



## We're in for a Creative time at Watling!

Our Mission this term has been to make the curriculum for the children even more exciting! Teachers have been working hard to develop our new Creative and Key skills based curriculum ready for the Spring Term.

Children will have a WOW starter to the term, with special learning events that will inspire and get them excited to want to learn more. We will be inviting you to share their learning at the end of the half term as they present their learning to you with a FAB FINISH!



These are the dates for your diary –

Maple and Acorn 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Chestnut and Rowan 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Holly, Elm and Willow 9<sup>th</sup> February  
All at 2pm.

## Christmas at Watling Lower School

We would like you to join us at our

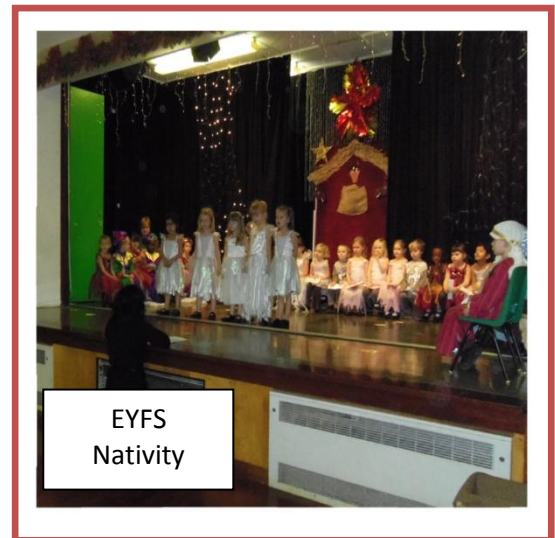
### *Carol Service*

at the Methodist Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will start at 1.45 and will return to school in time for the end of the day.

It will be a chance for you to join with us to celebrate Christmas through carol singing and the Year 3 Tableau.

Children are looking forward to the Jack and the Beanstalk **Pantomime** on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

So that children do not have to carry bags to the Theatre please do not send in book bags on Pantomime day. If children usually bring a packed lunch it would be helpful for them to bring it in throw away bags.



Our Value Next Term will be

**Perseverance**

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## Reading Daily

Our daily reading initiative is now in its third week and already we have seen an improvement in the number of children who read every day.



Our star readers have been in Acorn class with nearly 90% of our youngest children reading every day! Although the total number of children reading every day has stayed the same in the rest of the school, there has been a big improvement in the number of children reading at least 4 times a week. Thank you for your encouragement and valuable time.

Children don't necessarily have to complete a whole book every night, a few pages each evening is sufficient. Remember to sign the home contact diary every day to show they have read.



## PSA – Come Along!

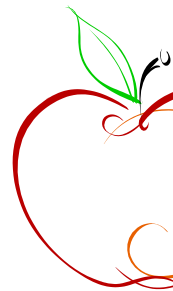
A big thank you to our PSA for the DISCOs enjoyed by all the children and the Surprise Room which we are sure you will appreciate as well!

Please remember the Christmas Fayre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Come along between 3 and 4, we look forward to seeing you there!

If you are able to send in some cakes for the cake stall we would be very grateful.

## AWARDS

### Values Apple Award



Name	Class
Ellie & Jack	Holly
Artemisa & Charlie	Chestnut
Robbie George	Willow
David & Samantha	Maple
Isobel & Harrison	Acorn
Tyler & Emily	Elm
Eloise & Bradie	Rowan

## House Points

Sherwood	Windsor	Epping	Hatfield
37	34	34	52

Next week we will have our end of term Awards. As well as the coveted **GOLDEN APPLE** Awards there will be

**Effort in learning Award** - This is given to children who, throughout the term have worked hard and put maximum effort into their learning.

**High Achievement Award**. This is given to children who, throughout the term have achieved high levels in their learning.

## Parent Forum

We are looking forward to you joining us at our next Parent Forum on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm.

Thank you for all the offers of help we have received. We will get in touch once the weather improves!

## Please Help

-by parking safely and respectfully.

We have had reported problems of people parking over driveways. A blue Honda caused inconvenience to a local resident who on this occasion however chose not to report to the police.

## Fun in the Snow



Should we have snow this year we will allow the children to have some fun on the field.

We need to make sure the children don't get wet feet however so only children who bring

**Wellington Boots** to school will be able to do this. Please make sure the 'Wellies' have your child's name in.

## Lunchtime Football

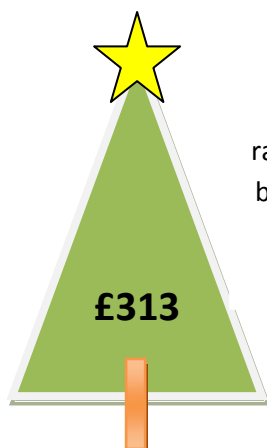
On the other hand if it doesn't snow and the field is in a suitable condition we will let Key Stage 2 children play football on the field.

They will need to change for this and should bring shin pads as part of their kit.

## Reminder

Please use the pupils' entrance both before and after school, as the car entrance is potentially hazardous.

## Thank you



Thank you for your support at our Christmas performances. We raised £313 which will be used for costumes and scenery for our future productions.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Christmas Party
12 <sup>th</sup> December	PSA Christmas Fayre
13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Decorations with Parents 9 – 11.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Grove Theatre
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at Methodist Church
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012	INSET
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Spring Term starts for children</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Governors' Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent Forum
7 <sup>th</sup> February	FAB Finish Acorn and Maple
8 <sup>th</sup> February	FAB Finish Chestnut and Rowan
9 <sup>th</sup> February	FAB Finish Holly, Elm and Willow
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term starts for children</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors' meeting
<b>4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Week 9 <sup>th</sup> July	WLS 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>



It's not too late to order a WLS Tea Towel!

# Happy Christmas

## From WLS

