



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Newsletter Number 35

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying a huge **THANK YOU!**

Due to the **volcanic heat** that we have been blessed with over the past four days this week has been, up to this point by far the most challenging of my short Headship. I would like to thank everyone who has changed plans to pick-up children at 1.10pm or adjusted meetings so that the enforced changes to **Sports Day** and other events can take place. I would also like to extend my thanks to **ALL of our amazing staff** who have juggled supporting their own families when other schools in the area have been closed and made every effort to be at WSL to look after the children in their classes.



"I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY HOT ENOUGH TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW HOT IT IS."

The children have coped admirably in incredibly demanding conditions and I am so proud of the way that they have shown maturity and common sense when looking after themselves and each other. **Finally, I would like to re-iterate that, although I know that there have been some changes to the dates and times of upcoming events, I have ended each day happy that every decision taken has been for the health and well-being of the children who are entrusted into our care every day.**

Year 6 Activity Day

On **Tuesday 23rd June**, our **Year 6 pupils** enjoyed an exceptional Activity Day, making the most of the glorious, albeit **boiling hot**, weather. The children approached each challenge with enthusiasm and determination, taking part in **kayaking**, the exhilarating **leap of faith**, and **archery**. Throughout the day, they demonstrated resilience, teamwork and outstanding behaviour, fully embracing every opportunity and clearly relishing the experience. It was particularly pleasing to see every child engaged, supportive of one another, and proudly representing the school.

A highlight of the day, much discussed since, was the leap of faith, where rumour has it there is even video footage of **Mrs Morgan** bravely taking on the challenge herself!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Mrs Morgan** and **Mrs Macaulay-Brown** for their careful organisation and leadership, ensuring the day ran smoothly and safely despite the very warm conditions. I am also most grateful to all parents and carers for their support with drop-off and collection arrangements, which contributed to the day's success. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved.



PSHE – The Big Think



Next week, we will continue with the core values of **Community** and the related value of **Kindness to Others**. Children will consider the question 'Can you show kindness to others even when you feel worried?' *Let's help spread kindness, so everyone feels safe and cared for.* Here is a quote *'Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.'* Maya Angelou, American poet, award-winning author and civil rights activist (1928-2014). Perhaps you could spend some time exploring the meaning of this quote.

I hope you have a wonderful, slightly cooler weekend,

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

Staying Cool in the Heat



Year 6 Activity Day

Balancing



Paddling



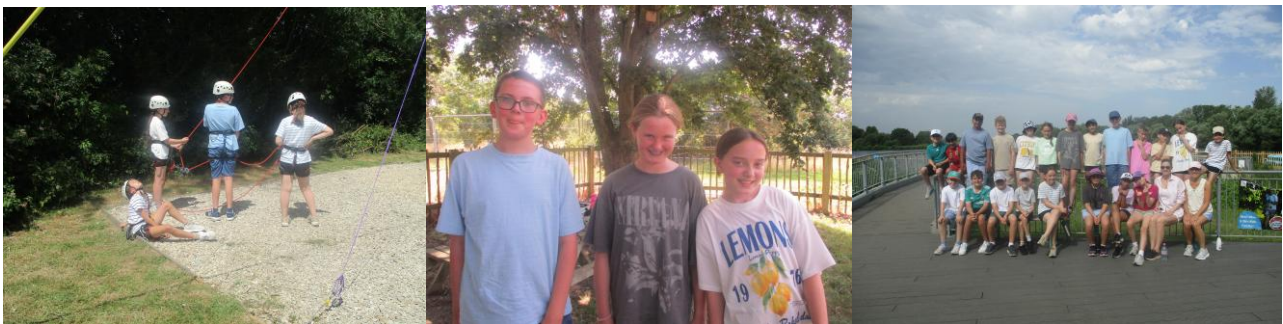
Aiming



Climbing



And Smiling



and going above and beyond with their learning throughout this week.

Owls	All of Owls class	
Nightingales	Isla K	Joseph I
Robins	Harper R	Freddie N
Skylarks	Mia P	William L
Red Kites	Charlie M	William W
Kestrels	James H	Ajooni T

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	305	1617
Galileo (Green)	245	1291
Redgrave (Red)	204	1313
Yeats (Yellow)	282	1684

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

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 98.3%

Nightingales– 79.8%

Robins – 85.2%

Skylarks – 95.0%

Red Kites – 95.2%

Kestrels – 84.2%

Whole School – 89.6%



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.

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

Upcoming Events (Next Two Weeks)

Mon 29th June	Sports Day	13.00 –15.10
Wed 1st July	PGL Update Meeting	15.30 –16.30
Friday 3rd July	Year 6 Leavers Party	16.30--19.30

Saturday 4th	Party in the Parish	
Mon 6th	KS2 Matilda Dress Rehearsal	13.30—14.45
Tues 7th	KS2 Matilda - Parents	13.30—14.45
Wed 8th	KS2 Matilda - Parents	18.00—19.15
Wed 8th	Berkshire School Games	All Day
Thurs 9th	KS2 Matilda - Parents	18.00—19.15
Friday 10th	Pupil Reports Home	15.10

Farewell Miss Li

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to **Miss Li** for her amazing work with children throughout the School over the past year. She has had a tremendous impact and we wish her all the best for her future adventures. Miss Li has shown incredible dedication - from supporting our MFL curriculum to leading engaging activities such as **Chinese arts and crafts, music, singing and games**. She has brought language learning to life in a truly memorable way. Thank you, Miss Li, for your amazing support — **you will be missed!**



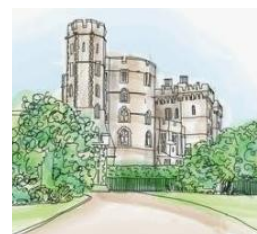
Whole School Trip to Windsor Castle – Reminder

On **Friday 17th July** we will be embarking on the end of year whole school trip to **Windsor Castle**.

This will be a very worthwhile trip for the children as it will not only consolidate and extend their learning related to their topic work at school, but also give them the opportunity to interact with peers from different year groups, enjoying collaborative learning as a whole school. **To cover all the costs we would ask for a contribution of £15.00 per child.** This includes entrance fee, coach transport and insurance. Please note that whilst this is a voluntary contribution, if there are insufficient contributions, then sadly the trip may have to be cancelled.

You can pay via SCOPAY which has been set up for you.

We would appreciate it if the payment of £15.00 per child can be made by Friday 3rd July 2026



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.

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 1st July 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.

Sports Day – Monday 29th June 1.00pm – 3.10pm



Our **Annual Sports Day** will be taking place on Monday 29th June 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.

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 ws1.pta@gmail.com if you are able to help.

KS2 Production – Matilda – Tickets On Sale

Tuesday 7th / Wednesday 8th / Thursday 9th July 2026

It Is Expected That ALL KS2 CHILDREN will be present for ALL THREE performances

This fabulous production Matilda will be staged on the following dates and time, tickets are required for all performances.

Tuesday 7th July

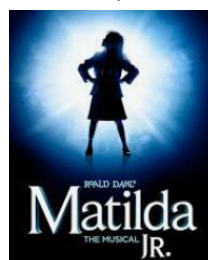
1.30pm– 2.45pm

Wednesday 8th July

6.00pm–7.15pm

Thursday 9th July

6.00pm–7.15pm



Payment of £5.00 per ticket can be made via SCOPAY. We would appreciate it if the payment can be made by **Friday 3rd July 2026**. Once payment is received, it will serve as the register for entrance to each performance, and attendance will be recorded

accordingly. No physical tickets will be issued.

Please note: Each child in Years 3, 4, and 5 is allocated **two tickets across the three performances**. Children in Year 6 are allocated **three tickets per child**, as this will be their final performance at the school.

Due to limited space in the School Hall, a maximum of **80 seats** will be available per performance. To ensure fairness, ticket purchases will be monitored, and parents will not be able to book more than the allocated number of tickets (2 or 3, depending on the year group).

All proceeds will go towards covering the costs of the production, including the performance licence, photocopying, props and costumes and drama related activities.

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.

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

Food containers - 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. ws1.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>

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

Term 6 (38 days)

June	Monday 29th	Sports Day	13.00 –15.10
July	Wednesday 1st	PGL Update Meeting	15.30 –16.30
	Friday 3rd	Year 6 Leavers Party	16.30–19.30
	Saturday 4th	Party in the Parish	
	Mon 6th	End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	13.30—14.45
	Tues 7th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	13.30—14.45
	Wed 8th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	18.00—19.15
	Wed 8th	Braywick Berkshire School Games	All Day
	Thurs 9th	End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	18.00—19.15
	Friday 10th	Pupil Reports Home	15.10
	Monday 13th	Transition to new classes for 2026-2027	
	Thursday 16th	Transition Morning for new Owls 2026-2027	09.00 – 12.00
	Friday 17th	Whole School Trip to Windsor Castle	All Day
	Friday 17th	PTA CAMPOUT ON SCHOOL FIELD	
	Monday 20th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in School Hall	09.30—10.30
	Wednesday 22nd	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 30st 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	13.00

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

Term 5 (34 days)

April	Monday 12th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
May	Monday 3rd	May Day Bank Holiday	All Day
	Friday 28th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

May Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Term 6 (33 days)

June	Monday 7th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 8th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
July	Wednesday 21st	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Tuesday 31st August 2027

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