

Holywell Primary School

Tolpits Lane, Watford, Herts, WD18 6LL

Tel: 01923 225188 email: admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Coert van Straaten MA. Ed, Dip Edu, NPQH

we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 17th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATS

I would like to extend a huge Holywell **WELL DONE** to our year 6 pupils and teachers for completing the SATS this week. The resilience demonstrated by everyone during the week really encapsulated the Spirit to Succeed by everyone. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 2 SATS - Next week, Year 2 will have an opportunity to show what they have learnt so far this year. Please arrange appointments out of school time and ensure that your children get a good breakfast and enough rest during the week. Good luck everyone!

Perseverance Assembly

Well done to Maple class who talked to us about Perseverance in the assembly this morning. They delivered a good message on how to persevere if things get hard or difficult to do. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the children.

Spain Trip

Our Year 5 pupils who are visiting a school in Cordoba Spain after the half term visited Parkgate Junior School yesterday to meet the children they will be travelling with. On Tuesday we met the parents of our children going on the trip to finalise the arrangements. Mrs Wylie, Miss Rogers, Mrs Keshiro and Ms Gonzales-Brew will accompany the children on the trip. The classes from Year 3 will be combined for the week and will take part in team building activities and other joined learning.

Half Term

Half term is from Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019 inclusive. There will be no school for pupils that week. Pupils will return to school on Monday 3rd June 2019.

Heritage Boxes

Please see attached a reminder about the display of our Heritage Boxes at Watford Family History Museum from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm tomorrow.

European Parliamentary Election – Thursday 23rd May 2019

Our Olympic Hall will once again be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 23rd May 2019, this time it is for The European Parliamentary Election. The school will be open as usual on this day for pupils.



Trips and Payment

As the number of school trips increase over the second part of the summer term, I would like to remind parents to make payment for trips in advance by the date set out in the letter. Thank you for your continued support.

School Dinners

The price of school dinners will increase from 4th September 2019 to £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week.

Happy Shoesday

Next Tuesday, 21st May 2019 is Happy Shoesday. Pupils can wear their favourite footwear to school for a suggested donation of £1. We ask them not to wear slippers, sandals, heels or heelys with wheels; they must be able to move safely around the school and playground. Please see the attached leaflet for more details.



Hertfordshire County Show

We still have a few free children's tickets available in the School Office for the Hertfordshire County Show on the 25th and 26th May 2019.

Class Photographs

The class photographs went home with your child yesterday. Please ensure you return your orders to the school office by Monday 3rd June 2019 at the latest.

On Thursday after school a group of our pupils were approached by some strange men in a white van at the King George V playing fields. The pupils did the right thing by going to their parents who were in the park supervising them. We will speak to the children in school about stranger danger and we also want to encourage parent to talk to their children about what to do should they be approached by strangers. Parents must ensure that they know where their children are at all times.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 17th May 2019



Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Stefi – Maple	Sana – Cedar
Harvey AH – Maple	Sky – Aspen
Iniyah – Sycamore	Charity – Mulberry
JJ – Hazel	Francesca – Cedar
Sofia – Hawthorn	Bonnie – Pine
Angel - Hazel	Bobbie-Jo - Rowan

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 24th May 2019	Sycamore	Resilience
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Friday 7th June 2019	Rowan	Eid al Fitr
Friday 14th June 2019	Blue	Fathers' Day
Friday 21st June 2019	Red	My Feelings
Friday 28th June 2019	Elm	Good to be me
Friday 5th July 2019	Mulberry	Resilience
Friday 12th July 2019	Birch	Resilience
Friday 19th July 2019	Rowan Elm and Birch	Leavers Assembly

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Lily-Rae	Stivan	Mulberry	-	-
Red Base	Valentina	Harry	Cedar	Ayesha	Robina
Sycamore	Sophie	Taylor	Elder	Joana	Wiyam
Maple	Hamithra	Kimberley	Ash	Maryama	Natasha
Hawthorn	Summer	Amadou	Chestnut	Enxhi	Shlok
Hazel	Kayla	Daniel	Rowan	Jack G	Rowan Class
Pine	Megan	Sara S	Elm	Luana	Elm Class
Beech	Cayden	Cristiana	Birch	Mahek	Birch Class
Aspen	Daud	Momna			

Whole school Attendance & Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Elm	KS2: Elm



Dates for your Diary

SUMMER TERM

MAY 2019

Monday 20th May 2019 – Key Stage 1 SATS
Monday 20th May 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 21st May 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson
Tuesday 21st May 2019 – Year 1 Mini Olympics at Queens' School
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson
Thursday 23rd May 2019 – European Parliamentary Election – school open as usual
Thursday 23rd May 2019 – Reception Red to Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood
Thursday 23rd May 2019 – Year 3 Aspen swimming
Friday 24th May 2019 – Reception Blue to Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood
Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019 – Half Term

JUNE 2019

Tuesday 4th June 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson
Tuesday 4th June 2019 – Year 6 Mixed Kwik Cricket at Queens' School
Wednesday 5th June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson
Thursday 6th June 2019 – Book Fair
Thursday 6th June 2019 – Year 4 Hillingdon Narrowboat Association trip
Monday 10th June 2019 to Friday 14th June 2019 – Key Stage 1 Phonics Assessment
Tuesday 11th June 2019 - Year 4 Drumming Lesson
Wednesday 12th June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson
Thursday 13th June 2019 – Year 4 Tri Golf Watford Boys School
Monday 17th June 2019 – Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening all week
Tuesday 18th June 2019 – Year 3 Bekonscot Model Village and Railway
Wednesday 19th June 2019 – New to Nursery -September Parents Meeting at 09:15 am
Wednesday 19th June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson
Thursday 20th June 2019 – New to Reception -September Parents Meeting at 09:15am
Tuesday 25th June 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson
Wednesday 26th June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson
Thursday 27th June 2019 – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Friday 28th June 2019 – Year 5 Kidzania
Friday 28th June 2019 – EYFS Sports Day



Dates for your Diary

SUMMER TERM

JULY 2019

Monday 1st July 2019 – Reception - Dental checks/information from School Health

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 – Nursery to Cassiobury Park

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Thursday 4th July 2019 – Nursery to Cassiobury Park

Tuesday 9th July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Wednesday 10th July 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Thursday 11th July 2019 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at new schools

Friday 12th July 2019 – Reception to Ruislip Lido

Monday 15th July 2019 – No clubs all week

Tuesday 16th July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Tuesday 16th July 2019 – Parents Evening – End of Year – Reports out

Wednesday 17th July 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Friday 19th July 2019 – End of School Year.

Nursery finishes at 12:00 midday, the rest of school finishes at 1:30 pm

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday
before half-term is 95.3 %

Nursery am	87%	Pine	96%
Blue base	92%	Mulberry	99%
Red base	85%	Cedar	98%
Maple	98%	Ash	96%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	100%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	96%	Birch	97%
Aspen	99%	Elm	99%
Beech	96%	Rowan	94%

Great work &
well done!
Year 6 SATS
are over!



WATFORD
**COMMUNITY SPORTS
& EDUCATION
TRUST**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1102239



STADIUM STAIR **CHALLENGE**

SUNDAY 7TH JULY

SEE REVERSE
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

VICARAGE ROAD STADIUM

SIGN UP AT: SHAPEUPHERTS.COM/STEP-UP



The full lap stadium challenge, will task you with completing every stair in every stand, working your way around the stadium. You will complete each stair case, for a total of 1750 steps, up and down!

£12

Shape up Member

+ Min £40 Sponsorship

£15

Non Shape Up Member

+ Min £40 Sponsorship

£5

**Mini step*
&
Challenge Step****

6-10 yrs & 11-17 yrs

No Sponsorship

What's Included?



Sports Massage



Medals



Chipped-timed
results



Post-race
celebration

Raising money for Shape Up, a programme that has helped over 1600 people to achieve over 6 tonnes of collective weight loss over the last 4 & ½ years.



ARRIVAL



8.15am -
8.45

START



9am
(Wave every
10 mins)

*Mini Step is for 6-10 year olds and only run up 1 stand.

**Mini Step is for 6-10 year olds and only run up 2 stands.

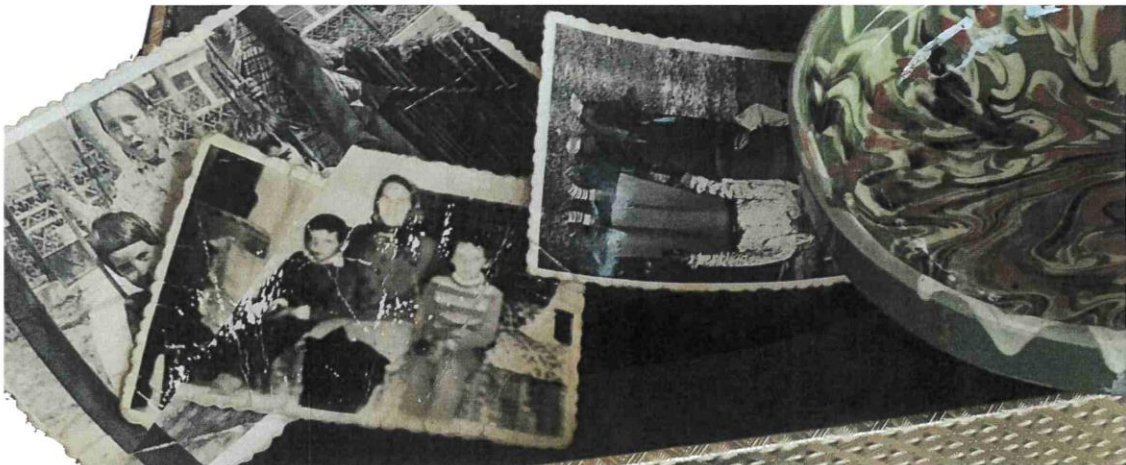
VICARAGE ROAD STADIUM

SIGN UP AT: SHAPEUPHERTS.COM/STEP-UP

A CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT FUNDED BY ERASMUS+

WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?

AN EXHIBITION OF
HERITAGE BOXES
BY CHILDREN FROM WATFORD SCHOOLS



This exhibition is on these two days only:

SATURDAY 18TH MAY AND SATURDAY 22ND JUNE
11AM – 4PM

WATFORD FAMILY HISTORY MUSEUM

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS • 362 HEMPSTEAD ROAD • WATFORD • WD17 3NB



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 20th – 24th MAY



Holywell will be joining thousands of schools nationwide for a celebration of walking to school. This year is Living Streets' 90th anniversary and the Walk To School theme retraces the steps of their greatest achievements during that time – the introduction of zebra crossings, 20mph zones, dropped kerbs, park and stride and, of course, the Walk To School scheme.

Through fun wallcharts and stickers, the children will work collaboratively to transform an unwelcoming and cluttered walking environment into the most walkable street imaginable. Pupils will also receive a five-day activity booklet.

HAPPY SHOESDAY



As part of Walk to School Week, Holywell is participating in **HAPPY SHOESDAY** on **Tuesday 21st May** to raise funds for road safety.

Pupils **wear their favourite happy shoes**, walk to school and bring in a suggested £1 to donate to **Living Streets**. Living Streets campaigns successfully to make streets fitter and safer for walking.

Happy shoes can be **trainers, wellies, shoes or boots** (no slippers, sandals, heels or heels with wheels please; pupils must be able to move around the school and playground safely). Pupils can be creative and decorate their shoes, **changing the laces, adding beads, wings or stickers**.



Your child could get a Free School Meal (FSM)

Your child could be eligible for a FSM if you satisfy the qualifying benefit criteria

Why apply for a FSM?

- Your child will receive a healthy nutritional meal
- It will not cost you a penny
- Applying is quick and easy

How do I Apply?

Apply by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and selecting the following tab. (You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand).

Qualifying Benefits for FSM

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get). This includes those who had free school meals whilst on Universal Credit before April 1st 2018 even if earnings are above that £7400 figure.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after March 2023.

[Apply for free school meals \(Year 3 and older\) >](#)

Did you know?

Registering for a FSM helps schools identify anyone on low income; the school can then claim additional funding from the government, which can help towards extra computers, books, trips out and staff etc.

Hertfordshire County Council
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk



Universal Infants Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Have you registered?

All Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 could get a free lunch.

How do I register?

Registering is quick and easy; simply visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and select the following tab. (You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand).

Register for free school meals (Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2) >

Did you know?

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after March 2023.

By registering, your school could get additional funding called Pupil Premium, which could help towards extra computers, books, trips out and staff etc.



WESTWATCH

The Newsletter of your local West Watford Community Association

Reg Charity no. 1141618

Company Limited by Guarantee no. 7386863

January - April 2019

Things to do at YOUR Community Centre



Come to enquire and enrol on these dates:
Saturday 12th January 2019, 10am-12noon
Tuesday 15th January 2019, 1pm-3pm

**West Watford Community Centre,
15 Harwoods Road, Watford WD18 7RB**

Tel: 01923 235488

Email: info@westwatford.org.uk

www.westwatford.org.uk

 [WWCAWatford](https://www.facebook.com/WWCAWatford)

The views expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of
West Watford Community Association

Everyone will receive a warm welcome at our community centre, especially those new to the area. The community centre is run by a charity, West Watford Community Association, that was set up in 1973 to be run by the community for the community and it has continued ever since.

We recently were handed an article from the Watford Observer dated 25th February 1977 which featured the then Centre Co-ordinator, Joan Mathers. She was asked what the community centre has to offer and replied, "There is always someone to listen. We can put people in touch with those who can help them, including local residents through our Community Service Group." Surprisingly, as we start 2019 this still rings true although the Community Service Group has been replaced by our more mutually supportive cashless community barter scheme, Westie LETs. In addition to a listening ear and a point in the right direction we now offer a wide range of activities and events to bring people together and help them get to know others in the community.

But the basics are still the same: everything we do is guided by and based on what local people want. So please, keep reading, see what takes your fancy and come and join us, we would love to meet you.

Best wishes

Vanessa, Pavlína and Virginie

P.S. If you can't attend the enrolment dates then please email or call us.



Monday

Community Coffee Morning - everyone is welcome to join us for a chat, a drink and some home-made cakes. It is run by volunteers every Monday apart from Bank Holidays 9:30 - 11:30. Minimum contribution towards cost £1.50. Drop-In. No need to attend enrolment.



Tai Chi - a low impact exercise class combining deep breathing and relaxation with slow and gentle movements. Our Tai Chi classes follow a 'form' that is particularly suitable for people with arthritis and other mobility and balance conditions. Classes are between 12:15 - 13:15, term time only. Payable per half term in advance. 5 week half-term £27.50, 6 week half-term £33, 7 week half-term £38.50.



Crochet, Knit & Natter - led by experienced craft volunteer Christine. Work on your own projects in the company of people with a similar interest. **Everyone is welcome** whether experienced or a complete beginner. Help is on hand if you get stuck with anything or want to learn a new stitch or technique. Sessions are held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) 14:00 - 16:00. Cost £3.50 each session you attend and includes refreshments. Drop-In, however spaces are limited, please contact us to register your interest.



French Conversation - led by native speaker Virginie. If you haven't spoken French for a while and wish to brush up on your skill, come and join our friendly group. Runs on alternate Mondays 19:00 - 20:00. Attend enrolment to book.

Tuesday

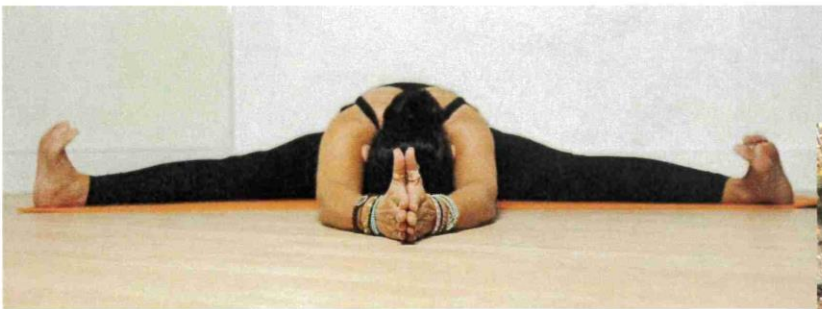


Over 50s Exercise - fairly energetic keep fit class to music taught by popular fitness instructor Belinda. Runs from 9:30 - 10:30. Currently full, please contact us to be put on waiting list.

Digital Inclusion for Older People - have you been given a tablet, smart phone, iPad or any other device and don't know how to use it? This small group runs from 11:00 - 12:00. Spaces are limited so please contact us to register your interest. Attendees are asked to make a small donation.



Yoga - relax & strengthen your mind, body and soul with powerful flowing yoga practice with Natalie Sassoon. We run 2 classes 18:35 - 19:35 and 19:40 - 20:40. Cost £44 for a set of 8 classes payable in advance. Currently full, please contact us to be put on waiting list.



Allotment - gardening for the whole family. Various dates and times. Please contact us to register your interest. Children friendly.



Wednesday

Pilates for Women only - taught by Rabina Malik. Low impact classes, executed on a mat. Pilates aims to strengthen the body in an even way, with particular emphasis on core strength to improve general fitness and well-being. Rabina can also adapt the exercise should you have specific needs/limitations. Runs 12:45 - 13:45 term time only. Payable per half term in advance. 5 week half-term £27.50, 6 week half-term £33, 7 week half-term £38.50. Attend enrolment to book.



Baby & Toddler Group - playgroup not only for toddlers to play and learn together but also for their parents, grandparents and other carers to have a chance to chat and meet other people in a safe and friendly environment. We rotate our activities: crafts, singing, story time... Tea/coffee for adults and a snack for children are provided. **Every 3rd Wednesday Healthy Toddlers.** Runs as a drop-in during term time 9:15 - 11:15. Contribution to running costs £1.50 per family per session. No need to attend enrolment.



Thursday

Mindful Movement - Curious about mindfulness but not sure you can sit still for mindful meditation? Why not start with this course, starting on 24th January 2019 at 10:15-11:15 and learn over 4 weeks how to introduce mindfulness through mindful movement into your day in order to reduce the stress of navigating your demanding schedule. This course is suitable for individuals over the age of 18 and it is also suitable for individuals who are less physically able in that modifications can be provided. Cost is £22 for the 4 week course. Attend enrolment to book.

Friday

Afternoon Tea With Friends - takes place on the first Friday of each month from 14:00 to 16:00. We have a different theme and speaker every month and the subject is decided by group members themselves. If you would like to take part as a speaker or to join the group please contact Sue Ettridge : **ettridge17@aol.com** or by **phone: 01923 213064**. The cost is £2 per session and hot drinks, sandwiches or cakes are available to purchase.



Watford Area Memories Group - friendly reminiscence group for older Watford residents led by reminiscence volunteer Roj. Members are mostly in their 70s, 80s and 90s. Meetings are held on the penultimate Friday of each month (except August) 14:00 - 16:00. £2 per session attended. Limited space, please contact us if interested.



Guitar Club for Adults - some knowledge and enthusiasm essential. Bring your own guitar. Practise selected songs by playing them together or come with your own songs or ideas to practise and get advice. Runs on alternate Fridays from 19:00 - 20:30. £3.50 per session. Attend enrolment to book.



Credit Union Collection Point - Every Friday from 12:00 - 13:00. For more information about Watford Credit Union see www.watfordcreditunion.co.uk

Friday



Art Group - No teaching involved but a lovely and welcoming environment to develop your artistic ability with friendly advice from self-taught local artist. Good space for creativity and self-growth. Runs from 10:00 - 12:00. £3.50 per session, bookable per month in advance. Attend enrolment to book.

Upcycling Workshop – last Friday of each month, 14:00-16:00



Upcycling is great fun and good for the environment. From accessories to home décor items, this eco-trend is all about creating your own unique style from cast offs. You will learn different techniques to transform unwanted items into something you love. Cost £5 per session to include materials. Next dates: **22nd February, 29th March, 26th April.** Drop-in. Let us know you are

interested so we can prepare materials and send you a reminder before each session.



Nourishing Nosh for Next to Nothing - cooking on a budget. Find out how to cook and what to shop for on a budget while still enjoying delicious meals. **Friday 25th January, starting at 20:00.** Cost £3.50 donation towards the running cost of the Centre. Attend enrolment to book.

Friday

Vinyl Evening - 15th February, 20:00-22:00.

Come and play your records. Bring your own selection and your own drink. This is a social moment to share music taste and enjoy a chat. £3.50 donation towards the running cost of the Centre. Attend enrolment to book.



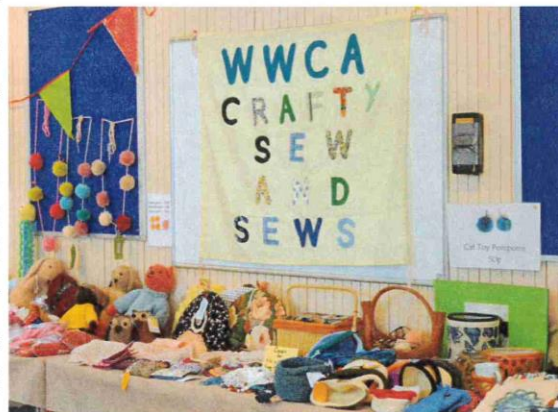
International Women's Day - 8th March, 20:00-21:30.

Come and share your experience, and talk about the women who have inspired you. We will have a speaker on the day, who will be announced closer to the time. Free. Please contact us to register your interest.



Saturday

Crafty Sew & Sews - for experienced crafters who use donated materials to make a wide range of handmade gifts and goodies which are sold to raise funds for the Community Centre. Their beautiful handmade items are sold through our twice yearly 'Handmade in West Watford' Craft Sale and Vintage Tea Room and at our other fundraising events. The group also meets on some Mondays/ Saturdays if or when projects need completing. You do not need to come to all sessions. Crafters also work on items at home. Please contact us for dates and times.



Saturday



Art Classes - Saturdays 19th, 26th January and 2nd February, 10:00 -13:00. 3 week course taught by Auberon Bayley starting with still life. Observational drawing then progressing to other media £49.50 (does not include material, but it will be listed on enrolment). Beginners welcome. Attend enrolment to book.



Egg and Dairy Free Vegan Baking Demonstration with Tasting - 9th March, 13:00-14:30. Learn how to bake without the need for dairy or animal produce. Then tuck into the delicious bake that you saw being made while sipping on a nice cuppa. Cost £5 per person. Attend enrolment to book.



Handmade in West Watford Craft Sale and Vintage Tearoom - 6th April, 10:30 -13:30. Come and get beautiful handmade presents, goodies, gift bags, cards and more, all lovingly made in West Watford. Then sit down and relax while enjoying a nice cuppa with a slice of home-made cake. Drop-In. No need to book.

Saturday

Cashless Community Barter Scheme "Westie LETs" - Drop In or Talk and Trade Social - local residents can swap skills and goods without cash. Let your neighbour help you while you help others. To find out how it all works or to become a member come along to our Drop-In between 10:00 - 11:00 or see www.westielets.org.uk.

Jumble Sale - 23rd February, 10:00 -12:00.

Come and get yourself a bargain, we have clothes, books, CDs, bric-a-brac. Entry is 20p per adult. Children go free.



West Watford Local History Group

for those interested in local history please see website for details:
www.westwatfordhistorygroup.org

Visit us at
www.watfordgermancentre.co.uk

**LEARN
GERMAN**

at West Watford Community Centre
15 Harwoods Road, WD18 7RB

Get in touch
watfordgermancentre@gmail.com
or connect with us on Facebook

29th June

Holywell festival

12:30pm - 4pm

King George V Playing Fields
Outside Holywell Community Centre

It's
Free!

★ An afternoon of fun for the Holywell community
with food, games, music, inflatables and more ★

holywell.festival@gmail.com facebook.com/HolywellFestival

This event is run as a
partnership between...



CHRIST FIRST
WATFORD



Watford Cycle Hub

