



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's highlight was undoubtedly the Dance Festival. On Wednesday morning, **Red Kites Class** travelled to Braywick Leisure Centre to take part in this highly anticipated event, performing in front of an audience of more than **500 adults**. The morning was spent in focused rehearsals, during which the children refined their stage entrances and exits and familiarised themselves with the lighting and music. By the afternoon, they were fully prepared, and their **performance was exceptional**. Their **coordination, teamwork** and **concentration** were evident throughout, and it was a pleasure to see them take to the stage with such **confidence** and **enthusiasm**.



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Miss Hill, Mrs Macaulay-Brown, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Smyly** for their dedicated support throughout the many hours of preparation, as well as for their guidance and organisation on the day itself. We are also grateful to the families who attended and supported the children. It was a memorable occasion that the parents and children will cherish forever.

As we reach the end of **Term 3**, it is remarkable to think we are already halfway through the 2026–2027 academic year. This term has been both productive and enriching, culminating in classrooms filled with vibrant **red decorations** and engaging activities in celebration of the **Chinese New Year**. Preparations are now underway for our forthcoming **Great Athletes fundraising event**, during which we will have the honour of welcoming Olympian **Kelly Murphy** to the school. Further information about this wonderful event will be provided at the beginning of Term 4. The school also marked **Safer Internet Day** with a series of informative workshops, enabling pupils to develop a deeper understanding of how to use AI responsibly and appropriately to support their learning.

Finally, I would like to thank **Owls parents** for organising **today's cake sale**. Their efforts, and the generosity of all who will contribute by selling, buying or eating a cake, will provide a joyous end to a very successful term.

Looking Ahead to Next Term

As the mornings get brighter, we're excited to head into Term 4, which is absolutely packed with educational, fun activities. We'll be welcoming **Sue Palmer** and **James Carter** as part of **Maidenhead Big Read**, and the children will also get the chance to meet Olympian Kelly Murphy, who will be cheering them on in their sporting challenges. We're also looking forward to the **Nightingales, Red Kites** and **Owls** Class Assemblies, our Easter Egg Hunts and Hat Competitions, the PTA Power Up Weekend and the always-popular Quiz Night (yes, there will be a staff team!). Of course, we also can't forget a firm favourite with all the children... Parents' Evening!

Without your enormous effort school life just wouldn't be the same. Many hands build a house, many hearts make a school.

Thank You...

Our tremendous teachers, teaching assistants and all staff - Day after day, you give more than could ever be expected, to ensure every child really does have the best education possible.

Our great governing board – Through your supportive words and dedication to our school you ensure we keep moving forward, always in pursuit of our best.

Our perfect PTA – Whenever we ask, you answer with fabulous fundraising ideas and endless enthusiasm.

Our fantastic families – For every book read, spelling learnt, diary signed and meeting attended, your support is hugely appreciated at every level.

AND FINALLY

Our charming, cheerful, chirpy (sometimes chatty) children. You are the reason we get up in the morning. You are simply the best!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

Red Kites - The Dance Festival

Arrival



Warming Up



Lunch



Showtime



Robins – Zones of Regulation



Ink Blowing in Skylarks and Kestrels



Magic Maths



Star Pupils of Term 3

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS:	Elora S	Louie M
Year 1:	Rose B	Bethan U
Year 2:	Lily E	Reggie D
Year 3:	Mia P	Oliver B
Year 4:	Monty W	Riley W
Year 5:	Mustafa A	Grace O'H
Year 6:	Toby H	Florentina H



House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	435	1996
Galileo (Green)	264	1366
Redgrave (Red)	374	1495
Yeats (Yellow)	385	1794

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 96.0%	Skylarks – 90.4 %
Nightingales – 90.3%	Red Kites – 97.6%
Robins – 98.2%	Kestrels – 92.9%
Whole School – 94.1%	

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! Every second counts.



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



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.

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.

Please help



with the following:

Lunchtime Activities - Donations of unused Lego or Duplo sets would help enrich our lunchtime provision with creative, collaborative play.

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Listening Resources - We are seeking a small CD player or CD Walkman for children to listen to stories, along with any wired headphones.

Thank you for your continued support—your contributions make a huge difference to the experiences we provide.

Bag2School Collection

This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** we collect. Please bring as many bags to school as you can **on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.00am** when they will be collected. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers.

Please DO NOT bring bags to School before the date as we have no places in School to store them. Thank you.

World Book Day 2026 – Get Cozy with a Book

Celebrating **World Book Day** is one of the highlights of the School Year at WSL. To mark the **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** this year, we will have a Non-Uniform Day when children are invited to come to school in (warm) pyjamas and a dressing gown or a onesie. (No teddies or pillows please!) We would also love the children to bring a book that they enjoy reading to themselves or with an adult at bedtime.

The **Maidenhead Big Read Event** will take place throughout March in and around Maidenhead.

We are pleased to be able to announce that we will be welcoming **Sue Palmer and James Carter** into school to work with the children as part of this year's festival.

Zones of Regulation – This week – The Red 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 Red Zone....when we are at school, the red zone is never expected! We must keep ourselves and others safe!



Great Athletes 2026



The Great Athletes Initiative collaborates with more than 50 distinguished sports professionals, each of whom brings an inspiring personal story of resilience, determination, and the value of pursuing one's ambitions. The initiative will support our school in raising essential funds for new sporting equipment while also promoting the importance of physical activity among our pupils.

Our selected athlete for this year is **Kelly Murphy**. Ms Murphy is a two-time elite women's national time trial champion (2018 and 2019) and has represented Ireland at both the European and World Championships. At the 2019 European Road Championships, she achieved a 10th-place finish in the Time Trial, becoming the first Irish woman to place within the top ten at any international road event.

Please keep an eye out for a letter giving more details in the first week back after half term.

Year 1 and Year 2 Big Active 60 Festival

Braywick Leisure Centre - Thursday 26th February 2026

We are delighted to share that our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be taking part in the *Big Active 60* Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre on **Thursday 26th February**. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage in a wide range of multisports and physical activities, helping to develop their confidence, coordination and teamwork in an exciting, supportive environment.

To ensure a smooth start to the afternoon, we ask that all children are collected from school at **11:00am** and taken directly to Braywick Leisure Centre (Braywick Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1BN) for an **11:15am drop-off**. There is ample parking on site, although charges may apply. On arrival, please remain with your child near the main entrance until their class teacher welcomes them inside. We also encourage families to consider car sharing where possible, particularly for those who may find transport difficult.

Children will eat their lunch at the venue shortly after arriving, and we therefore ask that they bring a **packed lunch in a disposable bag**, along with a **named water bottle**.

For the festival, children should come dressed in **comfortable, practical clothing** suitable for physical activity—such as shorts, leggings, T-shirts and jumpers or hoodies. Appropriate footwear, ideally trainers, is essential, as pupils will be active throughout the afternoon.

Please return to Braywick Leisure Centre at **2:40pm** to collect your child at the end of the festival.

Many thanks for your support. We are very much looking forward to an energetic and enjoyable afternoon for all involved.

PTA Smarties Fundraiser

On Wednesday, your child should have arrived home with a full tube of **smarties**. If they haven't already been eaten, please feel free to do so. The aim of the challenge is for your child to complete chores or tasks around the house over half-term in exchange for silver or gold coins. The tubes should then be returned with the money inside to the class teacher by **Wednesday 26th February**.



After school on Wednesday 26th, each class will have its total raised money counted and the class with the most will win....

A non-uniform day for that class ONLY on Friday 27th February.

What a competition! What a prize!

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.ptaevents.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

We aim to ...Assemble it, Build it, Construct it, Repair it, Adjust it, Fix it, Restore it,
Decorate it, Paint it, Mend it, Sand it, Clean it, Sort it and Pressure washer it...

And to do all of that... we need your support!

Please let the PTA know if you can come along, so that we can prepare teams to work in different parts of the school. Many Thanks, Mr. Errington and the PTA.



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



Many thanks to AVS Fencing and Landscaping Supplies in Wokingham for their generous donation of all the materials needed to revamp the allotment area. In addition to this wonderful donation, they have also kindly offered all parents and staff 10% off their first order quoting Waltham St Lawrence School as their reference.

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

Friday 13th PTA Half-Term "Smarties" Fundraiser
February Holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4 (25 days)

February

Monday 23 rd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
w/c Monday 23 rd	All teacher Led Clubs start this week	15.10—16.10
Monday 23 rd	Great Athletes Sponsor Forms and Letters Home	15.10
Thursday 26 th	Big 60 PE festival at Braywick leisure Centre (Y1 and Y2)	11.00 -- 14.30
Thursday 26 th	Rotary Writing Competition Evening	18.00
Friday 27 th	Robins Cake Sale	15.10

March

Tuesday 3 rd	Bags2School Day	08.30—10.00
Tuesday 3 rd	Sue Palmer – Maidenhead Big Read – KS2	13.00—14.30
Wednesday 4 th	Great Athletes Activity (Kelly Murphy)	13.00 -- 15.00
Wednesday 4 th	Nightingales Phonics Workshop (Year 1)	14.30 – 15.00
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – Get Cozy with a Book	All Day
Sat 7th/Sun 8th	WSL POWER UP WEEKEND	All Day
Monday 9 th	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK	All Week
Monday 9 th	Fire Safety Talk (Year 5)	10.30 – 11.30
Tuesday 10 th	Year 5 Maths Competition (Team of 4)	
Wednesday 11 th	Nightingales Class Assembly	14.30 -- 15.05
Thursday 12 th	James Carter – Maidenhead Big Read – KS1	09.30—10.50
Friday 13 th	PTA Quiz Night	19.00—22.00
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	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
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
	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
	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
	Friday 10 th	PTA CAMPOUT ON SCHOOL FIELD	
	Monday 13 th	Transition to New Classes for 2026-2027	
	Friday 17 th	Whole School Trip to Windsor Castle	All Day
	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 30th October 2026

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

