



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 4th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to the final term of this academic year. It was great to see the **children's smiling faces** again at "Stop and Drop" on Tuesday morning. They have all settled down well and seem refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

This **final term** promises to be just as busy and eventful and the other five! We are particularly pleased to be able to host many of our traditional **end-of-year events** once again. These will include **Transition Week**, during which we welcome our new Reception children and their parents for visits, as well as opportunities for our pupils to meet their new Class Teachers. In addition, we have our **Whole-School Trip, Sports Day, Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, Leavers' Party**, and **Awards Ceremony** to look forward to. We are also very excited about the KS2 end-of-year production, **Matilda**, which will take place on 7th, 8th, and 9th July 2026. A separate letter with further details will be sent home shortly. There will be many other occasions throughout the term where you will be invited into school, so please do check the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter to ensure you do not miss any important events.



On Wednesday this week, we held the **KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting** in the School hall. This session was designed to give parents a clearer understanding of how we organise mixed-age classes in Key Stage 2, along with the key factors we consider during this process. We hope you found the meeting informative and that it supports you in helping your child through this important transition. A positive attitude, along with the language we use, can make a significant difference. By working together, we can encourage our children to embrace change with a growth mindset and to look ahead to the new academic year with confidence and enthusiasm. For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation is available on our newly updated Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School website:



https://wslprimary.com/parents_and_guardians/parents_information_meetings/parents_workshops.html

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils took part in their first **"Transition to Secondary School"** session, led by Wayne Dixon, whose enthusiasm and distinctive "wicked" laugh always leave a lasting impression. During the session, the children explored what they are looking forward to when they go to Secondary School, as well as any concerns they may have. They were also given a complimentary book containing helpful tips and reminders to support a smooth transition. As always, we extend our sincere thanks to Wayne for delivering such an inspiring and engaging session.



Next Week, we are continuing to focus on the Values of **Community and Forgiveness**.

The children 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.'

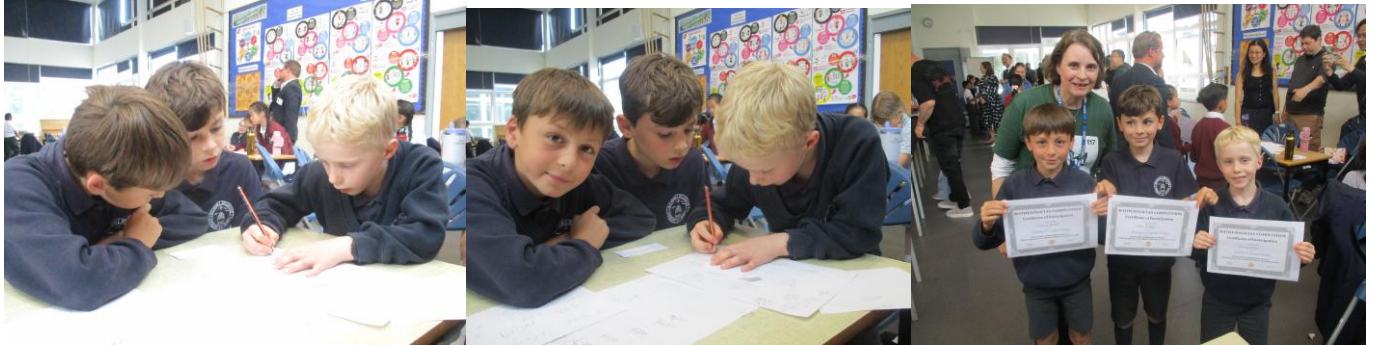
As always, many thanks for your amazing support,

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

Think of a number... Let's do some Maths...

Year 4 Mathemagician Competition

On Thursday this week our intrepid Year 4 team of Oscar, Sam and Charlie went to a highly competitive Maths competition held at All Saints Junior School in Maidenhead. The structure of the competition meant that the children had to answer incredibly complex Maths questions together as quickly as possible before exchanging their correct answer for another even more baffling problem. This excitement continued for over 30 minutes with 17 schools from across the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead vying to be the overall champions.



The team put in an amazing performance to finish in a very impressive “top half” position.

Lifting up their exhausted minds and bodies at the end, our tremendous team didn't even have enough energy for a celebratory orange squash and biscuit... almost. Well done to Oscar, Sam and Charlie and many thanks to Miss Hill and Mrs Waite for organizing our School participation in such a fantastic event.

Maths in Nightingales

This week Year 1 have begun an exciting new topic: place value to 100! They started by exploring and identifying numbers up to 100, before moving on to representing larger numbers using Dienes and place value charts. To finish the week, they investigated number lines to 100, helping them to visualise and deepen their understanding of number sequences.

The children had a fantastic time getting hands-on and practical in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow. The progress they have made is truly amazing, especially when we think back to the start of the year when we were working with numbers only up to 20!

Well done, Nightingales—we are very proud of you all.



My favourite Maths joke...A teacher asked his class “Why are you doing you Maths on the floor?” One child answered, “You told us not to use any tables!”

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	Daisy L-W	Winnie B
Nightingales	Baneen J	Millie W
Robins	Tino M	Lily E
Skylarks	Maisie B	Emily M
Red Kites	Dixie B	Imogen H
Kestrels	Ethan C	Finn H Phoebe C

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	368	368
Galileo (Green)	208	208
Redgrave (Red)	284	284
Yeats (Yellow)	289	289

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	95.5%
Nightingales–	92.1 %
Robins –	96.2%
Skylarks –	100%
Red Kites –	96.8%
Kestrels –	94.4%

Whole School - 95.9%



Habit of the Month

In June, the habit of the month will be:

“To show an appreciation of nature”

•Be observant – Look at the wonderful trees, plants, birds and animals all around.

•Be thoughtful – Remember, there is only one planet Earth.

•Be careful – Treat the natural world with the respect it deserves.

•Be happy – Enjoy the sights and sounds of our beautiful village.

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)

Monday 8th	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
Tuesday 8th	Year 5 Science Afternoon	13.00—15.10
Tuesday 9th	Year 2 Trip to Waltham Place	All Day
Friday 12th	Year 4 Bikeability – Level 1	All Day
Saturday 13th	Village Fete	13.00—17.30

Monday 15th	Book Fair Arrives	
Tuesday 16th	Road Safety – Kestrels	13.15—14.05
Tuesday 16th	Mighty Maths Year 2	16.15—18.00
Thursday 18th	Year 1 Trip to Waltham Place	All Day

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 10th 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 Monday 8th 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>

NEW... Amazon Sport Wish List

Please check out our new Amazon Sport Wish List containing lots of wonderful new resources for PE and the Playground.

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

Many thanks for your generosity



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.

Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back at all RBWM Libraries from **Saturday 11 July**. It's a brilliant way to keep children motivated, engaged, and excited about reading during the summer holidays.

This year's theme is **"Read to the Beat"**, and there are plenty of fun activities and **lots of prizes** for everyone who takes part.

- Children sign up free at the library or online.
- They choose any books, eBooks or audiobooks they love, they set a personal reading goal.
- They collect rewards as they read such as stickers, bookmarks, badges and loads of other prizes.
- Finishers receive a special certificate to celebrate.

If children prefer, they can also take part online at

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Sir Steve Redgrave has contacted the School

As many of you know, following a wonderful email from Tilly in Kestrels Class to Sir Steve Redgrave before half term, she received the following 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



Even better news for Tilly and Redgrave arrived in School this week in the form of two signed photos. A huge well done to Tilly and if he were ever to read my Newsletter a MASSIVE thank you to the greatest Olympian of all time, Sir Steve Redgrave.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Hassell who has made some wonderful Waltham St. Lawrence hair bands and clips. (Please see below)



The clips are a bargain price of £2 per pair and the bands are only £3 each.



If you would like to buy these very special accessories, they are available from the Second-Hand Uniform Sale on the Playground on a Friday afternoon.

Fancy a new sport? Try Bowls Buddies

FREE Bowls Buddies session
on **SATURDAY 6th JUNE**
10.00am – 12 Noon at
Desborough Bowling Club,
Green Lane, Maidenhead, SL6
1XZ



Bowls Buddies introduces Bowls to younger children through this innovative fun programme, adapted to introduce the principles of bowls with soft, smaller bowls, that can be played indoors, and give children lots of success early on. Placed in a carousel of fun, simple target challenges, this activity is fun for all the family and all abilities, and very addictive as you strive to beat your personal best!



It has also been proven to effectively engage children in sport who are not currently engaged with the more traditional sports, such as football, netball etc. This fits nicely with our aim as a School Sport Partnership to get more children, more active, more of the time, so trying something new is a great way to start! Bowls can be quite a calming activity, making it appealing for some pupils who face a variety of challenges through the school day.

Bowls Buddies allows the introduction of more physical activity elements into Bowls delivery too in a fun, welcoming environment.

Maidenhead Bowling Club are opening up their international standard indoor rink to local children with the aim of launching a new junior section where the sessions will be FREE to attend.

Come along and try something new and explore one of Maidenhead's gems! This is Crown Green Bowls, but not as you know it!!!

TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE PLACE(S)

- To sign up to attend this FREE taster Session please complete on line Google Form <https://forms.gle/Xd3BH1rrKx1MVPJ66>



Laptops for all!

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.

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

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!

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".**

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 6 (38 days)

June

Monday 8 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
Saturday 4 th	Party in the Parish	

July

July	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 1 st	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 30th October 2026		

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Monday 2 nd	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 4 th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 5 th	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>