



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2024



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,

The theme for our worship this term has been 'LOVE' and it is always our favourite one to focus on as it sums up every element of our school. We have really focused on the concept of 'love where you learn' encouraging children to look after their school environment, take pride in the presentation of their learning and, most importantly, the people in it. You will read more about some specific events linked to this later in the newsletter but it is the day to day things that are having a real impact. We have children picking up litter, sweeping leaves and tidying book shelves. It is wonderful to see them taking pride in their school.



This term has been a very long one and, as you will see below, we have packed an awful lot in to those eight weeks and more besides. Our new reception children have settled so well into school and are just like one of the gang now. We have had trips to the theatre, rainy castle visits, harvest festival, residential adventures in the forest and lots of walks around our village.

We have had a lot of visitors in school this term including prospective new parents, our local borough and county councillors and people from the local authority who all agree that our children are focused on their learning whilst maintaining a happy, friendly ethos around the school.

I write this message just as the clocks go back and the snuggly, dark evenings are around the corner. I hope you enjoy reading about all of our adventures this term. Before we know it we will be careering into Christmas celebrations and the joys of celebrating and singing together.

Best wishes,

Debbie Johnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)

Learning, growing, achieving... our journey together with God.

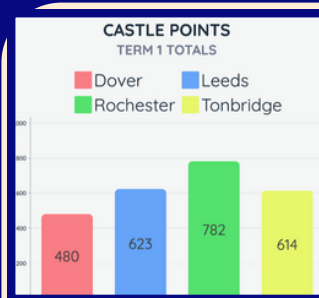


We are so pleased to announce that our head pupils have been selected as part of a rigorous application process.

Our head boy and girl are Henry and Lottie ably assisted by their deputies Finola and Miles.

As well as our head pupils, we are lucky to have a large number of Year 6 pupils who are willing to go the extra mile to support the school as members of our prefect team. They are: Sienna, Heidi, Annabelle, Maisy, Sofia, Mia, Muhammad, Kyler-Louise, Maryam and Thomas. I am looking forward to working with all of them.

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ROCHESTER CASTLE DO IT AGAIN!

Despite more variety in the weekly victors, it seems that Rochester Castle pupils are up to their old tricks again!

The additional castle points that are linked to participation in Spelling Shed are making the revealing of the weekly totals more exciting and harder to predict.

Congratulations, to everyone who earned castle points this term, but especially those who are in Rochester Castle.

As a reward for winning this term, children who are in Rochester can wear their own clothes on Friday 8th November, preferably something green if you have it.

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Nurture Camp

Hi all,

Another busy term here at Watringbury. The children really enjoy being a part of a new adventure, and this term we certainly had that! We were lucky enough to be invited to lend a hand at the Warm Space initiative at Watringbury Village Hall. We all took part in the Kindness Week Challenge to support Childline. Donations are still welcomed through our Just Giving page (details are on Dojo). The children really enjoyed the activities which included poster design and kindness hands. Finally, on Thursday morning, we were joined by a wonderful charity based in Maidstone who support members of the community who may need extra support with essential needs for everyday life, MADM. They explained to the children what their charity does which tied in perfectly with our Kindness Week. During this assembly, Mrs Boswell also presented several pieces of artwork to MADM which had been completed by her after school art club.

Next term, as a Oral Health Champion, my focus will be on the importance of good dental hygiene. Watch this space for a gift for each child.

As always, if any families require any support please contact Mrs Henry in confidence by phone 01622 812199, or by email chenry@watringbury.kent.sch.uk

Warmest wishes,

Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer
Watringbury CE Primary School



Rachel Bryant
SENCo



Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer

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The Wellbeing Team



warm space



Kindness Week



MADM





Last week FOWPS held a guy making afternoon, where every child contributed into making their class guy. These will be used in our traditional parade on Bonfire Night on **Friday 8th November**.

Thank you to all the adults who gave up their afternoon to help the children. You will all have a chance to vote for your favourite guy next term. For now, staff at the school will try not to jump every time they walk through the school hall.



Bramble
Mrs Giant

Dandelion
Queen Camilla

Honeysuckle
King William

Snowdrop
Dave Jimminy

Bluebell
Alfie,

Primrose
RAF Pilot

The 1000 year old boy

Kent Winter Menu 2024/2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 04/11/2024 25/11/2024 16/12/2024 20/01/2025 10/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025	NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Mexican Fajitas with Rice Green Beans & Sweetcorn Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Beef Tortilla Stack With Potato Wedges Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Vegetable Medley Melting Moment Biscuit With Peaches	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Carrots and Cabbage Berry Mousse	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice & Garlic Bread NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Carrots & Broccoli Chocolate Ditzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fishfingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chip & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Bean Puff With Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Oaty Cookie
WEEK TWO 11/11/2024 02/12/2024 06/01/2025 27/01/2025 24/02/2024 17/03/2025	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes or Or Chinese Vegetable Noodles Peas & Sweetcorn Chocolate Orange Cake	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Veggie Cottage Pie Green Beans & Carrots Marble Sponge With Custard	Sausages With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Veggie Sausage With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Medley Jelly With Mandarins	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Homely Pie With New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Broccoli Peach Cake With Cream	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 18/11/2024 09/12/2024 13/01/2025 03/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025	Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Bread NEW Veggie Baked Bean Hot Pot Peas & Carrots Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas Caribbean Pepper & Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Green Beans Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Wellington with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Medley Rice Pudding With Berries	Spaghetti Bolognese With Garlic Bread NEW Mild Mexican Veggie Chili with Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Vanilla Shortbread with Peaches	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Veggie Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Peas Chocolate Cookie

MENU KEY Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan

Available Daily: Jacket Potatoes With Filling - Fresh Bread - Salad Selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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Dates for your diary

- Monday 4th Nov:** Back to school
- Tues 5th Nov:** Individual & sibling photos
- Friday 8th Nov:** Rochester own clothes
FOWPS Bonfire night
- Mon 11th Nov:** Uniformed organisations
wear uniform in school
(Beavers/cubs etc)
- Tues 12th Nov:** New entrants tour 10:00
- Thurs 14th Nov:** New entrants tour 13:30
- Friday 15th Nov:** Children in Need
- Weds 27th Nov:** 19:00 Online Safety course
for parents

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feeding the imagination

New lunch menu starts
**Monday 4th November. To
download please go to
Caterlink's website
Remember - there's a no
debt policy with Caterlink,
please pay as you go.**



STOP PRESS!

Sam and her team in the kitchen have just been awarded the 5 star food hygiene rating from the Food Standards Agency. The inspector said they demonstrated 'exemplary practice'. Well done!



Term Dates:

Term 1: 2nd Sept - 25th Oct 2024

Term 2: 4th Nov - 20th Dec 2024

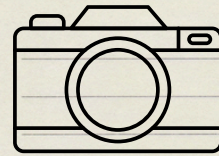
Term 3: 6th Jan - 14th Feb 2025

Term 4: 24th Feb - 4th April 2025

Term 5: 22nd April - 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June - 22nd July 2025

INSET Days (no children in school) 2nd Sept, 3rd Sept, 25th Oct, 6th Jan, 4th April.



School photos - 5th November.

School logo jumper/
cardigans please

Goodbye &
Good
Luck!



Mrs Jandova
Middy supervisor

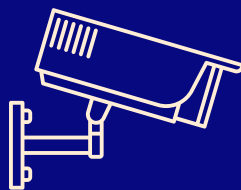
Irena has worked at WPS for 3 years! She is very hardworking, a valued member of the team and adored by the children. We will still see Irena as a parent, but would like to wish her the best of luck in her next adventure.

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Parking around drop off and pick up times has become a big problem. Some families are parking incredibly inconsiderately and unsafely. Remember our children cross these roads and need to have a safe place to cross. This means no double parking and absolutely no parking on the yellow markings.

We are seeing parents also parking across drives - and we often receive complaints from local residents. There are plenty of parking spaces around surrounding roads to use.

Please be considerate.



CCTV contribution

Thanks Cllr Sarah Hudson!

£3009 was presented to the school for CCTV improvements. This money came from Sarah's members' grant and is going to make the school more secure for everyone.



Wateringbury's sports stars

This term, we have had three sports fixtures against other schools:

Year 5/6 Netball vs East Peckham 12-1 win

Year 4 Football vs East Peckham 1-1 draw

Year 6 Football vs Yalding 5-1 win

The children showed brilliant sportsmanship in all games, where they were respectful and compassionate towards the other teams and each other. They demonstrated great teamwork and used skills learnt in PE lessons and clubs.

Mr Stevens, PE Lead



Year 4 Football vs East Peckham



Year 6 Football vs Yalding



Match Report

year 5/6 netball vs East Peckham

On Tuesday 17th October, we played East Peckham Primary in a game of netball. Everyone played their part and we worked well as a team. In the first quarter, we were a tiny bit nervous but mainly confident. After a few minutes our goal shooter scored the first 2 goals. In the second quarter, we grew in confidence even more and our passes were more accurate, scoring 6 more goals – our defence was playing amazingly, and our centre was passing well too. In the third quarter, East Peckham managed to score a goal but we didn't let that faze us, and we added another 3 goals to our total. In the last quarter, we were really enjoying ourselves and scored a final hoop just before the whistle. We had an amazing time and we thank East Peckham for having us.

By Cybil, Lottie, Heidi, Annabelle & Sofia

Love where you learn

courtesy of FOWPS



What a fantastic effort from pupils and parents one cold Sunday this month! A massive thank you to FOWPS for organising a 'Love Where you Learn' event where volunteers gave up their time to give the school a little TLC.

From all of the school, THANK YOU!
FOWPS are looking to do this again soon, watch out for the new date if you wanted to take part.



“ A huge thank you from FOWPS and the School Governors to everyone who gave up their Sunday to help tidy and fix-up the school!

Many hands make light work. Being on the FOWPS mailing list allows you to give as much or as little time as you can to events like these. There's something for everyone whether it's DIY, helping with crafts and activities for the children, or supporting fundraising efforts. Every bit of help counts towards making our school even better! ”

Stephen Paine, parent, Governor and FOWPS member



Bramble Class

Bramble Class have had a fantastic first term at school and have settled very quickly into our daily routine. They have already made so much progress and have loved making friends with the rest of the school! Our theme this term has been 'Once Upon a Time'.



We went on our first school trip to Hever Castle. We travelled by coach on a very rainy day, but the children had a brilliant time and loved exploring the castle.

As part of our DT learning, this term we have been busy making and tasting different vegetable soups. We used the marrow and tomatoes that we grew in our vegetable patch. They were very tasty!



The children did their first performance in front of the rest of Wateringbury at our Harvest Festival. Even though some were a bit nervous, we were so proud that they all stood on the stage to sing.



We went on a walk to the Church. On the way we went past the duck pond and fed the ducks.

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Term 1

Our learning this term:

Maths:

We have been working hard to consolidate our understanding of numbers to 10. The children have enjoyed using counters, cubes and any objects they can find to represent, compare and order numbers.

Science:

In science this term, Year 1 has been learning all about plants! We've been exploring our local area to find different plants, learning to identify them by their flowers and leaves. We've also had fun growing our very own plants in class, discovering what they need to grow strong and healthy.

History:

To support our learning about Kings and Queens we visited Hever Castle. Despite the rain, we had a fantastic time exploring the castle and finding out new facts about King Henry VIII. I think the children would all agree that the best part of the day was playing in the huge wooden play castle in the park.

Maths



Science



History

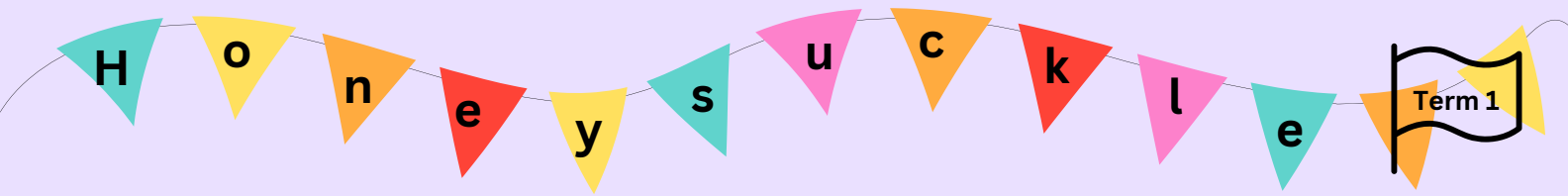


Reminders

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a **warm coat** for outdoor play and our exploring time sessions.

A quick reminder that P.E. takes place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, so please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit on these days.

Finally, don't forget to log your child's reading using **Boom Reader** to help us keep track of their progress. Thank you for your continued support!



All of the children in Honeysuckle have started the year with a bang and have completed some brilliant learning already. In maths, the children have been looking at place value and the way numbers are formed. They have been completing work using manipulatives to help them with their learning.

The children have been learning how sentences are formed and the different components needed to make a sentence. They have then used this knowledge in their own writing, to answer questions such as “What is in the witch’s pot?” based on the story *Hansel and Gretel*.



The children have also been undertaking a lot of practical work in science, where they have been learning about plants in our school grounds and beyond. They are able to identify these based on their appearance as well as naming different parts of a plant.

As a class, we have been enjoying learning about Kings, Queens and Castles. The children have learned all about past monarchs and purposes of castles. We paid a visit to Hever Castle, and although it was a very wet day, we had a great time.



A few weeks ago, it was the school Harvest Festival at the local church. Honeysuckle class showed courage to stand up in front of a full church and perform a song. Absolutely beautiful singing!



SNOWDROP

YEAR 3 & 4

Term 1

The children have made a really good start to the term: there has been a lot of positivity about and plenty of smiling faces.

Our trip to the theatre in Maidstone was super and the children behaved impeccably throughout the day.

Snowdrop is often picked out as the best group to line up in the playground after break – well done everyone!

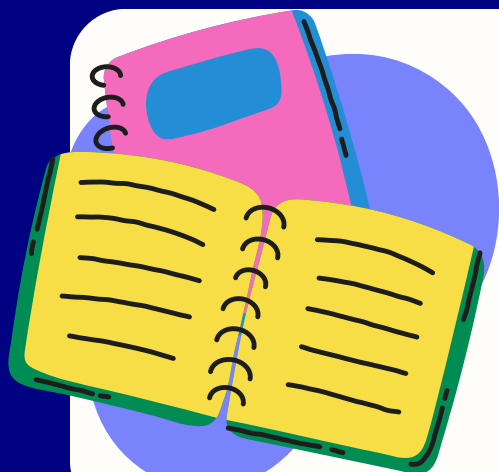
We are building up a strong reading culture in the mornings and afternoons – I have seen some excellent choices of book about.

The children have had lots of fun in PE: their dance routines have been wonderful!



Happy holidays everyone!

Best wishes,
Mr Harvey and Mrs Boswell



Bluebell Class



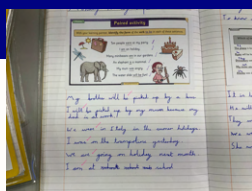
DT

Bluebell Class have been exploring doodlers. We looked at series circuits and how a motor works. We investigated an existing product tried it out and developed our own designs. We will be making our own after half.



History

This term, we have been learning about the Anglo- Saxons. We explored life in England after the fall of the Roman Empire, the reasons why the Anglo Saxons settled in England and how they kept control of the seven kingdoms that made up Britannia. In order to remember what we had learnt, we started every lesson with some drama work.



Within our English lessons, we have focused on single clause sentences. The children are now experts on finding the subject, verb and leftovers.



PRIMROSE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 EDITION



Reading Buddies

Hello,

It's been a busy first few weeks for Primrose Class, with the residential, bikeability, school visits and all the rest that Year 6 has to offer!

Our main theme of learning has centred around World War Two, with the children learning all about how it started and the impact that it has on Britain at the time. It's been lovely to see everyone getting involved. Well done Primrose!

Science Work

In science, we have been learning all about classifying living things. In maths, there has been a focus on place value and multiplication and division. In RE, we have been looking at the relationship between science and religion and in PE we have been learning basketball. In art, we have created large 3D sculptures using negative space and the grid method.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

ABOUT OUR CLASS

HINDLEAP WARREN

