



May 2025 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Crowning of Mary

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends join us for the Crowning of Mary yesterday. It was a very prayerful atmosphere, and we received lots of positive comments about the children's behaviour and singing. Thank you for providing the children with such stunning flowers. Thank you to Martin, our RE lead, the chaplaincy team and all the staff for organising the children and to Stephanie, for creating Mary's beautiful crown. We received so many fresh flowers that we took bundles of these flowers to River Court Nursing home and St Anthony's nursing home. They were delighted to receive these.



Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our children in Key Stage 2 who are either preparing to make their First Holy Communion or who have recently celebrated this special sacrament. These children and their families will be in our prayers at this special time. If they are able to bring in a photograph, we can photocopy for our display we would be very grateful.

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children who have recently taken part in the statutory assessments. The children have all worked very hard and should be proud of their positive attitudes throughout this time. The Year 6 SATs breakfast was very well attended – who knew toast/croissants and juice were so popular !

The Year 6 children will be bringing home their leavers' hoodies today and will be able to wear these next half term. We have organised an evening Leavers' disco for the Year 6 children – this will be on Wednesday **16th July from 5pm – 7pm.**

Year 6 parents are also very welcome to join us for the special Leavers' assembly on **Friday 18th July at 9.15am.** The Year 6 leavers' afternoon mass will also be organised for the final week of term, as soon as we have a date from Fr Tim, we will let Year 6 parents know.

Cultural Diversity Day

John, our Upper Key Stage 2 lead, is also the coordinator for Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity. John is organising a Cultural Diversity Day on **Wednesday 11th June.** He would like all the children to wear national costumes or clothes with colours of a flag they identify with.

One of the best things about our school is the wide range of cultures represented in our children, parents and staff and we would like to show off this amazing diversity with a full day of celebrations!

Warmer weather and name labels

As the weather finally appears to be warming up please ensure your child is wearing our summer uniform, brings a sun hat for playtimes and you have applied sun lotion prior to arriving at school. All hats and **all** uniform must be clearly labelled either with a sharpie pen or iron on/sew in labels. Having all your child's clothes labelled really makes a **huge** difference to helping locate items. We have over 450 children in school, and it can become very difficult when clothes have no names in at all.

Watford Foodbank

Many thanks for your continued donations. The next collection days are **Thursday 5th June and Thursday 3rd July.**

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from **1st September 2025** until **22nd April 2025.**

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Children regularly arriving late miss out on vital learning and it is very unsettling for them. As mentioned in previous newsletters we follow County guidelines for all matters related to attendance. We are unable to authorise any absence for holidays/trips/visits/celebrations.

The attendance of all classes is as follows:

Nursery	89%	
	Lily class	Poppy class
Reception	94%	92%
	Lisbon	Padua
Year 1	94%	94%
Year 2	96%	96%
Year 3	95%	95%
Year 4	98%	97%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	95%	95%

Well done to our **Year 4 Lisbon class** who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

South West Herts Partnership (SWHP)

Please find attached the SWHP newsletter and a calendar of parenting courses. These have been very useful for parents previously and I would encourage you to have a look to see if there is anything you feel might be useful for your family needs.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 nd June	Children return to school
Tues 3 rd June	Year 2 visit Tring Museum Year 5 and 6 Sports afternoon 1.30 -3.30pm parents welcome
Weds 4 th June	Parents and children Reading Morning in the Activity Studio – 8.25 am – 8.45am. All welcome. Nursery and Reception Sports morning 9.30 -11.30 parents welcome
Thurs 5 th June	The Ark Farm to visit Nursery and Reception classes PFA event – Mr Banana Head for younger classes
Sun 8 th June	Pentecost
Weds 11 th June	Cultural Diversity Day – see above for details
Thurs 12 th June	Year 2 Father's Day assembly – 9.15am
Fri 13 th June	St Anthony's Feast Day
Mon 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight
Tues 17 th June	Microbits workshop for Year 5 children
Weds 18 th June	Year 3 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Tues 24 th June	Diocesan Event for the Jubilee Year at Westminster Cathedral – 6 children to travel with staff to represent school.
Weds 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30 pm parents welcome
Fri 4 th July	Nursery visit to Bekonscot – details to follow
Weds 9 th July	Year 5 and 6 of Cinderella and Rockerfella Production 2pm and 7pm – details of tickets to follow

Congratulations

It is always lovely to see the children with their medals and certificates.

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Rec Poppies

Diego C achieved Star of the Week from Champions Swim School.

Isabella H received a certificate for Level 2 of the Learn to Swim Awards.

Erila A received a Level 4 Floor Award from Watford Gym Club

Year 1 Lisbon

Anna M received a marathon band and a medal for completing the Watford 10K Fun Run. She also received a medal from Watford Gym Club for Floor.

Agnes F achieved the Learn to Swim level 1 certificate and she also gained a Distinction for her Ballet Exam.

Year 2 Padua

Kevin I received certificates for completing the Spring Doodle maths and English challenges

Khaleesi D achieved Level 1 for the Gym Proficiency Awards

Benjamin A received a medal for completing an Inflatable 5K

Filip V received a Grade 1 certificate for playing drums.

Evanna L received a certificate for Level 2 of the Learn to Swim Awards.

Year 2 Lisbon

Amelia F achieved the Learn to Swim level 3 certificate and badge.

Millie K received an Achievement Award from Swim England

Bianca C achieved Level 1 for the Gym Proficiency Awards

Year 3 Lisbon

Rebecca P received a medal from Kennedy Jane Dance for her performance in the dance show 'Unstoppable'. She also received a medal and certificates of appraisal from Acrotrix for flight, fold and floor.

Year 3 Padua

Natalia M received a certificate from Rise Gymnastics for level 3 of 'Explore Working Together'. She also received a medal and certificates of appraisal from Acrotrix for flight, fold and floor.

Vennilaa P achieved Distinction for her ABRSM Grade 2 Piano exam.

Harrison K received a medal and trophy from Bram FC for top resilience.

Year 4 Padua

Demi C received a medal and certificates of appraisal from Acrotrix for flight, fold and floor.

Year 5 Padua

Lenny S received a medal for completing the Watford 10K Fun Run. Lenny also completed 10 volunteering sessions at Cassio Park Run as a Junior Helper.

Jotham G was awarded Players' player of the year from Titans FC and he was also part of the winners team for the Dan Hudson memorial cup.

Benjamin J was awarded winners medal for Croxley Green FC in the U10s Youth Cup.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful half term break.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold