



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful week! It has been another exciting and productive week at school, filled with achievements and memorable moments!

A huge **well done** to all our **Year 1** children who completed their **Phonics Screening Check** this week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, focus, and positive attitude throughout! A special thank you goes to Miss Bennett, Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants, whose support, encouragement, and preparation have been instrumental in helping the children feel confident and ready. Congratulations to our **Year 4** pupils for completing the **Multiplication Table Check (MTC)** this week with such determination and confidence. The children approached the challenge with a fantastic mindset, showing great recall and resilience. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the Year 4 teaching team, Miss Hill and Mrs Wiseman and support staff for their tireless efforts in preparing the children—not just academically, but also in building their confidence and enthusiasm for Maths.

Celebrating the Grand Opening of Our New Learning Space - Swallows!

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11th June 2025 this week, we were thrilled to host the **Official Opening Ceremony** for our brand new Learning Space - a significant and exciting milestone in the history of WSL. We were honoured to welcome a wonderful group of special guests, including Councillor Mandy Kaur Brar, The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, accompanied by the Mayor's Consort, Harry Singh Brar; Councillor George Blundell (Hurley and Waltham St Lawrence Ward); representatives from local charities Alex Barfield and Polly Pollecutt; school governor John Kiss; member of our PTA Mrs Pitt; families, and parents who joined us to celebrate this proud moment. The event was marked by speeches from the Mayor, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Webb, on behalf of Mr Webb and his building company whose hard work brought this vision to life. A highlight of the celebration was the ceremonial cutting of the red ribbon by The Mayor and our School Council. The Mayor then formally declared the Learning Space open! - a proud and memorable moment that marked the beginning of a new chapter for our school community.



Children from Robins and Kestrels Class shared their thoughts and feelings about the new space, expressing how much it means to have such a calm, inspiring, and welcoming environment in which to learn. School Council Representatives Grace and Ajooni also read aloud their beautifully written acrostic poems, capturing the spirit of the new space. To mark the occasion, the children sang the uplifting song *"Together"*, capturing the spirit of unity and celebration that defines our school motto: *Together We Inspire and Achieve*.



This project would not have been possible without the help and support of many people:

Our PTA – for their amazing fundraising towards this project, with a special mention for Mrs Pitt, Emma Priddy, Stacey Moore, Natalie Kennedy for her organisational skills.

A very special thank you was given to Mrs Pitt, the former Chair of the PTA, whose incredible support and tireless efforts played a vital role in helping bring this project to life. She was presented with a



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her amazing contribution and unwavering commitment to the school.

- **PTA & Parents** for incredible fundraising the past 3 years, organising & helping at events. Special mentions to Emma Priddy, Amanda Waller, Stacey Moore, Jess Tilley, Alex Mason, Anneli Pickup, Laura Atkinson, Natalie Kennedy, Jess Marshall-Pullen, Nicole Jahanshahi, Rachel Johnson, Susie Gray for their incredible organising skills.
- **Painters** - Wonderful parents who gave up their valuable time to paint both the interior and exterior of the building, installing blinds - Alex Mason & her father, Gary Moore, Chris Alston, Anna Pythian and Rachel Bakshi, ... **just to name a few. I am sorry I can't mention everyone individually, but please know that your help is truly valued and very much appreciated.**
- **Local families** and **Village Charities** – for their generous donations.
- **David Brownlow Charitable Foundation** (CEO Alex Barfield) – for their considerable donation towards our 2 new Teaching Walls.
- **Mrs Levett** – for helping with interior design and sourcing.
- **Mr Levett** – for supplying the discounted flooring.
- **Mr Harris** – for organising the discounted paint from Inspirations Maidenhead.
- **Village Fete Committee** – for sharing the funds raised from the Village Fete.
- **Stone and Webb Builders** – for all their hard work creating this wonderful learning environment!

The opening was a great success, and we couldn't be more delighted with how the new building has turned out. The Learning Space provides a much-improved environment that supports high-quality teaching and enhances the overall experience for our pupils. It is a facility we are incredibly proud of — one that will benefit generations of children and be cherished by our whole school community for years to come.



Acrostic Poems written by Grace and Ajooni

School Council named a lovely new learning space,
When you learn in this space, we hope you feel happy
An amazing room for amazing learners,
Lovely environment for people to be in peace,
Learning happily with your best friends,
Open teachers to help create spectacular work,
We hope you love the new learning space,
Swallows is a special place to be.

By Grace

Sharing is caring,
We are kind to everyone,
Although we're different, we respect everyone,
Listen when the teacher is talking,
Learning is fun,
Optimism is the best,
We're all friends,
Sit quietly, so the learning can begin.

By Ajooni

We were delighted to welcome our local **MP for Maidenhead, Joshua Reynolds**, to our school yesterday, accompanied by Councillor George Blundell. The visit began with a whole school assembly led by Mr. Reynolds - true highlight of the day. His assembly was both inspiring and educational, offering our children valuable insights into the role of Parliament, the importance of leadership, and how every voice—no matter how young—can help shape the future. The children asked many interesting, insightful questions with great confidence. The MP praised the children's thoughtful questions and enthusiasm. Everyone came away having learned something new.



A particularly proud moment came when four children from Red Kites Class had their photo taken with Mr. Reynolds, proudly holding the reply letter they received from him in response to their message about plastic pollution in our oceans.

Following the assembly, Mr. Reynolds toured the school, visiting classrooms and engaging with staff and pupils. He commented on the warm, welcoming atmosphere and was impressed by the evident enthusiasm for learning throughout the school. He was particularly struck by our new learning space and how it will enhance the school's capacity to meet the needs of all children. Mr. Reynolds commended the school for fostering such a positive, inclusive, and engaged learning environment. It was a proud moment for our school community!

It was interesting and he definitely made people want to be an MP when they grow up. – Keira and Oliver

Joshua Reynolds told us that there are some debates that can last up to two years. it was very exciting. – Ben and Charlotte.

We met the local MP Joshua Reynolds. He is in charge of all local parks that we love and fought for the small but great things in Maidenhead. So we would like to thank you, Josh. – Phoebe and Finn



This week, three professional **tree surgeons from Calibra** visited our school to carry out essential work of **removing dead wood** from several large trees on the school ground to ensure the continued health of the trees and the safety of everyone on site. The children were absolutely fascinated as they watched the team skilfully climb high into the branches and use specialist equipment to cut away the dead wood. We were amazed by the amount that was removed and how carefully the surgeons worked to protect the living parts of the trees. It was a wonderful learning opportunity and sparked lots of interest and questions about tree care, safety, and the natural environment.



Staffing

We will soon be saying goodbye to our wonderful Mandarin Language Assistant, Miss Yang, whose contract ends on **30th June 2025**. Her last teaching day at WSL will be **Friday, 27th June 2025**, before she returns to China in early July.

Miss Yang has made a wonderful contribution to our Mandarin Curriculum. Her engaging lessons and After School Chinese Club have been thoroughly enjoyed by all the children, who have made excellent progress under her great teaching, support and encouragement. We sincerely thank Miss Yang for her hard work, enthusiasm, and the positive impact she has had on our school community. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Governance

Following the notification of a Parent Governor vacancy sent home last week, I would like to inform that Mrs Harmit Thiara has made the difficult decision to step down from her role as a Parent Governor due to her personal reasons. Her resignation will take effect at the end of July. We are incredibly grateful for the time, dedication, and valuable contributions Harmit has made during her tenure. She will be greatly missed by the Governing Board and the school community.

We are now inviting applications for the vacant Parent Governor position. If you are interested in applying, please submit your application **by noon on Tuesday, 24th June 2025**. In the event of a ballot, notice of election will be given to parents on **Thursday 3rd July**. Please refer to the letter and job description for governors sent last week for more details.



Core Value - Community. We will be focusing on the related value of **Conservation: Clean Air** during the next two weeks. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'What actions would YOU take to help improve the quality of the air around you?' If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our climate.

Perhaps you can ask your child/ren to think of a few small things that they can do at home that might help to clean our air. You may also want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote ***"There is no such thing as away. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere."*** – Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Green Peace USA (1964 -) What might he mean?

Reminder and Upcoming Event

- **Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 16th to Friday 20th June after school every day in the Dining Hall or Outside if weather permitting from 3.10pm to 3.40pm.** If any parents can help man the store, please contact the School Office.
- As a special farewell, the children in the **Chinese Club** will be putting on a short performance for parents to share what they have learned this term with Miss Yang. This will take place during their final club session on **Thursday, 19th June at 3:40pm**. Parents of participating children are warmly invited to attend. After the performance, children can be taken home directly.
- We will be hosting **Rotary Club Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition** which will take place on **Thursday 19th June** from 4.30pm to 6.00pm at our School.
- **PTA Class of '25 Campout** - Ticket sales have officially opened. You can buy your tickets via www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta

Have an enjoyable weekend

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher



Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for demonstrating the School Values, following the School Golden Rules and going above and beyond with their learning throughout this week.

Owls	Millie W	Olivia J
Nightingales	Joshua H	Sienna C
Robins	Jemima K	William J
Skylarks	Annika M	Isabella W
Red Kites	Kiera T	Ethan C
Kestrels	Matilda P	Phoebe C

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	242	1742
Galileo (Green)	267	1758
Redgrave (Red)	291	1998
Yeats (Yellow)	263	1716

The Winning House's for this week is **Redgrave**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! *Every day and every lesson counts!*

Class Attendance: 09-06-25 to 13-06-25

Owls 97.0% Skylarks 96.7%
Nightingales 100% Red Kites 94.3%
Robins 90.4% Kestrels 94.6%
Whole School 94.6%



Habit of the Month

In June children will focus on **Only My Best Will Do – Using our hands in kind, respectful, and helpful ways.**

This reminds us that **our hands should be used to help, not to hurt.** This includes:

- Using gentle hands during play and teamwork
- Helping others when they need support
- Taking care of our belongings and classroom materials
- Keeping our hands to ourselves

This is part of daily routines. please continue to support us by having high expectations for your child/ren and helping them all form good habits.

School Photograph QR Codes

Children were given a Photograph QR Code each to take home for you to register online. You will then receive an email confirming your registration and a further email once the photos are ready with instructions on how you can view all the photos taken. If you have any questions, please contact customer support on 01255 242200 or support@sbsdigital.co.uk

Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to inform you that we shall be running the second **Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 16th to Friday 20th June after school every day in the Dining Hall or Outside if weather permitting from 3.10pm to 3.40pm.** More details will follow. If any parents can help man the store, please contact the School Office.

NHS Guidance for Diarrhea

[Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS](#)

Whole School Trip Payment

Thank you for the payment received so far for the Whole School trip to **Marwell Zoo on Friday 27th June**. Thank you for those who have paid, if you have not done so yet, please can you make the payment via SCOPAY **by the end of today, Friday 13rd June 2025**. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office via email. **If the costs are not met, the trip may have to be cancelled.** Thank you for your understanding.

Rock Academy Music Concert

Children who have been attending instrumental classes will take the stage to showcase what they have been learning in their music lessons! Parents of participating children are warmly invited to join us for this special event and celebrate the musical achievements of our children on **Wednesday 25th June at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Nut /Food Allergy

We do have children and adults in school who have nut allergies, so please could we remind you that we are a nut free school and ask all parents to continue to be vigilant and not bring any nuts or nut products on to the school site. **Children are not allowed to share food with each other to avoid any incidents.** Thank you for your support.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will be taking place on **Thursday 26th June 2025 from 13.15 - to 15.00**. Children will have their lunch early that day. All parents are invited to attend this annual event. Please can all children come to school in their PE kits on the day. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure program for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for **free** at their local library or online. The theme for this year is '**Story Garden**'. From bugs to plants, there's something for everyone. **The challenge will start from 12th July to Mid-September**. Children can visit the library and borrow books over the summer holidays. They will collect stickers along the way and get a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge – reading at least 6 books.

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5 & 6

Friday 18th July 2025 Class of 2025 Camp Out. You can buy your tickets via www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta

CaterLink Parent Survey

Caterlink is our catering provider. This term they invite all parents /carers to complete a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision they provide. If you would like to be part of this survey, please complete the survey using the link or QR code below. The survey will close on **31st July 2025**, they will provide an update in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning

School Values: Truth Love Peace Responsibility Community

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Headteacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

Governors can be contacted via email to clerk@wslprimary.org

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2024-2025

Term 6 (38 days)

June	Thurs 19 th	Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition (Team of 3) at WSL (Host)	4.30-6.00pm
	Thurs 19 th	Last Chinese Club followed by performance to parents	3.40pm
	Wed 25 th	Rock Academy Music Concert for Parents	2.30pm
	Thurs 26 th	Sports Day	1.15pm
	Fri 27 th	Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo	8.30am-3.10pm
July	Mon 30 th	Sports Day – Reserve	
	Fri 4 th	Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures	All Day
	Sat 5 th	Music Party in the School Playing Field	5.30pm to late
	Mon 7 th	KS2 End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Tues 8 th	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	1.30pm
	Wed 9 th	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Thurs 10 th	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Wed 16 th	Transition morning for new children in Owls Class	9.00am-12.00pm
		Information Meeting for New Parents	11.00am-12.00pm
	Fri 18 th	PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out	5.00pm onwards
	Mon 21 st	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am
		Year 6 Leaving Party	4.00-6.00pm
	Wed 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24th July 2025 – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

The Academic Year 2025-2026

Term 1 (38 days)

September	Wed 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
October	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term

October Holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Mon 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
December	Fri 19 th	End of Pupil Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change.

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

All dates to the end of the year can also be found on the school website www.wslprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:

School Trip Payment Reminder to all

Luckley House funded Awards Information to Year 6

Caterlink Survey to all

Yellow Heat Alert to all