



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

For my last newsletter of the term, I wanted to take the opportunity to say... **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to six amazing teachers who work tirelessly to provide the best possible education for the children of Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School. I feel so lucky to be blessed with teachers who not only carry out their "teaching duties" with determination and professionalism but also have the hearts that show they care through quiet chats or supportive taps on the back, just when the children need it the most.

Thank you to eleven exceptionally talented Teaching Assistants who, not only seem to know how to support every child throughout the school, but also manage to read the minds of the teachers they support day-in-day-out. From ELSA sessions, to Lunchtime Controllers, to After School Clubs to 1:1 Support, our tremendous Teaching Assistant are masters of everything they do.



Thank you to our incredible Admin and Site staff. Without your hard work behind the scenes everyday, the school that we know and love simply would not be able to function. You are the unseen, silent cogs in the machine that is Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School. If those cogs did not turn the machine would very quickly stop working.

Thank you to our incredible new Inclusion Coordinator. Despite wearing more hats than you would see at a fancy-dress party, you have still managed to find the time to immerse yourself into the world of work and make a huge difference to the lives of the children and teachers you support.

Thank you to our magical Mandarin teacher who brings a whole new world of language and culture to all of our children from the youngest to the oldest. Your ability to engage children across the school in a language that most adults would find challenging is quite remarkable.

Thank you to all our amazing kitchen staff (just one). For the endless hours of preparation, to the hectic hour when 100 hungry children charge through the door, all the way to the additional tidying time that you put in to ensure our kitchen is spotless and clean... Thank you.





Thank you to our gallant governors who give up their time, without payment or reward to guide the ship that is "WSLPS" through the occasionally choppy waters of policies, planning, finance and the future. You are the heroes who step out into the cold, dark winter nights in order to learn the many acronyms in that are education to ensure that our school remains outstanding.

Thank you to our Waltham St. Lawrence families. From stop and drop helpers to kind cards and supportive smiles, every piece of positive feedback is truly valued and re-charges the batteries of the weariest of teachers. Your happy hellos in the morning and attendance at assemblies, fetes and performances really does make a difference, not only to the children at the front of the room, but also to the adults at the side.

Thank you to our brilliant PTA members. Every time the call from the School is made you are there within an instant to support, through your fundraising, inspirational ideas and endless cups of tea and coffee. No matter how big the challenge is that is laid down in front of you, you are always positive and enthusiastic, truly putting the children of Waltham St. Lawrence at the heart of your efforts.



Finally, Thank you to our children. You are after all only children. You are allowed to make mistakes. You are allowed to get things wrong. You are allowed to occasionally lose control and make the wrong choice... after all you are only children... you are learning in so many ways how to be an adult... and yet... so often, you are your own harshest critics.



We know you want to please, we know you want to achieve, we know you want to be happy, we know you want to make us proud and for all those and many more reasons, you are an inspiration to me and I would like to say **Thank You** to each and every one of you.

I am proud to be Headteacher of this amazing school. I have deliberately not included any names in my "Thank Yous" as to name one would mean I would have to name all as every single person plays their part in making our school what it is. I hope that every single person I have thanked knows who they are and understands what a vital part they play.

To everyone, I would like to wish a happy, peaceful, warm and relaxing half term break. See you for Term 6.

Have a lovely half-term break,

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher



Wow! It's been a busy week.....

Walk to school week



No Pens Day



Sewing Club



Year 5 have been growing mint



Young Apprentice – Raised a massive £372.23.

The winning house this year – Yeats, who raised a spectacular £138.23







Miss Hill measured how well the children could sound-proof a box by hiding her phone inside!





Laptops for all!

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.

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".**

Star Pupils of Term 5

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:	Elòra S	Chester S
Year 1:	Henrietta B	Octavia A
Year 2:	Mia M	Emilie W
Year 3:	Mia A-M	Eduardo H
Year 4:	Forrest D	Bella W
Year 5:	Mason W-P	Dorothy M
Year 6:	Harlow L	Ayrton A



House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	409	2686
Galileo (Green)	321	2065
Redgrave (Red)	276	1931
Yeats (Yellow)	350	2628

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	100%
Nightingales–	90.5%
Robins –	100%
Skylarks –	94.0%
Red Kites –	93.6%
Kestrels –	93.3%

Whole School 95.1 – %



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.

Upcoming Events (Next Two Weeks)

Mon 1 st June	Staff Inset Day	All Day
Tues 2 nd June	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
Tues 2 nd - Fri 12 th	Year 4 Tables Check	
Weds 3 rd June	KS2 Class Meeting	14.15—15.00
Thurs 4 th June	Year 6 Transition Talk	13.00—14.00
Thurs 4 th June	Year 4 Maths Competition	16.15—18.00
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
Tues 9 th June	Year 5 Science Afternoon	13.00—15.10
Tues 9 th June	Year 2 Trip to Waltham Place	All Day
Fri 12 th June	Year 4 Bikeability – Level 1	All Day
Sat 13 th June	Village Fete	13.00—17.30

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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. All you need to do is buy a ticket for the event, come along at the right time and your child is automatically included

Camp Out Poster

Are you good at art? Do you fancy a challenge. The PTA are looking for a poster, designed by a child of Waltham St. Lawrence to use around the School and Village to advertise this year's Camp Out.

Key Facts

Date: Friday 17th July – Saturday 18th July

Time: 5pm Friday – 11am Saturday

Venue: The School field

Highlights: Music, games, marshmallows, chilli

Entries should be handed to the school office by
Wednesday 3rd June

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 6 Writing Assessment

Writing is assessed via moderation within the school, so we will still be compiling evidence to support each child's attainment and progress in this area.

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>

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.

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.



Summer School Uniform

Summer Uniform are as below:

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

Boys: School's logo polo shirt with trousers (long or short), grey socks.

Black, hard wearing school shoes must be worn.

The Big Think



After half-term we will continue with the Value of **Community** focusing on the related value of **Forgiveness**. Children in their class will be discussing the question 'Are you able to offer forgiveness? Children will be given time to reflect on whether they have ever chosen to forgive someone or make up with them?'

Here is a quote from Maya Angelou, American poet, writer, singer and civil rights activist (1928 – 2014): 'It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody.'

Perhaps you could spend some time exploring the meaning of this quote.

KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting

The upcoming **KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 3rd June at 2.15pm** in the School Hall. This session is designed to provide parents with a better understanding of how we organise mixed-year classes at KS2 and the factors we consider in this process. To ensure adequate seating arrangements, please send an email to the School Office to confirm your attendance.

Well Done, Tilly

An email from Tilly to Sir Steve Redgrave...

Dear Sir Steve Redgrave,

I am very excited to write to you because I need to ask for your help!!!

I am 10 years old in Year 6 at Waltham St Lawrence Primary School. For the last 6 years I have competed for house points, run races on sports day, raised money for charity and worn a red sports top because I am a member of Redgrave House.

There are 4 houses in our school - Brunel, Galileo, Yeats and most importantly Redgrave! For the last 5 years Redgrave has won sports day and this years competition will be the most important for me for 2 reasons:

- I was elected House Captain, which means I now lead team Redgrave and I am responsible for our performance both on sports day and in our annual house points competition.

- Sports day this year falls on my birthday which means, victory on my final year at primary school would be THE BEST birthday present ever!!! Currently Redgrave house is in third place in the house points competition! So I really need your help!!!

On the 26th of June 2026 (my birthday) 1-3:10pm, it would be great if you could join me at Waltham St Lawrence Primary School Sports day to help lead team Redgrave to victory and present the Sports Day prizes!!!!

Could you please help me motivate the team and take Redgrave house back to the top of the table. Please let me know if you can join us. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Tilly (Redgrave House Captain)

AND HIS REPLY

Dear Tilly,

Thank you for your email sent via your mum.

I am really sorry but I am away on the 26th June. I am however happy to send you and your house a signed photo.

Let me know if this something you would like. If so please send another message through my website.

Good luck and Go Redgrave House!!

Best wishes

Steve

Wow! Well done, Tilly... Maybe he will just turn up on the day!

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 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 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 2nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
October	Mon 19th – Fri 23rd	Year 5 / Year 6 Residential Trip	
	Friday 23rd	End of Pupil Term	15.10

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

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Monday 2nd	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 3rd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
December	Friday 18th	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 6th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
February	Friday 12th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

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

Term 4 (24 days)

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

