



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,



HOORAY... Key Stage Two SATs are finished! **Well done** to ALL children throughout the school who have taken assessments over the past week. **Golden Rule Number 3: "We work Hard and Never Give Up"** and I can honestly say that children throughout the school have shown **confidence**, **determination** and **resilience** to produce their best this week. I also want to say a **HUGE** thank you to **Mrs. Morgan**, **Mrs Patterson**, **Mrs Macaulay-Brown**, **Mrs Ramsey** and the "unretired" **Mrs Wiseman**. An encouraging smile and warm tap on the shoulder is sometimes all children need to show them that they are cared for and that we believe in them. Thank you one and all.

A message from Mrs. Morgan...

A huge thank you to all Year 6 children for their hard work and dedication. I am so proud of the effort you have made with your revision on spag.com, completing CGP book activities, work in booster groups and making thoughtful notes in lessons. Your determination, perseverance, and positive attitude have been outstanding. Also, remember that in July, whatever the results may be, you all should feel incredibly proud of the effort, commitment, and dedication you have shown throughout the year. SATs are only one small piece of a much bigger puzzle and do not define you. Each and every one of you has unique talents, strengths, and qualities that make you special, and I (and all the members of staff) are proud of all that you have achieved both inside and outside the classroom.

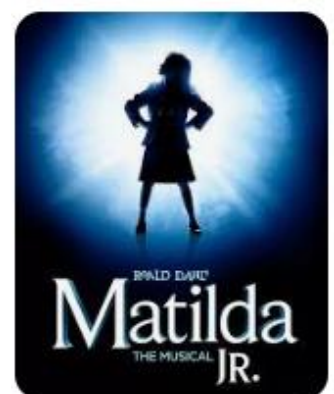
Thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support at home, whether it be sitting with the children helping them to mark CGP tests, supporting them with their Easter homework or simply being a source of comfort, your encouragement makes such a positive difference.

Finally, thank you to all the staff for their ongoing commitment, support, and encouragement in helping the children achieve their very best every day.

I am incredibly proud of every single one of them. Now, onto the next exciting step.....The Key Stage 2 Production!

Mrs Morgan

As always, thank you for your continued support. It has been another **positive**, **purposeful** week for our school community, and I am immensely proud of both the children and staff.



STEPS

- Smile
- Thank you
- Excuse me
- Please
- Sorry

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

STAR

- Sit/Stand up straight
- Track the speaker
- Ask politely
- Respond thoughtfully

NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM.....

I am pleased to be able to share two amazing school events during one wonderful week.

Event 1 - No Pens Day - Wednesday 20th May 2026

This event is also aligned with our School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this year, focusing on promoting speaking and oracy skills among our children. Oracy, the ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically in speech, is a crucial skill for our children's overall development. Strong oracy skills not only enhance children's ability to communicate effectively but also support their writing skills. By organising their thoughts and expressing them clearly, children can improve their ability to structure written work, develop arguments, and convey ideas coherently.



On NO Pens Day, children will engage in a variety of speaking and listening activities designed to enhance their communication skills. These activities will include:

- **Show and Tell:** Children are encouraged to bring an item from home and share its story with their classmates.
- **Story Retelling:** Children will practise retelling stories with clarity and confidence or reciting a nursery rhyme with actions.
- **Group Discussions:** Engaging in meaningful conversations on various topics to build their oracy skills.
- **Debates:** Children will participate in debates to develop their persuasive skills, organise their thoughts, and present their arguments effectively.

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child prepare for this special day. You can assist them by:

- **Encouraging them to choose an interesting and meaningful item for Show and Tell and practising their presentation at home.**
- **Helping them retell their favourite stories or nursery rhymes, focusing on clear and confident delivery.**
- **Discussing different topics with them to enhance their speaking and listening abilities.**
- **Practising debating skills by discussing various viewpoints on topics of interest or based on the topics given by their Class Teachers.**

Event 2 - Young Apprentice Competition – Thursday 21st May

As part of the National Curriculum and our focus on further developing our children's entrepreneurial skills, we are excited to announce this year's Waltham St. Lawrence "Young Apprentice" competition!

Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to plan, organise and run their own business for the afternoon, with the goal of making as much money as possible. Each house team, led by the House Captains, will divide into sub-groups and plan what business each sub-group will be responsible for. The winning house will simply be the house that raises the most money.

Some great ideas include....

- Shoe shining
- Toy sale
- Name the teddy
- Netball shoot
- Book Sale
- Race the remote-controlled car

(No sweets / cake / food / drinks please)



On the day, the Key Stage 2 children will set up and run their own stall, and will also have the opportunity to visit stalls run by other children across all house teams and choose where to spend their money. The Key Stage 1 children will have the chance to visit each stall and decide what to buy. This experience will provide them with valuable "skills for life" and enhance their understanding of the value of money and making change.

To ensure the afternoon runs smoothly, please help your child to gather any resources they may need for the afternoon and assist them in making posters etc.

Please also remind them to bring the necessary items on the day. All children from EYFS to Year 6 can bring a small amount of money to spend at other stalls. (No more than £3.00)

(Please note, Key Stage 2 children will be running stalls AND can bring £3.00 of their own money to spend if they want to.

Key Stage 1 / EYFS only need to bring money to spend if they want to, they WILL NOT be running stalls).

Please **DO NOT** purchase anything specifically to be used or sold on the day. The purpose of the day is to encourage entrepreneurial spirit whilst raising money for the school.

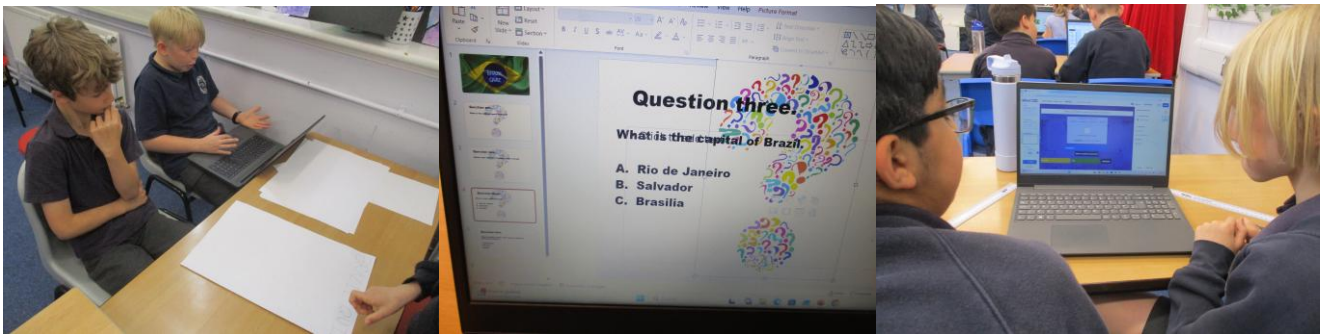
Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We are all looking forward to two exciting events.

This week in School:

Nightingales Class have been growing their own cress plants following their recent topic work!



Year 5 and Year 6 have been making online quizzes for each other using their knowledge of South American countries





Skylarks class have been using their creativity and imagination to make sculptures from clay





After a wonderful P.T.A. Meeting last Thursday evening, I have the pleasure in announcing a number of fantastic new fundraising events and opportunities.

Laptops for all!

Help Give Every Child a Working Laptop

Every child deserves to learn without their laptop freezing, crashing, or letting them down. That's why replacing our school's ageing laptops is now **our top PTA priority**. We're raising **£20,000** to provide **80 new laptops**. Moving forward, **all P.T.A. events** will be raising funds towards this target. At upcoming events, whether you can give a little or a lot, your contribution will make a real, everyday difference in your child's classroom. To donate or get involved, email us at wsl.pta@gmail.com we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for helping us give every child the best start.



P.T.A. Ball!



The PTA love the idea of organising a **WSL Christmas Ball** and know it could be a fantastic event for our school community.

However, for this to go ahead, we would need a dedicated committee to organise and run it. If anyone would like to come forward and take the lead, or be part of the organising team, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email us at wsl.pta@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Want to run a stall?

The PTA will be running a games and crafts stall at this year's **Party in the Parish, Saturday 4th July 5:30pm**, and we're looking for volunteers to help make it a success! We need parents and carers who can spare just one hour to help with setting up, running activities, or helping close down the tent at the end of the evening.

Volunteer slots are available from **4:30pm** (set up), with the event starting at **5:30pm**, and the stall closing down at approximately **9:30pm**. Please email wsl.pta@gmail.com if you are able to help.



SUMMER FETE

Expect all the fun of the fair and more as Waltham St Lawrence and Shurlock Row host their annual Summer Fete. Open to all the family, the village's own Cricket Club will be transformed into a playground for both big and little kids although we expect only the children to take on the challenge of the inflatable assault course! Lots of fun and games will take place throughout the afternoon and there will be a number of children's races to participate in to encourage some healthy village competition.

Local artisans will be selling their wares and there will be plenty of food and drink options as well as music to keep you all well watered, nourished and entertained throughout the afternoon.

If your little one is a lover of engines, then make sure they stop by and visit both the Fire Engine and Ambulance that will be parked up for all to tour.

LOCATION

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE CRICKET CLUB

DATE & TIME

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026

1:00 - 5:30PM

TICKETS

£2 ADULTS | £1 CHILD

The Village Fete is **Saturday 13th June from 1-5pm**. Each class will be running a stall, please contact your stall organiser if you can spare an hour to run the stall. The stall organisers are as follows:

- Crockery Smash - Lizzie (Owls)
- Raffle - Olivia (Nightingales)
- Nerf zone - Tam/Carl (Robins)
- Wheel of Fortune - Sarah (Skylarks)
- Coconut Shy - Jess (Red Kites)
- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Ginny (Kestrels)

As always, these events rely entirely on the support of our wonderful volunteers, and every hour of help really does make a difference. If you are able to spare some time, please sign up for a slot — even just one hour would be hugely appreciated!

Can you answer the call?

Camp Out 2026



Camp out 2026 is quickly approaching and the organising committee are in need of some generous donations to ensure the evening goes as planned. Do you have (or can you source) a free supply of **Hay Bales** for the children and adults to sit on whilst listening to their bedtime stories?



We would also love to boost our small supply of **Hard Wood** logs so that we can keep the fire pits burning warmly and brightly late into the night. If you think you can help in any way with either of these things please, please contact the PTA via the email. wsl.pta@gmail.com

Make sure you don't hit the wall!

Maidenhead Half Marathon

Attention all runners. The P.T.A. have decided to raise much needed funds for the School by taking part in the Maidenhead Half-Marathon on 25th October 2026. If you have already entered to run, please contact the PTA if you would like to be part of the WSL team. If you haven't entered and would like to, places are still available via this link. <https://www.runthrough.co.uk/event/maidenhead-half-marathon-october-2026>



There is even a strong rumour that a couple of members of staff may be dusting off their running shoes to join in the challenge so come along, make a difference and raise funds for the school, simply by doing something you love!

Try not to fall

Adults FUN Rounders Competition

Do you remember playing rounders at school? Do you fancy an evening of enjoyable competition? Why not put a team together and sign up for our first ever Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School rounders competition.

When: Friday 26th June

What time: 3.45-6.00pm

Where: School Field

Who: Teams of 10-12 adults (Must be 18+ for insurance purposes)

How do I sign up? Please contact the PTA if you are interested wsl.pta@gmail.com

Cost: £5 Per Adult

I want to play but I am not in a team. **No problem. Just let us know and we will find other similar players and build a team of "all stars".**



Most important of all...

Ever wondered where your donations go to and if they make the children happy? This week we received a brand-new speaker system fully funded by the PTA from your donations.



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	William P
Nightingales	George O	Emily V
Robins	Mia M	Poppy L-W
Skylarks	Blake R	Alice A
Red Kites	Mustafa A	Eva S
Kestrels	All of Year 6	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	338	2277
Galileo (Green)	265	1744
Redgrave (Red)	285	1655
Yeats (Yellow)	397	2278

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats!**

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	97.7%
Nightingales –	89.3%
Robins –	96.6%
Skylarks –	95.0%
Red Kites –	97.1%
Kestrels –	95.8%

Whole School – 95.4%



Habit of the Month

In May, the habit of the month will be:

“To confidently celebrate my talents”

- **Be proud** – Think about the things that you are good at.
- **Be confident** – Sharing your talents with others is NOT boasting.
- **Be positive** – Do not worry about the things that you can't do... yet!
- **Be brave** – Knowing the things you are good at will make you feel GREAT!

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



I have the greatest pleasure in announcing the biggest musical collaboration since Busted joined with McFly! At the Waltham St Lawrence and Shurlock Row Summer Fete on Saturday 13th June and Party in the Parish on Saturday 4th July the voices of **The**

Waltham St. Lawrence Church Choir and Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School children will come together to sing a host of classic hits. Has your child come home singing **“Count on Me”** by Bruno Mars lately... well here's their chance to take to the stage and be a true pop star. All you need to do is buy a ticket for the event, come along at the right time and your child is automatically included

More voices, more volume!

Please see the posters for all information about entry times and prices.



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.

Primary Assessments Dates 2026

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place w/c Monday 8th June 2026.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will start w/c 2nd June to 12th June 2026.

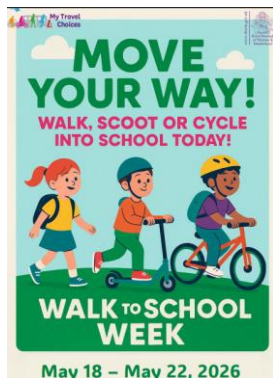
It is vital that the children are in school during these very important periods

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

With the **Year 4 Multiplication Check** date fast approaching, any additional practice that the children can do is extremely beneficial. Please find below a link to Mathsframe, an online website that replicates the Multiplication Check format.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Walk to School Week – 18th May – 22nd May



Next week is Walk to School Week across the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Whilst I appreciate that this is tricky given our village location, I was hoping that some families and children may be able to embrace the initiative by walking or scooting part-way, even if it

is just from the bridge at the bottom of the road. You can also click on the link below to access any of the guides about safety when on the road or travelling in a car.



<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/road-safety/digital-road-safety-guides>

Accessing your child's School Photo



If you would like to access your child's class photo and haven't yet done so, please click the link below. If you require the code for

your class, please contact the school office.

Whole School Photo Code: 710-f7a-eb89

www.getphotos.co.uk

The Big Think

We will be continuing to focus on the Core Value of **Community** and its related values of **Unity** for the next two weeks. Children in their class will discuss and think about "When do you feel united with others?" and "How do you show unity with your family, friends and the world?"

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



'Everything you see exists in a delicate balance. As King you need to understand that balance and respect all creatures from the crawling ant, to the leaping antelope.'

So you see we are all connected to the great Circle of Life.'

– Mufasa talking to Simba in the Lion King

What might this quote mean?

PGL Update - October 2026

Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October

Please check the payment schedule below.

Deposit £88

By 23rd January 2026 – Payment 1 - £150

By 17th April 2026 – Payment 2 - £150

By 10th July 2026 – Payment 3 - £100

Grand Total £488

If you have any questions regarding PGL or the payment schedule, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



School Website

Please find details below about our fantastic new **Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School Website**.



Designed with parents in mind, the website is clear, easy to navigate, and full of useful information. Families can find upcoming **events on the calendar**, access both **current and past newsletters**, and explore links to **helpful learning websites**.

Simply click the link below

<https://wslprimary.com/>

Games Club for Parents and Children

Please find details of a new parent and child **Games Club** taking place on **Friday 1st May, Friday 5th June, and Friday 3rd July** at Neville Hall from 5:00–8:00pm.

The club is ideal for families who enjoy board games, card games, and Pokémon, offering a fun way to spend time together.

The cost is £5 per parent and child, with free tea, coffee, and squash included.



Berkshire Music Trust – Recorder Lessons

We have received the following advert for recorder lessons for children in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. This is a fun **Recorder Rookies club on Saturday mornings** at the Space to Thrive Music Centre in Maidenhead. The lessons are aimed at complete beginners and take place from 11:05-11:35.

Come to Recorder Rookies!

A friendly Saturday morning ensemble for complete beginner recorder players!

- Ages: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3
- When: Saturday mornings 11:05-11:35
- Where: Space to Thrive Music Centre, Newlands Girls School, Farm Road, Maidenhead
- Fee: £70 per term

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Headteacher)
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Giovanna Brancato (KS1 Team Leader) / Mrs Jo Waite (KS2 Team Leader)
 Inclusion Coordinator: Miss Chelsea Painter
 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

Term 5 (29 days)

May	Wednesday 20 th	No Pens Day	All Day
	Thursday 21 st	Young Apprentice Competition	13.00—15.00
	Thursday 21 st	Census Day	
	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 8 th	Year 5 Science Afternoon at Holyport College	13.00—15.10
	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	
	Tuesday 23 rd	Year 6 Activity Day	All Day
	Thursday 25 th	Year 6 Leavers Party	16.30--19.30
	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
	Wed 8 th	Braywick Berkshire School Games	All Day
	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	
Thursday 16 th	Transition Morning for new Owls 2026-2027	09.00 – 12.00
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 1st	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Wednesday 2 nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
October	Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Year 5 / Year 6 Residential Trip	
	Friday 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	15.10

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

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Monday 2nd	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 3 rd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
December	Friday 18 th	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Monday 4th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 5th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Wednesday 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
February	Friday 12 th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

February Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term 4 (24 days)

February	Monday 22 nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
March	Thursday 25 th	End of Pupil Term	01.00

Spring Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027
(Good Friday 26th March 2027; Easter Monday 29th March 2027)

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Dates are on the school website
<https://wslprimary.com>