



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Maths Marvels Stun Berkshire

Silver Glory for Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School

There were cheers, gasps and even a little biscuit drama as three of our youngest mathematicians took on the very best in Berkshire and very nearly came out on top!

On Wednesday 16th June, Sebby, Tino and Jay proudly represented Waltham St Lawrence Primary School at the Mighty Maths Competition at Wraysbury Primary School. Competing against 12 schools, in a hall that can only be described as *tropical*, our trio showed nerves of steel, lightning-fast thinking and exceptional teamwork.

Make no mistake, this was no ordinary quiz. These were seriously tough mathematical challenges. Questions that would leave many older pupils scratching their heads but our children were undaunted.

After a quick practice round, the real action began. Teams had to answer sets of five questions at speed, before racing to a central marker to grab the next batch. It was fast, furious and full of excitement. Brains and legs had to work equally hard!



At half time, there was a brief pause for refreshments of orange and blackcurrant juice, plus cookies and bourbon biscuits (other biscuits are available!). However, the drama didn't stop there... poor Tino faced heartbreak when the cookies ran out! A moment of true sporting adversity. **Then came the grand climax.**

After two intense rounds, the unbelievable happened. A tie for first place! When the announcement was made, the reactions of our boys said it all. Tino's mouth dropped open in astonishment, Jay beamed a huge, joyous grin, and Sebby quite literally *jumped for joy*. It was a moment

of pure, unfiltered excitement. One that captured the spirit of the competition perfectly.

A nail-biting tie-break followed: five final questions, speed of thought the only thing that mattered. The hall fell silent as teams raced to finish. In the closest of finishes... we were just pipped at the post.

What a result! Second place out of 12 teams and a gleaming silver certificate. An incredible achievement that deserves to be celebrated loudly.

The boys even had the honour of having their photograph taken with the Lady Mayoress. This was a proud moment for them and for our school.



Yet, beyond the medals and the scores, what truly stood out was the way Sebby, Tino and Jay conducted themselves. They laughed, encouraged each other and never gave up. They showed community, peace, love, truth and responsibility in action, values we hold dear.

At the end, Mrs Brancato, was bursting with pride (and admitted to a few tense moments during the dramatic tie-break!). My sincere thanks go to her for her fantastic support, to the families who cheered so enthusiastically, and of course to our tremendous trio.

In the end, the children themselves showed that it wasn't about the winning, it was about teamwork, friendship and rising to the challenge together. Well done, boys I could not be any prouder.

Written by Chief Reporter

Mr. D. Errington

Headteacher

Bags and Bags and Bags to School



Super Skylarks P.E.



Nature-Loving Nightingales

Year 1 at Waltham Place





More Mighty Maths



Camp-Out Poster Winners

Congratulation to Sienna and Csenge for their magnificent posters advertising the 2026 PTA Camp Out. There were many wonderful entries which will be displayed of the evening of the Camp Out. The overall winners can be seen below and will be used throughout the school to help advertise this wonderful event. Well done to Sienna and Csenge



Brilliant Bikeability

Year 4 got on their bikes





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	Ivy D	Ezra E
Nightingales	All of Nightingales	
Robins	Sebby W	Jay E Tino M
Skylarks	Annika M	Finley A
Red Kites	Preston M	Sienna O-D
Kestrels	Arthur M-P	Oliver R

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	451	1309
Galileo (Green)	445	1046
Redgrave (Red)	405	1109
Yeats (Yellow)	575	1402

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls –	98.3%
Nightingales–	91.7%
Robins –	96.6%
Skylarks –	97.5%
Red Kites –	98.1%
Kestrels –	94.6%

Whole School – 96.1%



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 22nd	Book Fair Leaves	
Tuesday 23rd	Year 6 Activity Day	All Day
Wednesday 24th	PGL Update Meeting	15.30 –16.30
Thursday 25th	Year 6 Leavers Party	16.30--19.30
Friday 26th	Sports Day	13.00--15.10
Tuesday 30th	Reserve Sports Day	13.00 –15.10
Saturday 4th	Party in the Parish	

PSHE – The Big Think

Next week, we will continue focusing on **Community** and the related value of being a **Caring Citizen**. Children in their class will be discussing the question **‘What small act can you offer to make a difference to another citizen?’**

Ultimately, we want the children to understand that a small act of kindness can make a big difference to another citizen. Together we can change the world, one small, caring act at a time.

Here is a quote **‘No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.’** - Aesop, Greek fabulist and storyteller (620BC – 564AD)

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 to the mystery donor who bought these wonderful items. They will make a huge difference to our children.



PGL Update Monday 19th October–Friday 23rd October

There will be a brief “Kit List” meeting for all Year 4 and Year 5 parents of children who are going to PGL Osmington Bay in October 2026 in the School Hall on **Wednesday 24th June from 3.30pm – 4.00pm.**

Please note the “final arrangements” PGL meeting with take place in September. This meeting is for those “keen” parents who would like to start getting the “kit” sorted over the summer. Many thanks.

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, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Parent Governor Vacancy



We are now inviting applications for the vacant Parent Governor position. If you are interested in applying, please submit your application by noon on **Monday 22nd June**

2026. In the event of a ballot, notice of election will be given to parents on Wednesday 24th June. Please refer to the letter and job description for governors for more details.

Village Fete

Many thanks to all parents and children who attended the Village Fete, last Saturday. The weather was beautiful and the children's singing matched the warmth of the sunshine. A huge well done to one and all. Thank you to Mrs Waite, Mr. Kiss, Mrs Ablewhite, Miss Howe, our amazing PTA and all parents and children who made the afternoon so special.

Sports Day - Friday 26th June 1.00pm – 3.10pm

Our **Annual Sports Day** will be taking place on Friday 26th June 2026 from 13.00 to 15.10 on the school field. Children will have their lunch early that day. All parents are welcome to this event and PTA will provide refreshments. Please make sure your children come to school in their PE kits on the day. Thank you.



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.

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Year 6 Fundraiser

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

Party in the Parish

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.

Camp Out 2026 – Updated Requests

Camp out 2026 is quickly approaching and the organising committee are in need of some generous donations to ensure the evening goes as planned.

Hay Bales - Sorted – Many thanks to our generous donors

Hard Wood logs – Almost Sorted – We could do with a few more if anyone has a free supply.

Food containers - To serve the Camp Out supper. If you have any catering contacts, these would be great.

People Power – If you are free to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you.

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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>

Adults FUN Rounders Competition – NEXT FRIDAY!

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".**

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Term 6 (38 days)

June

Monday 22 nd	Book Fair Leaves	
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 6 Activity Day	All Day
Wednesday 24 th	PGL Update Meeting	15.30 – 16.30
Thursday 25 th	Year 6 Leavers Party	16.30 – 19.30
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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 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 30st 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
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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
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February

Friday 12 th	End of Pupil Term	15.10
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February Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term 4 (24 days)

February

Monday 22 nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
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March

Thursday 25 th	End of Pupil Term	13.00
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**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>