

Term Dates 2021/2022**Term 2:** 1.11.21—17.12.21**Term 3:** 5.1.22—10.2.22**Term 4:** 21.2.22—1.4.22**Term 5:** 19.4.22—27.5.22**Term 6:** 7.6.22—22.7.22

Wateringbury Primary School NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

Hello all,

Firstly, I must say thank you to the fabulous members of FOWPS and their team of WhatsApp volunteers for the Bonfire Night Spectacular. It was lovely to see so many people from our school and village community enjoying some good, old-fashioned fun – even if my hands did smell of pies for days! There was a fantastic atmosphere and has reminded everyone about the great events that are organised by FOWPS – here's to a fun-filled year!

I had another reason to be proud of our school on Thursday morning when the whole school was silent to commemorate Armistice Day. I always find it incredibly moving to see our children showing such compassion. A massive thank you to Bobby in Year Six who played 'The Last Post' on his cornet to signal the start of the silence.

School is a busy place at the moment and, whenever I visit classrooms, I am delighted to see how engaged the children are in their learning. They always want to show me what they are learning and are proud of their books – I have several visitors a week to my office to show me their achievements.

Things are beginning to feel like normal: we have had some school trips, the infants are practising their nativity songs at every opportunity and we have been able to have some visitors back in school. However, we are still mindful that the pandemic is still widespread in the local area and so are still being vigilant in school with regular handwashing, good ventilation, and being careful with coughs and sneezes. We know there are a lot of non-covid colds and viruses doing the rounds but ask that if your child has any covid symptoms that you keep them off school and take them for a PCR (not lateral flow as they are for asymptomatic testing) test. If the result is negative, your child is welcome back to school if they are well enough.

Thank you all for your continuous support of the school and your child's learning. Have a peaceful weekend.

Miss Debbie Johnson

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Learning, growing, achieving... Our journey together



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Nettlestead and Wateringbury Preschool and After Schools Club (NWPS)

NWPS provide before and after school childcare and walking bus service on behalf of Wateringbury School. Preschool age children are also able to use this service, as such full daycare is available from 7.30am – 6pm. If you are interested in using this service either on an 'ad hoc' or permanent basis, please contact the setting on 01622 81312 or email enquiries@nwps.org.uk

Term 2 dates to remember:

15th November – Y6 bikeability starts

15th November—children to wear odd socks for anti-bullying week. No donations please, just for awareness

Friday 19th November - own clothes for Children in Need. Please send in a donation, any amount welcome.

29th November – Christingle in school

30th November – Open Classrooms 3:10pm – 4pm

2nd December – Open Classrooms 3:10pm – 4pm

6th, 7th & 8th December – KS1 nativity 9:30am

10th December – Christmas jumper and dinner day

14th December – KS2 carol service 2pm

17th December – Last day of term

18th Dec 2021 – 3rd Jan 2022 – Christmas holiday



Wateringbury School Football Team—back in action!



River trip to Horton Kirby



First we went on a coach, then we went to see Mr Berry. Then we took a walk to the river Darent, we went into the river with our wellies on!

We did an experiment with dog biscuits timing how long it took to float downstream



In the afternoon, in another experiment we used a tray of mud to make a river and had to work out how to save Mr Berry's 'house'

All of us were super excited to be on a school trip!

*By Reagan Cook,
Foxglove class*



Bramble Class have made their own Stick Man character.

They also found their own Bramble Class Family

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Starting at **Primary school...**
Do you have a child born between
1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018?

Apply for a place online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
before **17 January 2022**

Step 1: Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.
Step 2: Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.
Step 3: Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and/or medical evidence and return to the school.
Step 4: We offer you a place on National Offer Day.
Step 5: You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address from the application period to the school.
Step 6: If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the waiting list and appeal.

Important dates to remember

November	April	May
13 November 2022	17 April 2022	4 May 2022
Applications open. Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola	National Offer Day - offers sent by email after 4pm	Date by which places must be accepted or refused
January		
17 January 2022		
Closing date for all applications		Date by which parents should submit a waiting list form for schools they named but were not offered
		June
		8 June 2022
		Re-allocation of any vacant spaces

Need help?
Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Our bonfire night was a roaring success! An enormous thanks to the FOWPS team for all the amazing work they have done making the night so enjoyable.

A massive well done to FOXGLOVE CLASS for winning the best dressed guy competition. Enjoy those yummy cupcakes!



Bore Place



On Friday we went on a school trip to Bore Place! Bore Place is a dairy farm and an environmental art programme. Our tour guide Katie showed us around while we collected bits and bobs we found on the floor. We walked to the outdoor classroom and used all our bits and bobs to make all sorts of art work. Then we had lunch outside. Katie took us to see the cows and calves and how they got milk. Then it was time to go back to school on the coach. *By Jahnavi and Keira, Clover Class.*

Our stars are:

Bramble: **Lilly Jandova** for a fantastic first week at Wateringbury and showing great enthusiasm towards everything and **Sadie Boswell** for being an amazing role model during the stay and play session with the pre-schoolers.

Honeysuckle: **Jack Hollands** for really improving with his behaviour and really persevering with his work. And **Leo Solomides** for having the most fabulous week—Miss Colyer has been so proud of you!

Foxglove: **The whole class** for being such great ambassadors on their river trip. And **Olivia Ryan** for great focus shown in maths. Olivia has really grasped subtraction and can use addition to check her answers.

Clover: **Jenson Gorringe** for great focus in reading session and working independently. And **Lacie Gregory** for super effort in all subjects but especially for putting up her hand and giving her ideas and opinions

Bluebell: **Austin Day** for having a wonderful attitude in school. And **Sawyer Booth** for his awesome attitude to school.

Primrose: **Anabelle Lodder** for being a kind friend. And **Olivia Hill** for amazing effort all week across all areas.

