



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this wonderfully full and uplifting term, I am delighted to share with you a celebration of all that our pupils, staff, and wider community have achieved over the past **eleven weeks**. The spring term has been rich in learning, creativity, collaboration, and memorable moments. It has been inspiring to see our children grow in **confidence**, **curiosity**, and **ambition**, and I am incredibly proud of every class for their hard work and enthusiasm.

We began Week 1 on 5th January, welcoming **Mrs Waite** into school alongside a number of new pupils who settled in with warmth, resilience, and bright smiles. Staff took part in two highly productive Inset Days, which included comprehensive Health and Safety Training to ensure our learning environment remains safe, well organised, and supportive for all.



Week 2 was equally vibrant. We welcomed new parents for September into school during our Open Morning, providing them with an insight into our rich curriculum and nurturing ethos. Our **10 @ 10 activity session** brought brilliant energy to the hall as pupils engaged in a lively, joyful movement break. Year 6 families attended an informative SATs meeting with Mrs Morgan, helping parents understand how best to support their children. Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 pupils immersed themselves in the magical **"Midnight in the Toyshop"** workshop, which sparked imagination and excitement across the year groups.

In **Week 3**, we celebrated Kestrels' Class Assembly, which showcased confident speaking, creativity, and teamwork. After School Clubs launched with tremendous enthusiasm, offering an impressive range of activities, including **Performance Club, Sewing, Kung Fu, Dance, Mandarin, Football, and Tag Rugby**. It was wonderful to see so many children trying new skills and participating with such joy.



Week 4 saw parents join English sessions across the Kestrels, Owls, Skylarks, Robins, and Red Kites classes. Their engagement and supportive feedback were greatly appreciated. Robins Class presented a superb assembly, and two delighted pupils had the unforgettable experience of serving as **"Headteacher for the Afternoon,"** carrying out duties with admirable seriousness and a proud sense of responsibility.

In **Week 5**, Nightingales Class welcomed parents for their English session, while the whole school embraced the colour and celebration of Chinese New Year. The **Dragon Dance Workshop** was a particular highlight, filling the hall with music, movement, and cultural learning. Skylarks Class shared a wonderful assembly, and the School Council hosted a popular Movie Night that brought children together for an enjoyable evening.





Week 6 focused on digital wellbeing with **Safer Internet Day** workshops across the school. Red Kites also represented us brilliantly at the **Dance Festival**, performing with confidence and flair. Fundraising was in full swing with the Smarties event and an after-school cake sale, both of which were warmly supported—thank you for your generosity.

Sportsmanship and creativity took centre stage in **Week 7**. Robins and Nightingales classes participated in the **Big 60 Sports Festival**, demonstrating teamwork and determination. Later in the week, writing talents were successfully showcased with an amazing second place at the Rotary Writing Competition Presentation Evening.



Week 8 welcomed published author Sue Palmer to the school as part of Maidenhead Big Read, inspiring pupils with her love of books and storytelling. Our **“Great Athletes”** launched an impressive fundraising activity, and World Book Day saw the school transformed into a cosy sea of onesies—an unforgettable celebration of reading. **The Power Up Weekend** saw many talented members of our School community make an incredible difference to our School grounds.

Week 9 was filled with learning and enrichment, including a Fire Safety talk and the excitement of **British Science Week**, which brought fascinating experiments to classrooms. Year 5 pupils represented the School at a Maths competition at Holme Grange, Nightingales Class performed a superb assembly, and published author James Carter visited, delighting pupils with his poetry and stories. The PTA rounded off the week with a lively **Quiz Night**.



Week 10 featured Red Kites’ excellent class assembly and a very successful Kestrels’ **cake sale**, enjoyed by staff and pupils alike.

Finally, Week 11 brought Parents Evening meetings, allowing valuable time for teachers and families to celebrate progress. The magical school performance of **A Midsummer Night’s Dream** showcased remarkable acting talent. Owls Class presented a delightful assembly, and the **PTA Easter Hat Competition** added colour and creativity to the final days. Easter Eggs were shared to end the term on a cheerful note.



WHAT A WONDERFUL TERM!

Thank you, Thank you **THANK YOU** for your unwavering support, warmth, and partnership. I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to an exciting summer term ahead.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. D. Errington

Goodbye Mrs Whyte

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs. Whyte this week. We would all like to say a HUGE THANK YOU for everything you have done to support to us. Mrs Whyte is moving on to new adventures and challenges and we would all like to wish her the very best of luck.



Thank you Alistair Brooker, Alex and Mr. Barden and Mr. Kiss.
We love our new woodchip path....



A Midsummer Night's Dream – As good as The Globe!



Our Outstanding Owls Assembly

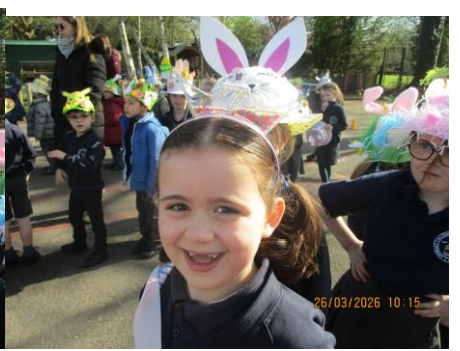


70 Easter Hat Photos... I'm so sorry if yours is not here!











Star Pupils of Term 3

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been good role models, demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners.

Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board.

EYFS:	Jack L	Elòra S
Year 1:	Millie W	Joseph I
Year 2:	Sebastian W	Constantine M
Year 3:	Maisie B	Ridley J
Year 4:	Ava M	Charlie M
Year 5:	Carter T-S	James H
Year 6:	Oscar B-C	Darcy E



This Term our **Values Gems** are
(voted for by class members):

Owls Gems	Leo M	Harlie P
Nightingales Gems	George O	Millie W
Robins Gems	Poppy L-W	Jay E
Skylarks Gems	Finley A	Emily C
Red Kites Gems	Cooper G	Isabella O-S
Kestrels Gems	James H	Allana T

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	319	3397
Galileo (Green)	220	2866
Redgrave (Red)	204	2840
Yeats (Yellow)	228	3490

The Winning House for this term is **Brunel**.

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	98.9%
Nightingales –	88.6%
Robins –	93.2%
Skylarks –	92.3%
Red Kites –	94.2%
Kestrels –	90.4%
Whole School –	92.8 %



Habit of the Month

In April, children will be focusing on:

Wait patiently for your turn to join in the conversation:

- **Be patient** – Wait until the adult you want to talk to looks at you
- **Be respectful** – Do not try to attract attention by pulling at clothing
- **Be calm** – The person you want to talk to WILL listen to your thoughts
- **Be polite** – Remember to use please, thank you and excuse me

The Big Think

For our Relationship and Health Education Curriculum next term via The Big Think, we will be focusing on the Core Value of **Community** and its related values of **Conservation, Helping Our World, Global Connections, Unity, Forgiveness, Caring Citizen and Kindness to Others.**

At the assembly on Monday, we will introduce the first related value of responsible consumption. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about:

‘Where does an item of your clothing come from? What will you do with it when you’ve finished with it?’ If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our planet.

Let’s all try to be responsible consumers and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle more.

You may 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 this quote mean?

Key Text Books for Term 5 and Term 6

Please find below a list of the key texts that the children in Key Stage 2 will be studying in English in **Terms 5 and 6**. If you would like to purchase the book it will help your child to analyse key aspects of the author’s style and language. Many thanks for your continued support.

Skylarks – The Wild Robot – by Peter Brown



Red Kites – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell



Kestrels – Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell



Clubs

We are very pleased to be able to offer a range of After School Extracurricular Clubs for your child/ren in all year groups in Term 5 and 6. These carefully organised clubs will help extend your children's learning and enrich their experiences.

Timetable for After School Extracurricular Clubs for Term 5 and 6 are as below. There will be no Clubs in the 1st week back. Clubs will start from week commencing Monday 20th April 2026 and finish as indicated respectively.

There will be NO Clubs

- School Inset Day 1st June 2026
- Bank Holiday 4th May 2026
- Half Term Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May 2026

£3.00 per session will be charged for ALL Teacher Led Clubs. If your child is interested in taking part in these sessions, please would you book a place for your child and pay via SCOPAY which has been set up for you. We would appreciate it if the payment of the required amount for your child's chosen club as indicated below can be made when booking.

Clubs run by external professionals require payment as indicated and an official form to be completed.

To sign up for uSports for your child/ren please go to the booking page via the link below –

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/info/1824>

To book a place for your child/ren to attend Dance Club, run by Enrise, please click on the link <https://www.enrisearts.co.uk/class-booking>

To book for Kung Fu Club please fill in the attached enrolment form and email schoolclub@hulutang.org.uk.

To book a place for Sewing Club please text/WhatsApp 07782253565

WSL Woodpeckers Club opens to all our children from 3.10pm to 6.00pm from Monday to Thursday. Please book via Scopay if you require this extended School Service.

As always, we expect the children to commit to a whole course, not to drop out at their own discretion. Please notify the School Office or the Class Teachers as soon as possible if your child cannot attend a session due to illness or other valid reason. Children who do not attend regularly at their own discretion will be asked to leave the club so that other children on the waiting list can attend and enjoy the club.

Children are expected to follow the School Golden Rules and demonstrate School Values at all times. Any behaviour which disrupts the learning and enjoyment of other children in the Clubs will not be tolerated. In some circumstances if there is consistent disruption to the learning and enjoyment of others, this may result in the child being asked to leave the club for some or all subsequent sessions.

We expect our children to show respect to all staff who give up their time to run such a wide range extracurricular activity after school. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Athletics Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 4 – 6
	Performance Club	3.10 – 4.10	EYFS / KS1
Tuesday	Sewing Club	3.10 – 4.20	Year 1 – 6
	Cricket Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 5 – 6
Wednesday	Dance Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year EYFS – 4
	Kung Fu Shaolin	3.10 – 4.30	Year 3 – 6
Thursday	Chinese Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 1 – 6
	Athletics Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 1-3

Medication

We are having an increasing number of children who are requiring medication during the school day. Can we please request that you only ask for medicine to be administered in school if it essential and needs to be “topped up” from a before school dose. Can we also please request that Calpol Melts be brought into school if Calpol is required, rather than large glass jars which can be potentially dangerous and are bulky to store.

Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.

Kestrels Cake Sale

Many thanks to Kestrels' class parents and families for organizing a wonderful cake sale last Friday afternoon. All donations have been gratefully received. I am so pleased to say that the total raised was an incredible £204.50. Many thanks to everyone for your support.



🌸 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>

My sincere thanks go to all members of the PTA and all parents, family and friends who have supported our school over the past term. We really couldn't provide the education that we do without your support.

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

(Good Friday 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday 6th April 2026)

Term 5(29 days)

April	Monday 13th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
	Friday 17 th	Joshua Reynolds (MP) Assembly	10.30—10.50
	w/c Monday 20 th	All Clubs start this week	15.10-- 16.10
	Friday 24 th	Road Safety – Skylarks	13.15-- 14.05
	Wednesday 29 th	Class and Whole School Photos	09.00
May	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 1 st	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 17 th	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 1 st	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