

Watling Meadows Primary School Newsletter



March 2026 (2)

Head Teacher Update

I can't quite believe the Easter Holidays are nearly here. This term has flown by. We've managed to cram a lot into this term; we have appointed our Assistant Head Teacher, who we know will be fantastic. We will be able to introduce you to them after the Easter Break when we co-ordinate with their current school. The advert is out for our Lead Teacher in the Specialist Resource Provision. I have also managed to get to meet some lovely prospective parents and their children, which was a real privilege. Thank you. (There is also so much going on behind the scenes such as curriculum design, policies, getting ready for our pre-opening inspection too).

You will have no doubt seen the press coverage about the delay to the building. This was communicated to parents and carers in December 2025 by our Trust CEO. Unfortunately, delays do sometimes happen with projects of this scale, but please be assured that everyone is working together to ensure the building gets completed to the highest of standards within the new time scale. There is a fantastic contingency in place for our Reception Cohort for 2026. When the offers are confirmed for this cohort, we will be communicating directly to those parents and carers first.

It is difficult at this stage for parents, carers and the community to put trust in people you don't know that well, but the Trust and I assure you that this cohort will have the best start to their school career.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter break, whatever you are doing.

Best Wishes. Mr Barrow.



Our School Rules:

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Be yourself

These three
key rules
embody what
we want to
achieve as a
school.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram and Facebook
You can see our model classroom and get to know
Wilbur the WMPS Rabbit who loves to read.. Our
website is being constantly updated too:
www.watlingmeadows.co.uk

Nurture, Grow, Aspire

The big purple octopus now has a name. Orla the Octopus is very pleased to meet you all. The name was chosen as will be easy for the children to use their phonics to spell out the name! Orla has proved very popular with our visitors.



Wilbur The WMPS Rabbit now has his own reading chair thanks to Mr Dickinson our Trust CEO. Be the first to see Wilbur's next favourite reads, in his favourite chair on our social media after Easter. In the meantime, he wishes you all a very **Hoppy** Easter!

We know that parents and carers are waiting in anticipation for the offer letters for school places. They will come out on April 16th. We are keeping everything crossed that everyone gets their school of choice. Especially if it is Watling Meadows. We would love to have a full first cohort of history makers. Our new Assistant Head went further with this to say they will be the only cohort who will be the youngest and oldest at the same time. I don't think any of us had thought about that!



Our Trust Values are: **Collaboration, Equity, Aspiration and Trust**. You can read more about these on our CEAT website. They underpin our Watling Meadows Values of **Nurture, Grow and Aspire**. It is really important to us that we live those values every day.

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