



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Tuesday 22nd July 2025

School's Out for Summer!

What a wonderful year we have had! Thank you to everyone who has helped us... parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors, volunteers and visitors... you are all amazing!

The children have made excellent progress in all year groups and all areas of the curriculum. We have seen a significant improvement in the number of children achieving a 'good level of development' in the Early Years, passing their phonics screening check in Year 1, and working at or above expected levels in reading, writing and maths by the end of Year 2. This was reflected in our 'Good' Ofsted inspection. We are very proud of our quality of education and the very hard work put in by everyone involved.

We hope you all have a lovely, well deserved, summer break. Stay safe and enjoy your family time together.

We look forward to seeing our new and returning children when we reopen on Wednesday 3rd September.

Thank you.



Tuesday 22nd July—School breaks up for the summer

Wednesday 3rd September—School reopens for Autumn term 1 (please see your transition schedule for Nursery and Reception children who start part time in stages)

Friday 26th September—Bake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 24th October—School breaks up for half term

Monday 3rd November—School reopens for Autumn term 2

Here is a round up of our last month this academic year and the fun and learning we enjoyed in July:

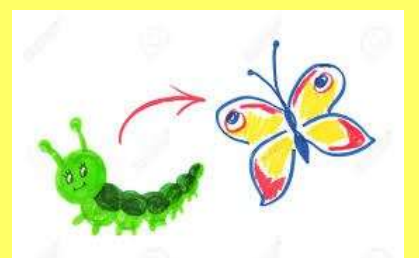
Nursery: This half term in Nursery we have been learning all about animals, finding out about where different animals live and what they eat. We have also explored animals that come from eggs and animals that camouflage. In Maths the children have been problem-solving, working out one more and one less than given numbers. At the end of June the children in Squirrels visited Watton Library and we were so proud of them, the ladies in the library even commented how impressed they were with the children's behaviour!

Reception: In Reception we have been re-telling the story 'The Storm Whale' and have been showing off our AMAZING writing skills as we wrote each part of the story. In maths we have been learning how to use the Rekenreks and have been practising our knowledge of composition to 5 and doubles. In PE we have been playing some fun games, based on countries around the world. We have also had some 'under the sea' music sessions and craft activities to try.

The Hive: In the Hive this term we have been sharing books about the sea including Billy's Bucket and The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. We have enjoyed taking part in some simple science experiments as well as cooking delicious cakes and biscuits. We are really enjoying our new outside garden and have seen lots of butterflies, bees and ladybirds.

Year 1: In Year 1 we have been looking at the vehicle text The Last Wolf. We went for a hunt in the woods to find some clues and have re-written the story. In History we have been learning about David Attenborough, we made a timeline of his life events and wrote fact files about some of the animals named after him. In Geography we have been learning about human and physical features and comparing Shanghai to where we live. In Art we have been learning about printing, we made our own printing blocks and used them to make a repeated pattern. In DT we are learning about moving mechanisms and are going to be learning about parts of vehicles and how to safely use tools to cut dowels and make our very own vehicle.

Year2: In Rosie Revere, Engineer we have been writing our own invention narrative using our very own imaginative designs. We had lots of lovely ideas! We have also written a recount about our trip to Gressenhall which was a lovely way to finish Year 2. In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and recapping our addition and subtraction skills. In Geography, we have been learning about the features of the coast. In History, we have thought about houses from the past. In Art, we have created our own piece of artwork inspired by pointillism. In Computing, we have thought about how to stay safe online. In Science, we have finished our learning about life cycles and watched a caterpillar grow into a butterfly and even got to release them!



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

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Staffing News:

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Murty and Mrs Vine who are leaving us to take up teaching positions at other Norfolk schools. Miss Lucas is also transferring over to Watton Junior School to teach in the SEMH Specialist Resource Base and be supported by Mrs Lowrey who is making the move with her. We will miss them all very much and thank them very much for all their hard work while they have been at Westfield.

It's time to say
GOODBYE

THANK YOU FOR
BEING AMAZING

hello
&
welcome!

In September Mr Ambrose will take up post as Executive Headteacher across the Watton federation and Mrs Mather will become Head of School for Watton Westfield.

We are also delighted to welcome three new teachers to the staff team. Miss Bird will teach in Nursery, Miss Greenfield in Year 1 and Mrs Garrod in Year2. We look forward to working together.

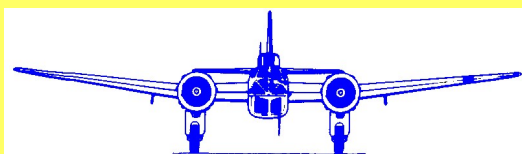
Blenheim Trophy and the Clarion Corvus Creativity Award

The Blenheim Trophy was instituted in 1990 as an addition to the Memorial at RAF Watton dedicated to the airmen who lost their lives whilst operating out of Watton and Bodney during World War II . The trophy is presented each year to two students (one boy, one girl) nominated by fellow students, **who have shown an exceptional attitude towards life and the local community**. This year's nominations from their classmates are:

Otters: Jaxon-James Y & Penny S

Foxes: Gabriela K & Jamie W

Kingfishers: Arlie M & Ellia M



All the Year 2 children voted from the shortlist for two overall winners. Congratulations to

Gabriela K & Jamie W—Blenheim Trophy Winners 2025

The Clarion Corvus Creativity Award is given annually to one child who has shown exceptional talent in an artistic field. This year's winner is an amazing artist who can create wonderful craft work with flair and imagination. Congratulations to

Charlie-Joe T—Creativity Award Winner 2025



This YEAR's class with top attendance is:

Otters!



Well done to every child and their family who has improved their attendance and/or punctuality this year.

Being at school on time and ready to learn every day makes a huge difference to children's attainment and progress.

HOUSE POINTS

The winners this YEAR with the most house points are...

Delta (red): 6779

Epsilon (yellow) : 7177

Gamma (green) 7076

Beta (blue) : 6907



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Norfolk County Council: Penalty Notices regarding school absence - Guidance for parents

Regular school attendance and parent's legal responsibilities

At Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School our aim is to collaborate with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This guidance is to remind all parents about the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government is clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

The important legal information

The Government have introduced a single national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England. This threshold is 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The period of 10 school weeks can span different terms or school years.

In line with national guidance, the Local Authority (LA) retains the discretion to issue a penalty notice before the threshold is met. This might apply for example, where parents have taken several term time holidays below the national threshold. The LA also retains the discretion to consider going straight to prosecution where appropriate.

A maximum of 2 penalty notices per parent, per child can be issued within a rolling 3-year period. This period will start from the issue of the 1st penalty notice. The national framework also sets out the escalation process which applies to such penalty notices. If the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within 3 years, another tool should be used. In Norfolk, where a pupil's attendance has met the national threshold for a third time within 3 years and the parent/s have already been issued with 2 penalty notices within that period, consideration will be given to prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which can result in a criminal conviction and fine of up to £2,500.

A parent includes any person who is not a natural parent but who has parental responsibility for the child or who has care of the child, as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996. Penalty notices will usually be issued to the parent/s with day-to-day responsibility for the child's attendance or the parent/s who have allowed the absence (regardless of which parent has applied for a leave of absence).

The first penalty notice issued to a parent for a child will be charged at £160 to be paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice, the second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first offence, is charged at a flat rate of £160 and is payable within 28 days. There is no reduced sum available in this instance.

Part payments or payment plans are not acceptable, and fines must be paid in full within 21 or 28 days, at the rate specified within the penalty notice. There is no right of appeal against a penalty notice.

Requests for leave of absence Working together to improve school attendance advises all schools that they should only grant a leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances, considering each request on a case-by-case basis. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of time the pupil can be away from school. Although we recognise the value and benefits of family holidays, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for a family holiday as the Government 'does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.'

Requests for leave must be made in advance, otherwise schools will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Headteachers are not obligated to reconsider authorising leave if an application was not made in advance.

Support with ensuring regular school attendance

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