



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Lovely interactive session. You can see how happy all the children are.

Great to see the children interacting and being pushed to come up with powerful adjectives.

Lovely to see how the children learn and how interactive the lessons are.

That was THE MOST incredible lesson. All the children were so engaged – as were the parents.

It is easy to notice the warm atmosphere surrounding the class and the school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a **wonderful week** of excellent English lessons we have seen throughout the school.

It all started on **Monday with Kestrels class**. Mrs Morgan taught the children how to write in a journalistic style and they used excellent language when producing reports about the **Blitz** during **World War II**.

On **Tuesday, Owls Class** were supported by their parents when learning new vocabulary and actions associated with the story, "**The Tiger who came to Tea**". They discussed where the tiger could hide if the zoo-keeper came looking for him! A huge thank you to Mrs. Sharma for an exciting, interactive lesson.

On **Wednesday** it was **Skylarks Class** turn to welcome their parents to the classroom and the children used similes, metaphors and powerful adjectives when describing a **baby dragon**. Mrs Waite's excellent lesson inspired the children to produce their best.

On **Thursday, Robins'** English lesson focussed on writing powerful, accurate sentences with finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and expanded noun phrases. The children used pictures of a **haunted castle** and an **igloo**, combined with their senses to inspire them.

Finally on **Friday, Red Kites** wrote descriptive paragraphs using similes metaphors and WOW adjectives. They thought deeply about their emotions when imagining themselves as a **bulb waiting for spring**.

We are looking forward to **Monday** when **Nightingales** parents will have their opportunity to come into school. They are going to be sequencing and re-telling the story of the **Three Little Pigs** and writing sentences using adjectives to describe a setting.

It has been a pleasure welcoming so many parents into school to see examples of the hard work and learning that takes place in all classrooms, every day.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES WHO ATTENDED ONE OF THE ENGLISH SESSIONS THIS WEEK.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND STAFF AT THE SCHOOL.

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU IS SAVED FOR ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN WHO WORK SO HARD. YOU ARE MAGNIFICENT!

An excellent lesson with great delivery which kept pupils and parents engaged.

We enjoyed the calm concentration and focussed energy when bringing the dragon to life.

It was great to see the children working together so well.

She is engaging, warm, confident and authoritative. It was a pleasure to watch her excellent teaching.

Wow! What an exciting morning. We loved seeing the class and learning came to

As well as a fantastic lesson on Thursday, Robins Class also shared their impressive knowledge and understanding through their brilliant Class Assembly. They showed their knowledge of the **oceans** with a marvellous song and followed it up with an impressive understanding of **coins** and a jaw-dropping dance routine to the song "**Money, Money, Money**". After a wonderful Science experiment, the assembly finished with a beautifully performed **Mandarin song**. I still cannot believe they learnt so many lines off by heart! Well done to Robins Class and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Brancato, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Newell and Mrs Sinibaldi.

What a week! As one parent wrote...

Many thanks for your continued support

Mr. D. Errington



Excellent engagement and HAPPY children 5*

"Together we Inspire and Achieve"

Over the past two weeks in English, Red Kites Class have been studying the Cautionary Tales of Hilaire Belloc and writing their own amazing Cautionary Tales poems. They worked hard to incorporate humour, hyperbole, rhythm and rhyme in their poems and produced some truly fantastic work. On Monday, they performed their poems to Robins Class who really enjoyed these funny and engaging poems. Well done Red Kites!



Robins Remarkable Recitals. What a Show!



Mrs. Morgan brightened up Kestrels classroom!



Rock "n" Roll in Skylarks this week!

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	Leo M	Elodie S
Nightingales	Joseph I	Charlie P
Robins	All of Robins Class	
Skylarks	Monty W	Keenan K
Red Kites	Oscar P	William E
Kestrels	Lowry J	Kamran S

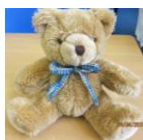
House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	372	1155
Galileo (Green)	269	841
Redgrave (Red)	309	863
Yeats (Yellow)	391	1059

The Winning House for this week is Yeats. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 93.2% Skylarks – 90.4%
Nightingales – 92.6% Red Kites – 93.3%
Robins – 93.2% Kestrels – 95.8%
Whole School – 93.2%



Excellent attendance and punctuality maximises potential! Every second counts.

Parents into school 9.00am – 9.45am



You are invited to come to your child's Open English Session to see how English is taught and how children learn at WSL. The Open Session will start **from 9.00am**.

Please save the date.

Monday 2nd February – Nightingales Class

Class Assemblies

Children in each class will be presenting their learning to the school community, with parents invited to attend.



The Class Assembly will take place on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3.10pm.

The dates for each Class Assembly are as below:

Wednesday 11th March – Nightingales Class

Wednesday 18th March – Red Kites Class

Wednesday 25th March – Owls Class

Dance Festival Information for Parents of Red Kites

The **Dance Festival** will take place at the Baylis Theatre, Braywick Leisure Centre on **Wednesday 11th February**. The children have worked so hard with their performance and are looking forward to sharing their Dance with the excited audience. As the children dance in pairs, attendance for all children is vital if the performance is to go smoothly. Doors will open at **12.45pm** ahead of a 1.00pm performance, and is scheduled for **2.30pm** finish.

Habit of the Month

In February, children will be focusing on:

“Only My Best Will Do”

Be thankful for the opportunities you have.

Be adventurous with your learning.

Be polite when you have been supported.

Be thoughtful... Have I tried my best?

We would appreciate your support with this when the children are at home, as a consistent approach will lead to positive behaviour in our children, which will last lifetime.

Donations

We are always looking to enhance the provision that we have for children throughout the school. In order to do this, we would like to reach out to families to ask if anyone has the following items.

For our lunchtime activities we would appreciate any old **Lego** or **Duplo** so that the children can enjoy construction.

For our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Classes we need a small CD player or CD Walkman so that individuals or groups of children can calmly listen to stories. In addition, any wired headphones would also be very useful!

Many thanks in advance for your support with these items.

Chinese New Year Celebrations – Tuesday 3rd February

Lunch Menu – Caterlink will be cooking a delicious “Chinese New Year” inspired lunch including both chicken and vegetarian sweet and sour noodles.



Dragon Dance Workshops - The Dragon Dance Workshop is a wonderful opportunity for children to immerse themselves in the vibrant and symbolic traditions of the Chinese New Year. Children will be taking part in this engaging and interactive workshop in class groups.

To cover the expenses associated with the workshops, each child will be charged a voluntary fee of £5.00. You can make the payment via **SCOPAY** which has been set up for you.

End of the day show - We would also like to extend an invitation for you to join us at the end of the school day at **3.00pm** when some of our children will showcase their newly acquired Dragon Dance skills and drum rhythms.

Zones of Regulation – This week – The Green Zone

Please help us to support your children by using the language below so that they can recognise when they are in different zones.

The green zone - the learning zone!!
We are expected to be in the Green Zone while we are learning. It is when our brains and bodies are relaxed and focused!



Safer Internet Day Workshops – Thursday 12th February

Year 1 – Year 6

Safer Internet Day 2026 takes place on **Tuesday 10th February** and focusses on “**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**”.

This year we have organised a day of **Safer Internet Workshops** for children from **Year 1 to Year 6** on **Thursday 12th February**.

The workshops will be led by “**Perform for Schools**”. They will use movement, discussion, and imaginative role-play to help children understand how smart technology and AI work and – crucially – how their choices, behaviours, and responsibilities matter online.

To cover the expenses associated with the workshops, there will be a voluntary fee of only **£5.00 per child**. You can make the payment via **SCOPAY** which has been set up for you. We would appreciate it if you could complete the payment by **Tuesday 10th February 2026**.

We look forward to an interesting, interactive, informative day where the children will develop key skills and understanding to support them in everyday life.

School Council Movie Night – Thursday 5th February

I am delighted to inform you that our **School Council** have organised an exciting **Movie Night** as part of their fundraising initiatives to raise money for our school.

This event will take place on **Thursday 5th February 2026** from 4:30pm until 6:15pm.

- The children in EYFS/KS1 will be watching **Ice-Age** (U) in Skylarks Class.
- KS2 pupils will be watching **Zootropolis** (PG) in the School Hall. (Please note: If we do not hear from you, we assume you give parental consent for your child to watch this PG rated movie.)

To take part, children should bring £3.00 in cash to school, which covers the movie and a small popcorn snack. Please ensure the children bring their **own water bottles** (which can be re-filled if needed). Children are invited to come along in their **onesies or comfy clothes**, bring a **cushion or small blanket**, and enjoy a cosy cinema-style experience with their friends. (No snacks please) All funds raised will go towards the school to help improve and enrich our school environment.



Fabulous PTA Events....

Smarties Challenge – Half Term

The Smarties Challenge is a fun half-term fundraiser where children will be given a tube of Smarties to enjoy. They will then earn money through chores or mini ventures to refill the tube and support the school. (More information to follow)



PTA Quiz Night - Friday 13th March



Join us for a fun and friendly Quiz Night in support of the PTA! Entry is £10 per person, with teams of up to 8. Create your own team and feel free to invite friends, family, or colleagues — everyone's welcome.

👥 We'd love to see parents from every class taking part.

🍷🍷 This is a BYOB and nibbles event — and don't forget to bring cash or coins 💰 for fun games on the night and our raffle 🎟.

🏆 There's a £100 prize for the winning quiz team!

👉 Get involved, get quizzing, and book your place now!

Spring Swap 'n' Shop – Thursday 30th April



Refresh your wardrobe and support the PTA! Join us for a relaxed evening of browsing & buying pre-loved clothes. 🎟 Tickets available to attend.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111638>

👕 Donations needed: clean, pressed, good-quality items on hangers — please bring to school by 23rd April.

Sensibly priced items, great finds, and a fun, sustainable way to shop! ✨

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111623>

POWER UP WEEKEND

**Saturday 7th
and
Sunday 8th
March**



Join us for a hands-on weekend to help spruce up the school and create an even better environment for our children

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We would love some volunteers to help with painting, building, DIY, tidying, or donating materials. Even just an hour of your time will make a huge difference!

Please contact wsl.pta@gmail.com if you can help



Thank you



Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Katie White (Inclusion Coordinator) / Mrs Giovanna Brancato (KS1 Team Leader) / Mrs Jo Waite (KS2 Team Leader)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Fiona Edwards (Parent Governor)

Contact the Governing Board: clerk@wslprimary.org

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

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2025-2026

Term 3 (30 days)

February

Monday 2 nd	Nightingales English Open Session for Parents	09.00 – 09.45
Tuesday 3 rd	Dragon Dance Workshop	13.00 – 15.00
Tuesday 3 rd	Chinese Lunch menu provided by Caterlink	12.05 – 13.00
Wednesday 4 th	Skylarks Class Assembly	14.30 – 15.05
Thursday 5 th	School Movie Night Organized by School Council	16.30 – 18.15
Monday 9 th	CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES WEEK	
Monday 9 th	KS1 Assembly - "Great Athletes" launch	13.10 – 13.30
Monday 9 th	KS2 Assembly - "Great Athletes" launch	14.40 – 15.00
Wednesday 11 th	DANCE FESTIVAL - Red Kites Class	All Day
Thursday 12 th	Internet Safety Day Activities	All Day
Friday 13 th	Owls Cake Sale	15.10
Friday 13 th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

February Holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4 (25 days)

February

Monday 23 rd	Start of Pupil Term	
Thursday 26 th	Big 60 PE festival at Braywick leisure Centre (Y1 and Y2)	13.00 -- 15.10
Thursday 26 th	Rotary Writing Competition Evening	18.00
Friday 27 th	Robins Cake Sale	15.10

March

Tuesday 3 rd	Bags2School Day	
Wednesday 4 th	Great Athletes Activity in Hall	13.00 -- 15.00
Wednesday 4 th	Nightingales Phonics Workshop (Year 1)	14.30 – 15.00
Sat 7 th /Sun 8 th	WSL POWER UP WEEKEND	All Day
Monday 9 th	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK	
Monday 9 th	Fire Safety Talk (Year 5)	10.30 – 11.30
Wednesday 11 th	Nightingales Class Assembly	14.30 -- 15.05
Friday 13 th	PTA Quiz Night	19.00 – 22.00
Wednesday 18 th	Red Kites Class Assembly	14.30 -- 15.05
Friday 20 th	Kestrels Class Fundraiser	15.10
Monday 23 rd	Parents Evening – KS2	15.30 -- 17.30
Tuesday 24 th	Parents Evening – All Classes	17.00 – 19.00
Wednesday 25 th	Owls Class Assembly	14.30 -- 15.05
Wednesday 25 th	Parents Evening – All Classes	15.30 -- 17.30
Thursday 26 th	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Hat Parade	14.50
Friday 27 th	End of Term	13.00

**Spring Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026
(Good Friday 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday 6th April 2026)**

Term 5(29 days)

April

Monday 13 th	Start of Pupil Term	
Thursday 30 th	PTA Swap N Shop	19.30 – 21.00

May

Monday 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday	
Friday 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	15.10

May Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6 (38 days)

June

Monday 1 st	Staff Inset Day	
Tuesday 2 nd	Start of Pupil Term	
Saturday 13 th	Village Fete	13.00 – 17.30
Wednesday 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Summer Holiday: Thursday 23rd July 2026 – Monday 31st August 2026

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Dates are on the school website www.wslprimary.org