William the Conqueror and castles. In Science, we have learnt about life cycles and how animals and humans grow. Finally, we loved practicing for sports day and enjoyed our parents coming to watch us for our final sports day at Westfield. Next half term we will be preparing for transition to the Junior school, going on our educational visit to Gressenhall farm and consolidating our knowledge of shapes in Maths. We will be learning about what it is like to live near the coast in Geography and in History, learning about homes now and homes in the past.

Diary Dates

**see Class Dojo for more information*

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)

Wednesday 25th June: Mental Health Support Team Transition Workshops for Year 2 / Welcome Meeting at Watton Junior School for Yr2 children moving up to Yr3 in September after school

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 / Family Fun Night

Monday 14th July: Transition Week

Wednesday 16th July: Opportunity for parents to meet new teachers after school

Friday 18th July: Summer Picnic Lunch

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

Wednesday 3rd September: School reopens

Staffing News:

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr Liam Ambrose to the position of Executive Headteacher of Watton Federation. This followed an extensive recruitment process. Mr Ambrose is an experienced Headteacher and we are looking forward to working with him from September, although he will also be visiting us and getting to know us before then too.

Mrs Rachel Mather has also been officially appointed as Head of School for Watton Westfield and is now in post permanently. We are very excited to move forward with this strong leadership team.

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

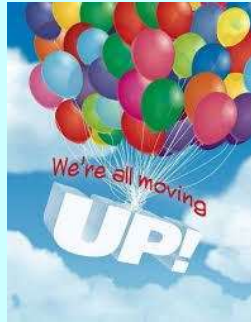
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Transition

When we return to school after the half term break, we start to think about transitioning the children ready for the move to their new classes in September. A lot of thought and consideration goes into the process, including staff meeting to discuss the children and their needs, teachers visiting the other classes, and visits for the children to their new classrooms/schools.

During the week beginning Monday 14th July, all the children will meet their teacher for next September and visit their new classroom. For the children currently in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 you should bring them to school and drop them off to their current class as normal. The visits will be during the school day and the children will return to their current class ready for home time. For children who are in Nursery and moving up to Reception, you will receive a transition schedule and information at the welcome meeting on 17th June.

On Monday 14th July, parents and carers of children moving into Year 1 and Year 2 will receive an email letting you know which class your child will be moving up to and the name of their teacher(s). The teachers will be available to meet the parents after school at 3.30pm in their new classrooms on Wednesday 16th July. Thank you.



Ofsted Inspection

We were delighted to be able to share with you the OFSTED report for Watton Westfield following our recent inspection at the beginning of April. The School are very pleased to have maintained our 'GOOD' grading.

Thank you to our parents and carers who gave feedback via the Parent View survey.

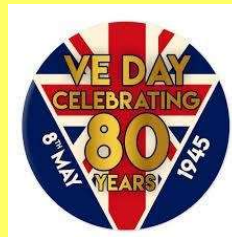
95% would recommend our school to others!



VE Day Anniversary Celebrations

We had a great day celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May. It was wonderful to see all the children in their red, white and blue and we all enjoyed a street party style outdoor lunch!

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 spent time learning about VE Day and a 1940s style dance.



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!

Inclusive Attendance

We are delighted that our new 'inclusive attendance' approach is having a positive impact and attendance is starting to show an upward trend.

We are working hard to engage with families to understand any difficulties affecting attendance and to offer support. We are recognising improvements on both an individual and class level and offering rewards chosen by the teachers specific to their class choices,

Thank you to our families for also working consistently hard to ensure your children are in school, on time, every-day ready to learn.



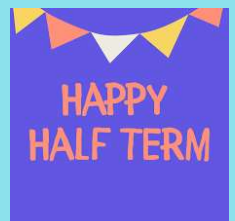
PE Grant Spending

The PE & Sports Premium Grant was introduced in 2013 as a legacy from the London 2012 Olympics to help improve PE and sports in primary schools. This year is the last year it is available and we have spent just over £7000 in this area.

We have been pleased to partner with Premier Education this academic year to offer 'Active Lunchtimes' with a qualified sports coach. Many of the children are joining in with organised sport at lunchtimes and we have noticed a big improvement in their activity levels. We have also offered Year 1 and Year 2 children after school football and gymnastics clubs. These have been very popular and places were taken quickly!

We have also bought 10 new balance bikes and helmets, and trained two staff to deliver 'Balanceability' sessions.

We break up for the summer half term holiday today and return on Monday 2nd June. Have a safe and happy week off!



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