



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful, peaceful **Easter break**, spending important "relaxation" time with family and friends. I am delighted to welcome everyone back for **Term 5 and Term 6** and look forward to exciting, successful times ahead.

The **Summer Term** has finally arrived and the Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School looks magnificent. Flowers are blooming in the new garden area, the wildlife area by the school office is full of **bugs** and **creepy crawlies** and even the School field is slowly beginning to dry out.

This term is perhaps the busiest of all, with lots of amazing events taking place: **Whole School Trip, Sports Day, Transition Week, Village Summer Festival, KS2 End of Year Production, PTA Campout** and our **Leavers Assembly** to name just a few. I suggest you transfer these to your diary so that you don't miss out on a second of fantastic fun and amazing achievements. There will be more information about some of the events coming out soon.

Whilst I am aware that many events this term are very exciting, I am also aware that it can be an extremely testing term for many children. I would like to take this opportunity to share some top tips to ensure the **mental health and wellbeing** of all children is maintained as challenges are faced and conquered.



Mr. Errington's Tremendous Top Test Tips



Ensure children are in school: Every session missed is a learning opportunity that your child has to "catch up" when they return. A single day off school might not sound like much but "catching-up" **FIVE HOURS** of learning is extremely challenging.

Foster Open Communication: Talk to your child about their nerves, reassuring them that feeling anxious is a normal reaction to pressure.

Emphasize Effort, Not Results: Shift focus from grades to the effort they put in, reducing the "be-all and end-all" pressure.

Establish Healthy Routines: Ensure they get enough sleep, exercise, and eat well to manage stress physically.

Encourage Relaxation Techniques: Teach deep breathing, mindfulness, or muscle relaxation to help them manage panic moments.

Be Flexible and Supportive: Create a calm home environment, be flexible with chores during exams, and offer quiet study spaces.

Plan Fun Distractions: Schedule relaxing, non-exam activities to give them a break and something to look forward to.

Spot the Signs of Stress: Look for changes in behaviour, such as changes in eating habits, sleep disruption, or increased irritability.

NEVER FORGET – We are proud of who you are!

Don't get stressed,

Just do your best!

Remember you've been blessed,

With skills that tests **DON'T** test!

A Quick Reminder

As we begin the final two terms of this academic year, we would expect **ALL children, including those in Reception, to come into school independently**. Please use our **Stop and Drop Zone** and allow your child to walk into the school on their own. This helps promote **independence, builds confidence and supports a smooth start to the day**.

Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

GROWTH MINDSET

Is Freedom



FIXED MINDSET

Is Limiting



In school we have been learning...

This week Owls Class found some rather large eggs in their garden. They brought them into class very carefully and examined them with magnifiers. They then shared what they thought might hatch from each egg. We discussed how eggs are fragile and how we should look after them. The next day, two toy dinosaurs hatched out of the eggs!

Since then, we have been busy starting our 'Dinosaurs' topic. The children have been very excited to learn about dinosaurs and have lots of questions!

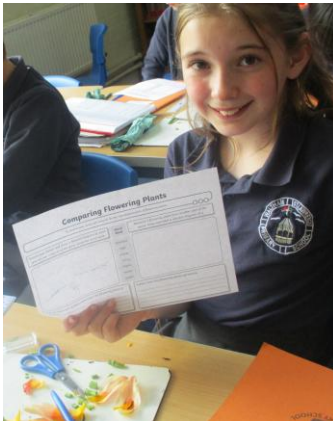
The children have also been busy junk modelling to create their own dinosaurs and labelling their creations using fantastic phonics knowledge.



Well done Owls

In school we have been learning...

This week, Year 5 started a new Science topic of Living things and their Habitats. Their first exploration was into the world of plants, learning how they reproduce. The children dissected flowers to look at the specific parts needed for the plants to reproduce and then drew annotated illustrations in their books.



Well done Year 5

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	Louie M	William P
Nightingales	Nelson B-C	Henry L
Robins	Fergus G	Sristi M
Skylarks	Theo P	Forrest D
Red Kites	Kaden K	Isabella O-S
Kestrels	Phoebe C	Grace O'H

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	446	446
Galileo (Green)	366	366
Redgrave (Red)	312	312
Yeats (Yellow)	344	344

The Winning House for this term is Brunel.

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	97.2%
Nightingales –	89.8%
Robins –	96.0%
Skylarks –	88.8%
Red Kites –	90.9%
Kestrels –	95.0%
Whole School –	93.1%



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

This is part of our daily routine. Please continue to support us by having high expectations for your children and help them to form good habits.

World Autism Acceptance Month

The month of April is World Autism Acceptance Month. Education about Autism is so important and I would encourage all families to use the link to access resources which will help to improve understanding and acceptance.

https://waam.autism.org.uk/school-resource-packs?utm_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15424155_MKT_JT_WAAM26launchemail.02.04.26&utm_content=School%20resources%20intext1&Keywords=School%20resources%20intext1&dm_i=YA3,96LCR,7T9TKF,12HXOI,1,0,0,0

The Big Think

For our Relationship and Health Education Curriculum this 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 once again consider:

‘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.

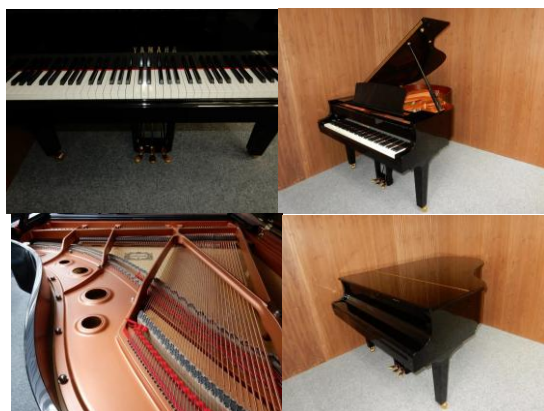
You may want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote:

“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 -)

Yamaha Baby Grand Piano

We have been contacted by a Waltham St. Lawrence resident who would like to donate his late wife’s Yamaha baby grand piano to a dedicated musician or to someone who will truly appreciate and care for it. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, we would be grateful to hear from you. Please email the School office.



Termly Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overviews for each Year Group will give you a broad overview of what your child will be studying at school in Term 5 and 6 and how you might support their learning. The Overviews will be uploaded on to our school website **early next week**.

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.

Summer School Uniform

As we are now in the Summer Term, Summer uniform may be worn:

Girls: Pale blue gingham dress or grey skirt with School's logo polo shirt, white socks;

Boys: School's logo polo shirt with trousers or shorts, grey socks.

Black, hard-wearing shoes must be worn.

Trainers, plimsolls open-toe sandals, and shoes with inappropriate heels may not worn.

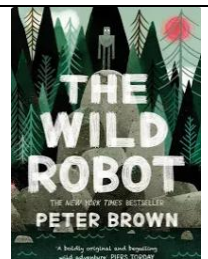
No make-up or nail varnish are allowed.

Children with shoulder length hair or longer should have it tied back using plain hair-ties, hair bands or clips please. Not only will this contribute to their smartness but will also keep tackle the ongoing head lice problems.

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.

All clubs will start next week and are listed below.

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
Thursday	Chinese Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 1 – 6
	Athletics Club	3.10 – 4.10	Year 1-3

There will be NO Clubs

- **School Inset Day 1st June 2026**
- **Bank Holiday 4th May 2026**
- **Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026**

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.

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.

WSL Woodpeckers Club is open 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.

🌸 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

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

Term 5(29 days)

	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
	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 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

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”