



March 2026 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Children's Society Charity Walk

On Friday 27th March children are invited to wear comfortable sports clothes and trainers to school for the day as they will walk laps of the playground. On this day we would ask for a donation via The Gateway to The Catholic Children's Society. Their 2026 Lent Appeal: 'Small Deeds, Big Difference' is inspired by Pope Leo's call to help those in need through simple, meaningful actions.

Ofsted Report

Our Ofsted report has now been formally published on the Ofsted website. I feel the report reflects the hard work, dedication, and spirit that make our school such a special place.

One of the highlights for us was how brilliantly the children conducted themselves throughout the visit. Inspectors commented on their enthusiasm, confidence, and exemplary behaviour. They truly shone, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

We are equally grateful for the ongoing support from our families. Your partnership plays a huge role in creating the positive, nurturing environment that Ofsted recognised. It's a real team effort, and this outcome is something we can all celebrate.

Thank you for being part of our school community. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to give every child the best possible experience.

Watford Foodbank

A HUGE thank you to the generosity of our school community for the food that was donated last month. The next dates for donations are:

Thursday 26th March

Thursday 23rd April

Invitation

Please see an attached flyer for a community fundraising event 'Rhythms of Hope'.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children will be taking part in the Year 6 National SATs week - **Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May**. They have been working very hard in class and during booster sessions to prepare for this important week. Complimentary breakfast will be offered to children in Year 6 who would like to come into school at the earlier time of 8.10am that week. Staff will provide a range of tasty goodies to keep up their energy levels. This will take place in our Activity Studio. More information will be sent to Year 6 parents.

Polite reminder

We would like to remind families that children should **not** be bringing cash into school to buy items from local shops before or after the school day. Carrying money puts children at unnecessary personal risk, and if cash is lost or misplaced, the school is unable to help recover it. Thank you for your support in helping with this as your cooperation makes a real difference.

Water Bottles

The weather is finally becoming warmer so please ensure you send your child to school with an appropriate water bottle. The water bottle you send in with your child must have a sports cap not a screw on lid. These need to be plastic reusable bottles, no glass please. There are some expensive water bottles that have been brought into school - I would advise you avoid these as children get very upset if they are misplaced or are dropped. A cheap, replaceable water bottle is best.

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from **1st September 2025** until **10th March 2026**. If your child is absent from school, please telephone/email each day to keep the school office informed. Please remember we are unable to authorise any absence for holidays/trips/visits/celebrations. Absences directly before or after a school holiday cannot be authorised without evidence for the absence. This may include medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of delayed flights or circumstances beyond your control.

The attendance of all classes is as follows:

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| Nursery | 88% | |
| | Lilies class | Poppies class |
| Reception | 93% | 94% |
| | Lisbon | Padua |
| Year 1 | 94% | 96% |
| Year 2 | 93% | 96% |
| Year 3 | 96.5% | 96% |
| Year 4 | 95% | 96.5% |
| Year 5 | 96% | 97% |
| Year 6 | 96% | 95% |

Well done to **Year 5 Lisbon** who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

Dates for Diary

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| Tues 10 th March | Parents' consultation 4.30pm – 7.30pm |
| Weds 11 th March | Parents' consultation 3.50pm – 6.30pm |
| Thurs 12 th March | Harry Potter day – Year 5 classes –details in Year 5 class updates Year 4 visit to the British Museum |
| Fri 13 th March | Year 1 Mother's Day assembly – 9.15am Nursery Balance Bike training |
| Mon 16 th March | Nursery Balance Bike training |
| Tues 17 th March | Y3 St Patrick's Day assembly for parents – 9.15am Nursery Balance Bike training Year 6 secondary transition workshops in the afternoon and Year 6 parents workshop at 5pm |
| Weds 18 th March | Tempest Photography for group class photos |
| Fr 20 th March | Fr Tim will be attending school to hear Confessions – Key Stage 2 |

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| | Nursery Balance Bike training |
| Mon 23 rd March | Year 5 - Warner Bros Studio Tour |
| Weds 25 th March | Year 2 visit Knebworth House |
| Thurs 26 th March | Watford Food Bank Donation Day |
| Fri 27 th March | Stations of the Cross Assembly – Year 5 parents - 9.15am Children to take part in Catholic Children's Society Lenten charity walk – see details above End of Term finishes at 1.30pm |
| Mon 13 th April | Children return to school. |

Congratulations

Please encourage your child to bring in any achievement certificates or medals as I love to see them.

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Reception Lilies

Peggy H received a badge and certificate for Level 1 Learn to Swim

Hans S received a badge and certificate for Level 1 Learn to Swim

Reception Poppies

Ektha S received a certificate for giving an excellent performance at Prakriti Dance UK

Jake M-W received a certificate for Level 1 Learn to Swim

Year 2 Lisbon

Nel Z received a badge and certificate for Level 5 Learn to Swim

Year 3 Lisbon

Belle R achieved Level 6 in Vault with Watford Gym Club and received a medal and certificate

Alex C received a certificate from Shogun Karate for 'Brilliant Strikes'

Year 3 Padua

Nicholas G received a certificate and medal for Level 6 in Floor from Watford Gym Club

Filip V received a certificate for completing the Piano term at Praise Lab Music School

Year 4 Padua

Eliana S reached Level 7 in Floor with Watford Gym Club and received a medal and certificate

Harrison K received a trophy from Bram FC as they were Youth Cup Winners

Year 5 Lisbon

Sophia H reached Level 8 in Vault and Rebound with Watford Gym Club

Year 5 Padua

Aadhya P received a trophy for passing a writing exam with the Tamil School

Year 6 Lisbon

Melissa M reached Level 9 in Vault, Rebound and Floor with Watford Gym Club

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold