



TERM DATES

18.12.17 Carol Service, 6pm, St John's
19.12.17 Stories Round Tree, 6:45pm
20.12.17 1:30 dismissal
4.1.18 Term 3 starts
15.1.18 Pray for Schools, Grace Cottage, 100 Bow Rd. 10:30am.

EARLY DISMISSAL: 20TH DEC at 1:30

If you need the Walking Bus for your child, please check the email from Moira Atkinson or pop into the office for further details.

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Term 2 31.10.17 – 20.12.17
Term 3 4.1.18 – 9.2.18
Term 4 19.2.18 – 29.3.18
Term 5 16.4.18 – 25.5.18
Term 6 4.6.18 – 20.7.18

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

News Flash!



Thank you, FOWPS, for our gingertrees! Love, Pink Class

Panto hilarity! The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed today's pantomime by the Family Trust and we have another one tomorrow (just in case we haven't laughed enough!). If your child hasn't brought in £2 for 2Pantos, it's not too late. Thank you for your donations to enable these events to take place.

Charity Fundraiser 'Guess the Reindeer's Name' raised £50 for Diabetes UK. Well done to Daniel Rowlinson for his efforts and congratulations to Jack Morgan for winning the cuddly reindeer!

Mistletoe for sale on playground today after school plus **lost property**.

Dear parents, **The stage is down, the glitter is nearly hoovered up** and our Christmas productions are well and truly over. My comments last week about our KS1 productions could easily be repeated for KS2 : beautiful singing, clear lines, strong acting, creativity within each class's scene. What I am struck by, as the children mature, is their sense of timing and team work. Whether they're directing sound and lights or are part of the choir or have a speaking role, each child brings commitment and focus to their part and the overall effect is poise and performance presence. These aspects of school life build confidence (and precious memories). Thank you to all our families for supporting our efforts. Your interest and enthusiasm gives each performance a particular sparkle. Here are some of our favourite moments from the show:



Year 3 : Fierce Romans and Nazareths



Year 4 : Shining stars



Year 5 : Fierce Herod and the journeying Kings



Year 6 : Angels and Shepherds, awe and wonder

We are looking forward to this year's 'Stories Round the Christmas Tree' when we'll enjoy some old favourites as well as new stories. Our story winners (KS1 and KS2) from this year's Christmas story writing competition will also be reading as part of their prize. Cocoa will be served to the children and mulled wine will be available for adults for a donation to FOWPS. Thank you for sitting with your children during the story readings and ensuring they are quiet and attentive.

And to all families, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Yours sincerely, *Chasey Crawford Usher*
Chasey Crawford Usher, Headteacher

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Before thoughts turn to the Christmas festivities, we would like to reflect on some of our school's achievements and events during Term 2.

Our long-awaited Ofsted inspection took place in November and we were delighted to receive a solid Good rating across all areas. Significant improvements have been necessary to move our school to 'Good' and the drive and determination of the staff, led by our Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team, has been instrumental in moving our school to our best Ofsted judgement for a decade. We've also been fortunate to have strong parental support for all the changes we've made in recent years. Thank you for the support you continue to give to the school and all the staff. We are committed to working with the staff to continue to improve outcomes for our pupils while offering a broad and balanced curriculum which provides rich and varied learning opportunities.

In other news:

- **Parent power** - We are extremely fortunate to have a hard-working and committed group of parent volunteers – FOWPS – who go to great lengths to organise fun events to raise funds for our school. Thank you to the FOWPS Committee and all the volunteers involved in staging the school's very successful first Bonfire Night celebration and the Christmas Fayre. We know that FOWPS is always on the look-out for new helpers so please get involved if you can. FOWPS' contribution to the school is immense, not only in terms of raising vital funds but also in building friendships and community spirit
- **Science** – Governors were pleased to assist at the school's Science afternoon on 6th December. We are also fortunate to have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Ambassador on the Governing Body, Mark Warren.
- **Good sports** – Congratulations to all those children who have represented our school in sporting fixtures this term including the netball and football teams who competed against Yalding School and the runners who took part in a major cross-country event in Detling. We'd also like to thank the parent volunteers who give up their time and energy to support the children's enthusiasm for these sporting endeavours. We look forward to hearing about the progress of our newly-formed girls football team who will have the opportunity to train with Larkfield FC Ladies Section in the New Year
- **Community spirit** – Thank you for supporting the school's Children in Need collection and also the poppy sales in advance of our annual Remembrance Service in Term 2
- **Data meeting** – On 4th December the Governing Body held the first of three data meetings to specifically examine the school's latest progress and attainment data for each year group in Reading, Writing and Maths. Our next Full Governing Body meeting takes place in January
- **League tables** – Primary school league tables were published by the Department for Education last week. You can compare Watringbury's performance to other schools at: www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/ We are delighted that our Year 6 SATs results are above the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths and our progress measure is well above the national average in Reading and in line with the national average in Writing and Maths.

We would like to wish all staff, children and families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Email the governors: governors@watringbury.kent.sch.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to our actors and soloists in this year's Magical Christmas Jigsaw!



CHURCH, SCHOOL and WORSHIP

Our Christmas Carol Service is this evening at 6pm. Children to arrive at church in school uniform from 5:45pm.

MESSY CHURCH is coming to St John's Church the first Saturday in the month starting on **SATURDAY 6th JANUARY** from 3pm - 5pm (includes tea). For families with children up to 8 years: stories, action songs, craft and painting.