



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a **wonderful week of learning** we have had in school. With windows open and the warmth of spring flooding in, the whole school feels focussed and ready to learn. The sound of basketballs being bounced by Red Kites Class echoes into my office whilst laptops whirr, building 3D models imagined in the minds of our creative Kestrels. I am pleased to say that, even the field realised that spring had arrived, and was dry enough for a sneaky PE lesson for Skylarks Class.

However, the highlight of the week occurred at 2.32pm on Wednesday afternoon in our School hall. With parents watching on from every vantage point, **Red Kites** delivered the most magical Class Assembly full of **creativity** and **knowledge**. Their assembly was performed in the theme of a TV show "hosted" brilliantly by **Charlie** and **Imogen**. From the first word spoken and self-portraits shared, it was clear that the captivated audience were in for a real treat. Following on from the amazing Art work, we enjoyed wonderfully written cautionary tales – the sight of Riley being "run-over" by a cardboard bus driven by Lawrence, William and Carter made us all chuckle.



Next came the Maths learning with clear, confident explanations of Area and Perimeter followed by the class showing their linguistic talents by speaking **AND SINGING** in Mandarin. After that we learnt all about the feelings associated with the different Zones of Regulation and how to use strategies to return to the "**Green Learning Zone**". The "show" continued with Science, where the children really did "aim for the stars". Not only did we learn that "My Very Easy Method Just Speeds up Nothing!" as the removal of Pluto has ruined a perfectly good mnemonic but I realised ☀️ My Very Excellent Marvellous Juniors (Red Kites) Shine Unbelievably Nicely! We also had a surprise appearance from **Kaden** live from the launch site!

Where else could an assembly of such quality finish apart from with Red Kites now legendary **Dance Festival Performance**. Even though the space was limited, the children still managed to bring the show to life with their dynamic dancing and superb singing.

It was a truly brilliant Class Assembly. Many thanks to Miss Hill, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Smyly and of course our incredible Red Kites children. I would also like to say **thank you** to all parents, family and friends who attended the assembly. Your support and encouragement are the little bit extra that makes all the difference.

The Big Think

Next week we will be focusing on **Helping Yourself**.

We will encourage the children to reflect 'Have you ever been self-sufficient at something? What did you manage to do on your own? How did it make you feel?'

We want all of the children to achieve small things on their own, feel self-sufficient, proud and happy.

Perhaps you can spend some time discussing this quote with your child/ren:

'Happiness belongs to the self-sufficient.' -- Aristotle (Ancient Greek philosopher). What might this quote mean?

Last week before the Easter holidays. Time flies when you're having fun!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. D. Errington

Thank You Red Kites – We loved your outstanding assembly.



Majestically Magnificent Mandarin



Well Done
Everyone

Great
Effort



Our Outstanding Owls

In British Science Week (last week), the children learned how to make a 'water filtration system' as well as understanding more of what a plant needs to grow (they also planted cress seeds).

This week they have learned more about the 'Signs of Spring' and enjoyed spotting these on our spring walk in the school grounds. The children are really enjoying the lovely weather and using the inviting outdoor space.



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	Harlie P	Birdie B
Nightingales	Olivia J	Millie W
Robins	Freya H	Sebastian W
Skylarks	Olivia M	Emily C
Red Kites	The Whole Class	
Kestrels	Ajooi T	Cody R
	Lowry J	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	430	3578
Galileo (Green)	400	2649
Redgrave (Red)	305	2636
Yeats (Yellow)	353	3262

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	98.3%
Nightingales –	77.3%
Robins –	96.0%
Skylarks –	93.3%
Red Kites –	93.3%
Kestrels –	94.6%



Whole School – 92.3%

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 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.



DONATIONS

We now have the most amazing **Reading Den** and **Legos 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



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

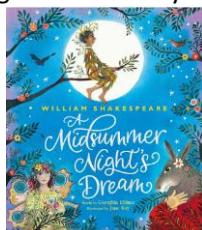
Weds 25th 3.30pm to 5.30pm - ALL Classes



A Midsummer Night's Dream – Weds 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.



Football Matches

On Thursday after school our Girls Team and Year 5 Boys Team headed to Holy Trinity for a challenging away fixture. Under beautiful blue skies, both teams showed immense determination, resilience and teamwork.

The girls team played out a hard-fought battle and drew 1-1. The boys demonstrated the full range of their skills and won 7-0. Huge congratulations to both teams.

Many thanks to Miss Bennett and all supporting parents who gave advice and cheered until they could cheer no more.



Kestrels Cake Sale

Many thanks to Kestrels' class parents and families for organizing a wonderful cake sale on Friday afternoon. All donations have been gratefully received. What better way could there be to finish a glorious Friday afternoon than by devouring a delicious homemade cake!



Clubs List – Term 5 and Term 6

Many apologies. Due to a couple of late changes, the Clubs List for Term 5 and Term 6 will be sent out in a separate letter on Monday 23rd March.

ALL clubs (Teacher and External) will begin w/c 20th April.

If you need child care after school for the first week back in Term 5, please book your child for our fantastic Woodpeckers Club running from Monday to Thursday. Many thanks for your support.



PTA Quiz Night

Last Friday evening the PTA held a wonderful fundraising Quiz Night at Neville Hall. The competition was fierce and I am pleased to say that the Errington family avoided picking up the wooden spoon for last place. The winners of the evening were “The Owls Team” (Alternative name not printable in School newsletter!)

Many thanks to Tash Ellery and our PTA for organising such a great event and to Dan Ellery for being question master, judge, umpire and official scorer.

The evening raised a remarkable £650. Many thanks to one and all—every penny counts!

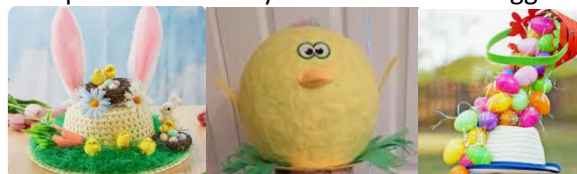


PTA - Easter Hat Parade

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

The PTA have organised their annual Easter Hat Parade.

This traditional event at Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School 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.



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.



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

The Academic Year 2025-2026

March

Monday 23 rd	Parents Evening – KS2	15.30 -- 17.30
Tuesday 24 th	Parents Evening – All Classes	17.00 – 19.00
Wednesday 25th	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	PTA Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt	14.50—15.10
Friday 27th	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
Friday 17 th	Joshua Reynolds (MP) Assembly	10.30—10.50
w/c Monday 20th	All Clubs start this week	15.10-- 16.10
Friday 24 th	Road Safety – Skylarks	13.15-- 14.05
Wednesday 29th	Class and Whole School Photos	09.00
Thursday 30 th	PTA Swap N Shop	19.30—21.00

May

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
Tues 2 nd - Fri 12 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	
Wednesday 3 rd	KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting	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 – Fri 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	

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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
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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