

## Term Dates 2022

**Term 6:** 6.6.22—21.7.22

*\*\*We have been given an extra day off due to the Jubilee bank holiday, only just announced to us in May. Our last day at school is now on 21st July, and NOT 22.7.22*



# Wateringbury Primary School NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Hello everyone,

Well that was the month of May! What a busy one it has been at school, but we're not complaining! It has been fantastic to have lots of events and feel like school is finally back to normal. This month we have had the mayor visit to open our new nurture camp, FOWPS discos, church service, SATs tests, an art exhibition, Young Voices, a Shakespearean production and a jubilee picnic. Wow!! Thank goodness we had half term afterwards!

All of these events could not happen without the hard work and support of everyone in Team Wateringbury: children, parents, staff, FOWPS, governors, the church and all those in the community who are always there to lend a hand. Thank you to everyone who has given their time, money and support to our school. Seeing our school and village community at the picnic and the art exhibition has been fabulous and we look forward to more events together.

As we enter Term 6, our thoughts often turn to endings and changes, more so for some children and families than others. Whilst we are excited about new adventures, change can be tricky to manage. However, as I reminded the children in worship the other morning, the wonderful thing about schools is that lots stays the same. You will still have your friends and people around to care about you; lots of things to learn and school rules stay the same.

Our worship this term is on the theme of respect which ties beautifully with our school rule of 'Be Respectful'. We have talked about what it means to be respectful and how we should try our best to treat everyone we meet with respect. I will be challenging the children to show respect around the school with considerate behaviour and marvellous manners. I know they will be brilliant at this.

Here's hoping the sun comes out soon and we can all start to enjoy the outdoors. Everything is always more jolly in the sunshine.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Debbie Johnson

Headteacher

A prayer about **RESPECT** that we shared in worship:  
Dear God,  
Thank you that you value each one of us.  
Please help us to treat others with respect.  
Help us to embrace differences between us.  
Help us to love others, even if they are very different from us.  
Help us to see the value in each individual person.  
Amen.

***Learning, growing, achieving... Our journey together with God***



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Thanks to everyone who donated and entered the food bank competition! It generated lots of new contributions for those around us in need. Well done to the food bank team for organising the event, and pulling off the special lunch for the winners.

The teacher who donated the Marmite was Miss Farrington— well done to all those who guessed correctly!



On Friday 29th April Clover Class were really lucky to have a online reading and question & answer session with the author of our class read book, Jack Meggitt-Phillips, who wrote The Beast and the Bethany. He was very funny and clover class asked really great questions.

Meet our newest member of Wateringbury School:

## Chewie

Pets as Therapy are a charity who have provided this fantastic service, all free of charge. Chewie (think Chewbacca) will visit us once a week and work as a reading/ therapy dog for those who need it. Chewie's duties may include listening to children read, offering calm time and even cuddles. He came in for a quick visit, Arthur and Zach from year 6 gave him the grand tour around the school. The kids absolutely loved him!! For more information on the charity follow this link [Pets As Therapy](https://www.petsastherapy.org/) .

If you would prefer your child to opt out of this, please email the office.



### Nettlestead and Wateringbury Preschool, walking bus service.

If pick up arrangements change last minute, or if your child is ill and not at school, please don't forget to communicate this to Afterschool Club. There are often miscommunications, which then take time to resolve after school. Thank you!

#### Dates for your diary

6th June	Back to school
6th June	Year 6 residential ALL WEEK
8th June	No swimming
8th June	Second round of offers day for reception 2022
15th June	7pm new parents evening
23rd June	Sports Day
28th June	Foxglove & Clover trip to Gurwara
30th June	High Hopes Assembly

#### UPDATE FROM BRIGADE:

**LAST DATE FOR FREE DELIVERY TO SCHOOL for uniform is 15TH JUNE 2022.**

After that date the only option is delivery to the home address which incurs a cost.





Every child has received their free gift:

A beautifully illustrated book about the Queen.

It takes us on a journey of her life and the 70 years service she has given. We hope you enjoy this book with your child.



Another **THANK YOU** to FOWPS for funding a jubilee memento for each child of a pin badge and kite!

## Jubilee Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came and joined in at our Jubilee Picnic. It was an absolute success! Watching the children, and their teachers give it some welly to their chosen songs of the decade was good fun. Even the parents joined in at the end. Followed by a whole group National Anthem. A special thanks to Mrs Barnett helping the children with their routines.



## Wateringbury Village Flower Festival at St John's Church.

Together with the children's portraits of Queen Elizabeth II, Mrs Humphrey put together a wonderful flower arrangement and display board on behalf of the school. This was shown at the church as part of the celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee.

Singing Together



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YOUNG VOICES

Our year 5&6 choir members attended the Young Voices Concert at the O2. They travelled up with Pembury School by coach and performed their songs to a crowd of thousands. The energy is always electric at the O2 and we hope it was an experience that the children will never forget! Thank you to all the parents that came and supported.

This event runs every year, so keep your eyes peeled next year if you think your child might like to get involved!



## Our stars are:

Bramble: **Poppy** for growing this week and showing much more mature attitude towards her learning. **Piper** for always being a kind friend and having something nice to say about everyone. **Willow** for always working hard and showing huge improvements in her reading and writing. **Annabella** for trying hard to improve and self correct her writing. **Rory** for always having such a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards his learning. **Eva** for settling in really well and trying hard to make new friends.

Honeysuckle: Gus for always having amazing ideas. George for always making the right choices and being kind to others. Josie Leigh for amazing determination in ALL subjects. Sadie for amazing work in her English. **All of year 2** for being fab in their secret agent training!

Foxglove: **Sienna** for showing courage during her time swimming, and overcoming her fears to now enjoy the water. **Lola** always works with focus and is able to ignore distractions. **Frankie** for showing kindness to a member of the class at lunch time and for being noticed for taking pride in handwriting and improved focus. **Alesia** for a great leaflet and use of verbs, also for growing in her confidence. **Sully** for being so positive and in particular for complimenting Mrs Barnett on Thursday. **Barnaby** for his super work with time over the last three weeks, and for taking a bit of a risk and getting involved with the dance.

Clover: **Jahnvi** for participating and sharing her ideas, and some fabulous writing in English. **Sophia** for always doing her best and taking her time to get things right. **Hollie** for putting her heart and soul into everything she does and really taking pride in the presentation of her work. **Fred** for working really hard in English with his character descriptions and varied sentence structures, and for being confident. **Jasmine** for always doing her best and being helpful, kind and patient with everyone in class. **Connie Marie** for working hard and always trying to improve, and for being super helpful!

Bluebell: **Harrison** for growing in confidence over the course of the week for the year 5 play. **Stevie** for being a Maths superstar. **Dexter** for persevering with his art work. **Lilia** for being a fantastic all round member of Bluebell class.

Primrose: **Jude and Olivia** for the effort the effort they put into their work every day; they are also our star players during rounders!

**The whole class** for an amazing SATs week. You have all tried your best and we are so proud of you all. Well done!! **Darcey** for showing perseverance and confidence this week. **Chloe** for being an absolute superstar 100% of the time. Always enthusiastic and great attitude towards her work.

