



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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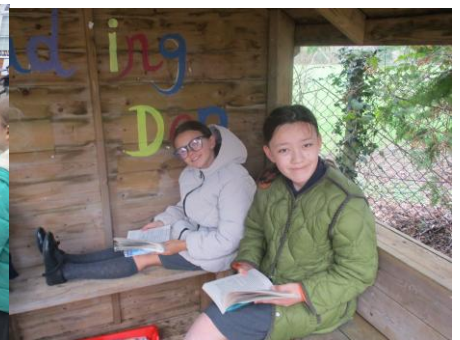
Friday 13th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,
I am going to leave the first two pages of this week's newsletter to the wonderful children of Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. D. Errington



"I love the mural on Owls' fence. It is so bright, colourful and artistic. It truly brought a smile and joy to my day"
from Riley



"I like the fact that the benches have been re-painted because it makes the playground look really colourful. It makes me really happy"
from Cooper



"I love, love, love the new mural, It's such an amazing addition to the playground because it bursts with creativity and colour" from Imogen

"I enjoy the Reading Den. It's a great way to relax" from Wilf



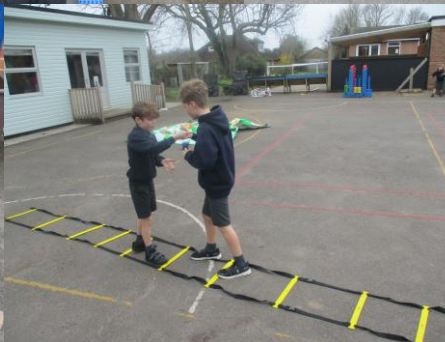
"I think the new reading area is really good for the school because if you want some space to be calm you can just go there and relax" from Bella



"The Lego Den is awesome. Everything is so cool. A big thank you to all the adults who helped" from Mustafa



"I am amazed by the colourful, majestic, big and bold friendship bench" from Hermione



"The insane mural is so cool" from Sam



"I like the colourful friendship bench because it adds a sparkle" from Sienna

"I really enjoy the Reading Den because it is cozy" from Preston

"I like the beautiful friendship bench. Thank you everyone who helped" from Rupert

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Power-Up weekend. As you can see from the words and the pictures above, the difference you have made can only be measured in smiles!

Power up helpers (Sorry if I missed anyone!)

Ian Lambert-Webb	Jonny Martin	Ollie Lomas	Ben Warner
Vicky Lomas	Anna Phythian	Paul – Liv’s Dad	
David Bird	Marie Martin	Dave Harris	
Tommy Clyde	Liv Perry	Dan Ellery	Henry Bird
Tristan Kemp	Timur Khabibulin	Amy Featherstone	
Phil Kemp	Robert Kovacs-Biro	Mrs. Errington	
Olivia Bowley	Mrs Patterson	Craig Bowley	Elaine Harris
Keri Alvarez	Gareth Owen	Mr Taylor	
Mr Patterson	Mrs Brancato	Laura Owen	
Maddie Clyde	Carl Giauna-Miller	Agota Kovacs-Biro	Gurmit Sahota
Duncan Howe	Mrs Smith	John Kiss	
Tash Ellery	Mrs Taylor	Cora Taylor	
Tam Giauna-Miller	Joseph Errington		

Thank You

Jubilee Building Supplies - "We would like to say a big **thank you** to **Jubilee Building Supplies** for generously donating the plywood and roofing felt used to repair the Wendy house in the Owls’ garden, as well as materials for making new chalkboards for the children to enjoy.

Howdens – “We are also very grateful to **Howdens** for kindly donating a replacement door for the store cupboard”.

And Finally,

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who contributed to and took part in the clean-up weekend.

During my visit to the School this week, I was truly impressed by the incredible work that has been achieved. From cleaning and painting to creating raised beds and enriching outdoor areas for the children, the transformation is remarkable.

Your dedication and generosity have made a meaningful difference. The improvements you’ve helped create will bring joy to our children and staff alike, providing a vibrant and welcoming outdoor space for everyone to enjoy. Thank you once again for your continued support and commitment to our School community.

Sam Teague – Chair of Governors

Such a multi-talented community...



Nightingales Class Assembly

Many thanks to **Nightingales** for an outstanding Class Assembly based on The Great Fire of London. The children learnt their lines off by heart and spoke with amazing **confidence** and **enthusiasm**. They also showed the full range of their talents from **amazing artwork** to **magnificent music** and everything else in between. Well done, Nightingales! You made us all feel very proud. A huge thank you to **Miss Bennett** and **Mrs Newell** for the time and effort to plan and practise the assembly. Many thanks to all parents and families for coming along and sharing in this wonderful event.



The Big Red Fire Engine Visited Waltham St. Lawrence

On Monday, a **fire engine** came to school to visit the children in **Red Kites Class**. The children had a short talk about fire safety and then had a look around the fire engine. Some children even had the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat! As always, the fire engine gave us a quick blast of the siren as it left which made us all jump!



Holme Grange Maths Competition

On **Tuesday afternoon**, Lawrence, Dorothy, Toby and Sophie went to Holme Grange for an Inter-School **Maths competition**. The other teams were very strong and the event was fiercely fought out. Our children battled against all odds and performed amazingly well. They even got a biscuit, drink and certificate as a reward for their efforts. A massive thank you to **Mrs. Morgan** for her encouragement and support throughout the afternoon.

Here's a sample question:

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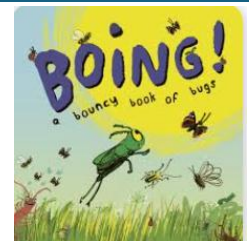
What is the 30th number in the sequence?

(The answer is NOT 118)



James Carter, published author, came to see Robins, Nightingales and Owls

On Thursday this week, **James Carter**, published author, came into Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School as part of **Maidenhead Big Read**. Mr Carter shared his new poetry book with the children and they learnt about rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. It was a wonderful experience with lots of laughter and fun. Mr Carter is definitely welcome back to Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School whenever he wants to visit!



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	Celeste C	Ottile R-C
Nightingales	Nelson B-C	Rose B
Robins	Noah G-M	Freddie N
Skylarks	Eduardo H	Oliver H
Red Kites	Rupert M-P	William D
Kestrels	Oliver R	Sophie M

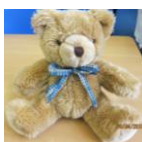
House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	382	3148
Galileo (Green)	276	2249
Redgrave (Red)	308	2333
Yeats (Yellow)	367	2909

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 96.6% Skylarks – 94.2%
Nightingales – 93.2% Red Kites – 95.2%
Robins – 98.9% Kestrels – 95.4%
Whole School – 95.5%



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 18th March – Red Kites Class
Wednesday 25th March – Owls Class

Habit of the Month

In March, children will be focusing on:

Be brave – Say “Yes” to new opportunities

- **Be Brave** – Go for it! If you don't try you will never know if you can achieve it.
- **Be courageous** – Put your hand up and answer the question.
- **Be confident** – Speak loudly, slowly and clearly when explaining your ideas.
- **Be adventurous** – New opportunities will make you a stronger person.

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.

Amazon Wish List

We regularly update our **Amazon Wish List** and would appreciate your continued support. If you would like to purchase something for the school, please click the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share Thank you for your support.

Donations – Thank You

I would like to say a massive thank you to the **Dye family** and the **Pythian family** for their extraordinarily generous donations to school over the past week. The resources that you have kindly given will make an enormous difference to the education and experiences of so many children throughout the school.

The Big Think

Next week we will be focusing on **Gratitude** and children will explore the meaning of the word and discuss **‘How do you show you are thankful for small things or express your gratitude to people around you?’**

Perhaps you could discuss this with your children. Here is a quote **‘Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.’** -William Arthur Ward, American Writer (1921 - 1994).

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 25th March – 9.00am

Mrs Morgan and Miss Hill would like to invite parents of children in performance club to a special showing of **“A mid-summer Nights Dream”** on **Wednesday 25th March at 9am**. The children have worked extremely hard at learning their lines and the rehearsals have been entertaining and rewarding. Please come along and watch if you can.



Great Athletes 2026 – Update – £1035 raised so far!



Many thanks to everyone who raised money for the **Great Athletes Sports Event**.

I can now announce that the amount raised as a school so far (not including online

donations) is an incredible **£1035!!!** The money has now been counted and sent off and shortly we will be receiving our rewards for the money raised.

- **Raise any money: an A5 sheet of motivational stickers**
- **Raise £10 or more: a blue Great Athletes wristband**
- **Raise £25 or more: a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Kelly's signature**
- **Raise £50 or more: all of the above, plus a signed Kelly Murphy poster**

Well done everyone – You are amazing

School Lunches

Please remember - Lunches for the following day must be ordered and paid for **IN ADVANCE** by 12.00 midnight every day. You can order lunches for your children for the whole week or term via ScoPay www.scopay.com The school kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order on Fridays. If you have any problem, please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

Parents Evening

I am pleased to invite you to this term's **Parents Evenings**. These meetings will be taking place in your child/ren's classrooms, except for **Nightingales Parent Evening** which will be held in the School Hall. Detailed arrangements are as below:

Mon 23rd 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Skylarks, Red Kites and Kestrels
Tues 24th 5.00pm to 7.00pm - All Classes
Weds 25th 3.30pm to 5.30pm - ALL Classes

Please use the Scopay Online Booking System for Parents Evenings, where you can select the time slot that suits you. The Online Booking System will go live **midday 12.00pm on Monday 16th March** and close at **midday 12.00pm on Friday 20th March 2026**.

Correct School Shoes and Labels

Please could you ensure that your son/daughter wears the correct school shoes to school that meet the uniform policy – **NOT trainers**.

Please make sure **every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class**. We have a significant amount of lost property, none of which is named, which makes it very difficult for us to find out who it belongs to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

DONATIONS

We now have the most amazing **Reading Den** and **Lego Den**. In order to keep these areas fully stocked we are looking for any donations of used books or Lego.

Many thanks for your support

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Thursday 26th March**. The hunt will start at **2:50pm**. The prizes will be presented to all winners at the end of day in the School Playground soon after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please come along and enjoy the fun celebration of Easter.

PTA - Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 26th March 2026 - £1 to enter on the day.

The PTA have organised their annual Easter Hat Parade.

This traditional event at Waltham St. Lawrence is one of the highlights of the year!

Keep your children busy by designing and making a spectacular Easter Hat. Children will have a Parade on Thursday 26th March in the morning and prizes will be presented shortly before the Easter Egg Hunt.

🌸 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.

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

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

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](#)

March

w/c Monday 16 th	Last Week for Teacher Led Clubs	15.10—16.10
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	A Midsummer Night's Dream (Performance families only)	09.00—09.30
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 PTA Easter Hat Parade	14.50—15.10
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	08.30
	w/c Monday 13 th	All teacher Led Clubs start this week	15.10--16.10
	Friday 17 th	Joshua Reynolds (MP) Assembly	10.30--10.50
	Friday 24 th	Road Safety – Skylarks	13.15-- 14.05
May	Wednesday 29th April	Class and Whole School Photos	09.00
	Thursday 30 th	PTA Swap N Shop	19.30--21.00
	Monday 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday	All Day
	Thursday 7 th	Road Safety – Red Kites	13.15--14.05
	Mon 11 th -Thur 14 th	KS2 SATs Week	09.00--11.00
	Wednesday 20 th	No Pens Day	All Day
	Thursday 21 st	Young Apprentice Competition	13.00--15.00
	Friday 22 nd	Red Kites Fundraiser	15.10
	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 1st	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 2 nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
	Tuesday 2 nd - Friday 12 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	
	Wednesday 3 rd	KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting for Parents	14.15--15.00
	Thursday 4 th	It's Your Move – Year 6 Transition Talk	13.00--14.00
	Thursday 4 th	Mathemagenius – Year 4 Competition (Team of 3)	16.15--18.00
	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
	Tuesday 9 th	Year 2 Trip to Waltham Place	All Day
	Friday 12 th	Year 4 Bikeability – Level 1	All Day
	Saturday 13 th	Village Fete	13.00--17.30
	Monday 15 th	Book Fair Arrives	
	Tuesday 16 th	Road Safety – Kestrels	13.15--14.05
	Tuesday 16 th	Mighty Maths Year 2 Competition (Team of 3)	16.15--18.00
	Thursday 18 th	Year 1 Trip to Waltham Place	All Day
	Monday 22 nd	Book Fair Leaves	
	Friday 26 th	Sports Day	13.00--15.10
	Tuesday 30 th	Reserve Sports Day	13.00--15.10
July	Saturday 4 th	Party in the Parish	
	Mon 6 th	End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	13.30--14.45
	Tues 7 th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	13.30--14.45
	Wed 8 th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	18.00--19.15
	Thurs 9 th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	18.00--19.15
	Friday 10 th	Pupil Reports Home	15.10
	Monday 13 th	Transition to New Classes for 2026-2027	
	Friday 17 th	Whole School Trip to Windsor Castle	All Day
	Friday 17th	PTA CAMPOUT ON SCHOOL FIELD	
	Monday 20 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in School Hall	09.30--10.30
	Wednesday 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	13.00

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

The Academic Year 2026-2027

Term 1 (39 days)

September	Tuesday 1st	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Wednesday 2 nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
October	Fri 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	15.10

October Holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30st October 2026

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

