



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 6 2025



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,

Well, things certainly didn't slow down for everyone at Wateringbury CE Primary School in the last term of the year. It was a long term and we packed a lot in. You can find out more about what the individual classes got up to with their learning in the pages below.

It has been an eventful, busy year with all the usual learning, trips and excitement. As well as our new class structure in Key Stage Two, our big project has been the development of our outdoor learning area where all classes have been able to take part in regular forest school inspired sessions. We have a lovely fire circle, slack lines, swing and lots of wood to build dens and obstacle courses with. This area will keep evolving over the next few years and we are always on the look out for wood, pallets, crates, cable reels and scaffolding planks if you know of any going free!

In July, we were visited by an inspection team from Ofsted. We are glad they came before the end of the year and got to see all the amazing things that happen every day at our school (even if one of the days they were here was the hottest day of the year and we were all melting!). Frustratingly, the report has not been published yet, so I will not be able to share it (or the outcome) with you until September. However, I can tell you that the inspection went well and they recognised the rapid progress made since the last inspection.

The rest of the end of term was full of fun, laughter and excitement. Sports Day and our summer concert were both successes and I was so proud of all the children for competing and performing. The Year 6 production was a triumph and totally hilarious - there was some really great character acting going on! The staff vs Y6 netball match was great fun and the whole school enjoyed our first ever colour run. Not only was the afternoon a chance for pupils and staff to have fun, we also raised over £1000 in sponsorship money. Thank you to all the families that sought sponsorship.

I hope that you all have a fabulous summer holiday and get to spend some well-deserved relaxation time with your families. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in September as well as welcoming our new families. Good luck with your first day at big big school, Year 6!



Debbie Johnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)



Staffing Updates

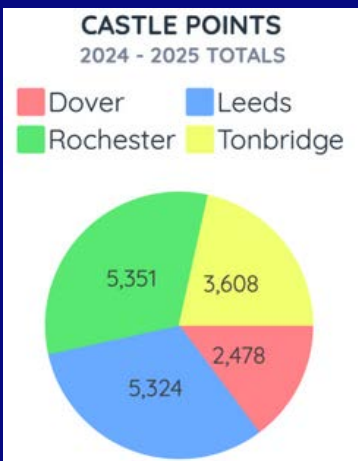


There are always sad goodbyes at the end of the year. This term we say goodbye to Mrs Jandova who returned to us in the new year. We wish her well in her future ventures and, who knows?, we may see her again! She is such an excellent teaching assistant, supporting children across the school.

Ms Crawley joined us in April to work with Mrs Barnett to teach Snowdrop Class. She will be off on another teaching job in September and we are excited to hear about how she gets on. We will certainly miss her kindness and enthusiasm!

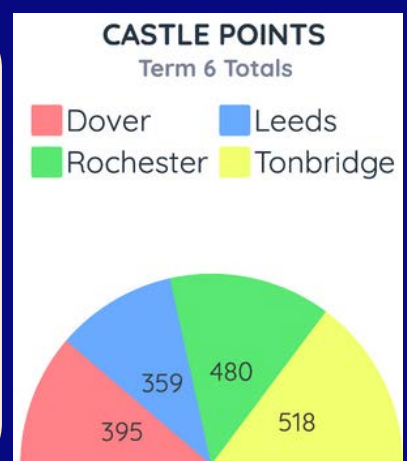
Towards the end of the summer term we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Martin who has started a new adventure outside of education and we are sure she is getting them all into shape! We welcomed Mrs Berry to the office. She will be working with Ms Stone to help keep us all organised! Thank you for making her so welcome she is already part of the gang!

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



CASTLE POINTS

Our castle captains have been amazing this year, so organised and keeping on top of the totals. It's been an interesting year in terms of winners and totals with Rochester dominating the weekly championship right until the end of the year. Each of the castles has had their own moment of victory: Leeds won Sports Day; Dover had a spurt towards the end of the year and were Sports Day runners up. Tonbridge won the total for Term 6 with 518 points. But huge congratulations must go to Rochester Castle for winning the yearly totals with 5,351 points. Lottie and Henry were delighted!



Goodbye AND GOOD LUCK

TROPHY WINNERS



Our Year 6 trophy winners were announced at the Leavers' Service on Monday. As ever, it was hard to choose just a few recipients but I am sure you will agree that these are worthy winners!



Arts Award - Miles
Attendance - Jack & Heidi
Citizenship - Lottie
Governors' Prize - Jacob
Growth & Attitude - Maryam
Music - Henry
Science - Thomas
Sports - Frankie
Values - Finola
Writing - Annabelle

We wish all our lovely Year 6s all the best for the next exciting part of their school journey. Their new schools are lucky to get them!



A big thank you to the Sutton family for their kind leaving gift of a hedgehog house. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Tiggywinkle!



At our leavers service we heard from Theo who is travelling to Tanzania in October. She is going to come into school and tell the children all about it in the new year but for now she has sent this information:

"I am travelling to do this work through a charity called Islamic Help, which Gary and the church have been supporting. Gary did a sermon about "The Good Samaritan" and how helping the poor and needy is always a good thing, no matter any difference we may see or believe is between us. On Sat Aug 16th I am walking 13 miles carrying 10 litres of water to emulate the daily journey children and their mothers make, to raise the remaining £2000 I need to reach my £5000 target.

If you wish to donate, click [here](#) for the just giving page. We are hoping to make links with the school in the village that Theo is visiting.



There was a charity auction to raise We are so grateful to the winner of the dolls house (an ex-teacher) who bid on it with the intention to donate it to the local school. It is such a beautifully crafted piece. We are going to keep it in nurture camp to support our pastoral work with children



Nurture Camp

The Wellbeing Team

What a busy term here at Wateringbury. We crammed so much in. Thinking back over the year, it's been a busy one. We had Kindness Week, visits to warm space and visits to Meadow View. We enjoyed a whole school Red Nose Day Dance for vulnerable children. We ran the green mile and we celebrated young carers.

The children all received a skipping rope from FOWPS.

We won the Oral health competition, and received lots of new tooth brushes and paste.

Chewy joined us each week with Gill, Wilf joined us with Victoria: the children absolutely loved it. We had some really important assemblies delivered by the NSPCC.

And finally, we had the most colourful end of the week with our colour run, it was magical, for the children and the staff. Thank you all so much for supporting us as much as you do, it truly means a lot and thank you for your wonderful donations. , it means a lot.

Each day is a new one here at Wateringbury, always something new to learn and grow from. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you and your children.

As we bid farewell to our wonderful year 6 students, we wish them well growing , loving and achieving in their new ventures.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer break, and look forward to coming back refreshed and ready for a new start in the next academic year.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Henry and Mrs Bryant.



Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer



Rachel Bryant
SENCo

colour run



Warm space



Extracurricular Achievements

We wanted to share some wonderful photos from last month's Bright Stars Championships 2025, featuring the talented gymnasts from Watlington Primary. They performed brilliantly and were a real credit to your school, such poise, energy, and teamwork on display!



Level 2 - Tiffany
Level 4 - Sophie Yr 4's 1st place!!
Cybil Yr 5's 3rd place,
Emily Yr 5's 4th place.
Many thanks and well done,
Georgia, Brightstars Gymnastics



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to **Ivy** in Year 4 who has been selected to be part of the cheerleading team going out to America to compete next April. This is well deserved as she trains so hard!
Go get 'em, Ivy!

Term Dates 25/26:

TERM 1: **1ST SEPTEMBER TO 17TH OCTOBER 2025**

INSET DAY (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL):
MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

TERM 2: **27TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2025**

INSET DAYS (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL):
MONDAY 27TH, TUESDAY 28TH AND
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2025

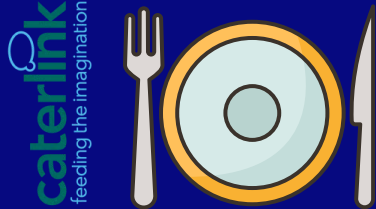
TERM 3: **5TH JANUARY TO 13TH FEBRUARY 2026**

TERM 4: **23RD FEBRUARY TO 2ND APRIL 2026**

TERM 5: **20TH APRIL TO 22ND MAY 2026**
BANK HOLIDAY (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL):
4TH MAY 2026

TERM 6: **1ST JUNE TO 21ST JULY 2026**
INSET DAY (NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL): 1ST
JUNE 2026

School lunches



Caterlink have implemented a price increase from September. School lunches will be £3.03



Colour Run fundraising total is currently **£1,046.75!!** This will make an enormous difference to our outside spaces!
THANK YOU!!



Match report by Annabelle, year 6

I thought the match was brilliant and exciting because some of us hadn't played netball before, and it was a real learning opportunity. We learnt to play together as a team, and enjoyed cheering on our peers. Some of our team scored bonus goals in the final minutes, meaning the final score was 7-7

Year 6 vs Staff Netball match

FOWPS Roundup

As the academic year comes to an end, we take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic year. None of our successes would have been possible without the incredible support of Miss Johnson, our dedicated teachers, supportive parents/carers, and our wonderful team of volunteers—thank you all!

We kicked things off with our ever-popular Bonfire Night. Thankfully, the weather stayed kind, and the evening was filled with laughter and cheer as the Guys were tossed onto the fire.

Over Christmas, Mrs. Henry asked if we could buy a Christmas tree. Much to everyone's delight, a beautiful tree appeared in the school hall—and even more exciting, Father Christmas made a surprise visit! He brought chocolate selection boxes and visited every classroom, much to the children's joy.

Mother's Day and Father's Day saw the return of our popular gift shops. The children had so much fun choosing presents for their loved ones (though, we suspect they may have had themselves in mind when picking a few of those gifts!).

Sadly, we had to cancel our much-loved Quiz Night this year. Hopefully, it was just a small setback, and we can bring it back next year—bigger and better!

More recently, we hosted our fabulous school disco.

With warm weather on our side, we made the last-minute decision to hold it outdoors—and what a brilliant decision that was! The event felt more like a festival than a disco, with children dancing and celebrating together in the sunshine. It was truly a night to remember.

Thanks to everyone's incredible support and generosity, we're thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £2178.98 this year! 🎉

This incredible total will go a long way toward supporting our school, enriching the children's experiences, and making a real difference in our community. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you—thank you!

As we look ahead, we'd love to welcome new members to our team. This year, we say a fond farewell to our Treasurer, Keith. We're now on the lookout for someone to step into his shoes. If you've got a head for numbers—or simply want to get involved—we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at fowpschairman@gmail.com. Thank you again for all your support—here's to another amazing year ahead!

Enjoy your summer holidays.

Team FOWPS



If you can help with school's PTA events, please contact Simon on fowpschairman@gmail.com
Thank you!



PTA

Bramble Class

The year seems to have flown by and suddenly Bramble Class are coming to the end of their first year at school. Term 6 has been incredibly busy and everyone has been working hard right up to the end!



Bramble Class took part in their first Sport's Day. We had been busy practising all term and the children were very excited to take part in their races.

We went on a school trip to Kent Life where we were able to feed some of the animals, ride a tractor and learn about what life in the countryside was like in the past. We all had a brilliant time.



Bramble Class performed in the school music concert. The children chose which song they wanted to sing and it was a beautiful rendition of "Down in the Deep Blue Sea" which is a song from this term's music unit.



As part of our Outside Learning, we went on a walk around the village and to the Duck Pond. We looked at how the environment had changed now we were in summer and fed the fish. It was very hot!



TERM 6

DANDELION CLASS

Term 6

GEOGRAPHY

This term in geography, we have been exploring the human and physical features of Shanghai and comparing them with those in our local area. To support our learning, we took a lovely walk down to the river in Wateringbury to spot and discuss the features around us.



SPORTS DAY

One of the highlights of the term was our fantastic Sports Day! All the children worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the event in our PE sessions. It was wonderful to see such amazing team spirit, determination, and encouragement throughout the day. The sun was shining and there were smiles all round.



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest Fridays have been a firm favourite in Dandelion Class this year! The children absolutely love getting stuck into the outdoor activities and often come up with brilliant ideas of their own. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to let their imaginations run wild – from building dens and creating nature art to exploring and problem-solving together.



THANK YOU!

As we come to the end of a fantastic year, we want to say a huge thank you to all of the wonderful children in Dandelion Class. You have made this year so special with your enthusiasm, kindness, and eagerness to learn. We are so proud of everything you've achieved this year!

A big thank you also goes to our amazing parents, carers and volunteers for your continuous support throughout the year. Whether it's helping with reading, supporting events, or simply offering kind words, your involvement has made a real difference.

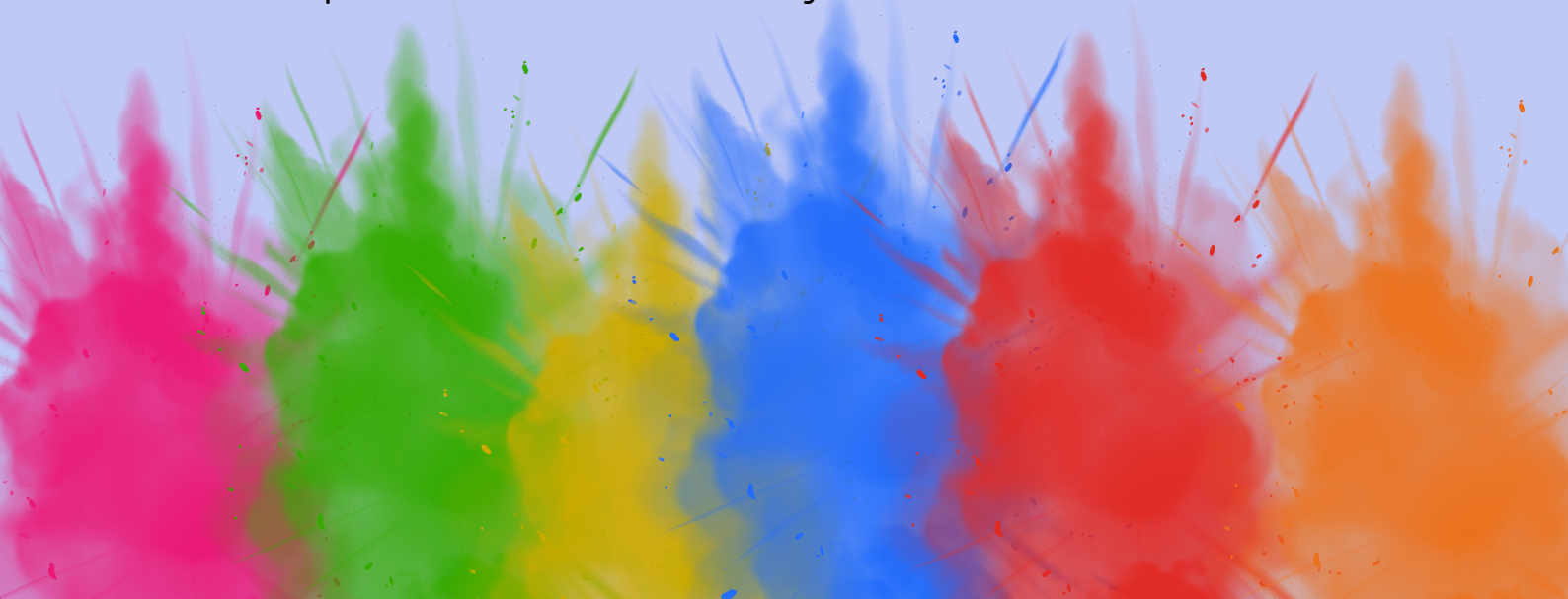
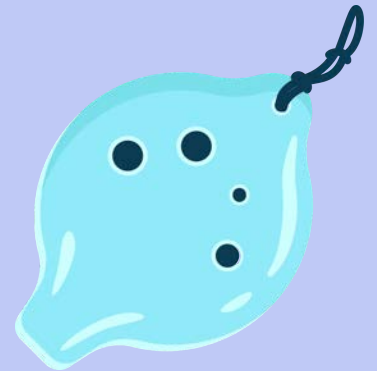
We wish you all the very best as you move on to Year 2!

Honeysuckle Term 6

What a wonderful term Honeysuckle have had to wrap up an amazing year! The children have taken part in a range of extra activities, all of which they thoroughly enjoyed. They showed fantastic teamwork during Sports Day, cheering each other on and celebrating their classmates' successes with pride. It was great to see how supportive they were of one another. The children also got stuck into the school colour run, helping raise money for new sports equipment to enjoy during break and lunchtime. They had an absolute blast—though we're not sure the parents had quite as much fun trying to scrub off all that colour afterwards!



The children have also been putting in great effort learning to play the ocarina, mastering how different combinations of covered holes create different notes. They performed four songs with such confidence at the summer music concert, sharing their talent with the rest of the school and parents. They've worked incredibly hard, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them!



SNOWDROP CLASS

NEWS

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THIS TERM

We have had a wonderful time in Snowdrop Class this term, with lots of exciting activities to get stuck into. The children have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning, and we particularly enjoyed our rocks and fossils day with Mr Berry from Primary Science Workshops. We also took part in our first ever school sleepover at the end of Term 5, and had a blast at Sports Day and the Colour Run in the sun. Forest School has also been a highlight, and it's been lovely to see the children developing both their independence and their co-operation and teamwork skills. There's lots still to come, with a trip to Maidstone Museum on the horizon - we can't wait to see a real-life Egyptian mummy and make our own ancient Egyptian-inspired artefacts.

This time of year is always bittersweet: we will miss the children so much as they move on into Bluebell Class. It has been a privilege to work with such a lovely bunch, and we can't wait to hear what they get up to on the next stage of their adventure!

The Snowdrop Team

OUR LEARNING

The children blew us away in English this term, all producing beautiful retellings of our class story, Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx, with fronted adverbials to develop flow and direct speech to create characters. In maths, we have learnt about money, area and perimeter, as well as consolidating our understanding of place value and the four operations.

More widely, we have enjoyed our first steps into playing the recorder,, with all children producing smooth A and B notes.. The children have also enjoyed learning about the ancient Egyptian gods in history, and discovering the history of our planet in our learning about rocks, fossils and soils in science. R.E. was a highlight, and the children showed remarkable empathy and respect whilst learning about Hindu life in Britain today.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1st September 2025:
INSET day for staff (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd September 2025:
Children return for term 1

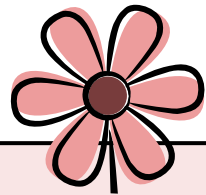
Friday 17th October 2025:
Last day of term 1 and start of the half-term break

* OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS *



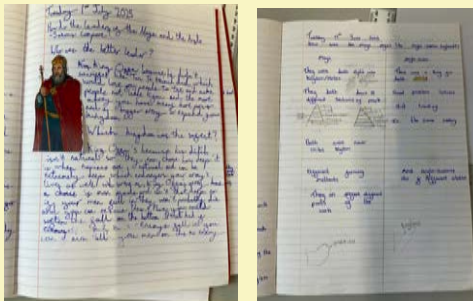


Bluebell Class



What a busy term we have had. The children have worked extremely hard in all lessons. We have covered the Maya civilisation in History. We then recalled our learning about Anglo Saxons so we could compare both periods of history. In science, we have been looking at materials and their properties looking in depth at reversible and irreversible changes. Our art topic was animation set design. The sets the children designed were so detailed that we combined it with a bit of DT to bring the designs to life.

History



Forest School



Science



Art



Primrose NEWSLETTER

Summer 2 Edition



Hello Everyone!

What an amazing term this has been! Filled with school plays, trips and sports day. The children have made me so proud this term. Their behaviour on trips, their AMAZING school production and general amazingness have been fantastic. Please see all of the pictures of the fun we have had...

