



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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The Magic of Matilda

In a little house where laughter felt thin,
Lived Matilda, with wonder tucked deep within.
While the televisions flickered and blared through the night,
She discovered that stories could fill the world with light.

Her parents dismissed every question she asked,

Yet her curious mind rose high to the task.
She wandered through pages, through kingdoms untold,
Finding adventures far richer than silver or gold.

At school stood Miss Honey, gentle and kind,
A teacher who recognized Matilda's bright mind.
But looming nearby with a thunderous shout
Was Trunchbull, who ruled by fear and by doubt.

Still Matilda stood steady, courageous and small,
Refusing to shrink in the shadow of all.
With books as her lantern and knowledge her guide,
She carried her confidence proudly inside.

A strange power awakened, a spark she could wield,
As though all her determination had finally revealed
That courage is stronger than bullies who boast,
And kindness can conquer the things feared most.

The years may pass by, yet her story remains,
Like sunshine appearing through grey windowpanes.
For Matilda reminds us that wisdom can grow
In the smallest of hearts and continue to glow.

And wherever a child dares dream and believe,

A little of Matilda will never truly leave.

THANK YOU TO EVERY CHILD IN SKYLARKS, RED KITES AND KESTRELS.
YOU HAVE CREATED MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST FOREVER







Thank you to Mr Barden, Mrs Wilsdon and Mrs Hughes for your creativity, hard work and dedication in helping to bring our scenery and props to life.

Thank you to Mrs Taneja, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Clark, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Smyly, Mrs Ramsey and Miss Howe for your invaluable support with the scenery, costumes, props and tickets, helping to ensure every detail was carefully prepared.

Thank you to Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Macaulay-Brown for sharing your enthusiasm and expertise with our singing and dance routines, helping our children perform with confidence and joy.

Thank you to Mrs Waite and Miss Hill for your skill, professionalism and calm guidance as our lighting and music experts, enhancing every moment of the performance.

Thank you to Mrs Morgan for your inspirational leadership, creativity and vision as director and producer, bringing the entire production together so brilliantly.

Thank you, most importantly, to our incredible children. Your talent, determination, teamwork and enthusiasm transformed months of hard work into something truly special. You embraced every challenge with positivity and courage, and once again proved that when we work together, even the seemingly impossible becomes possible.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of you.

Mr. D. Errington

Headteacher

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	Octavia A	William P
Nightingales	Valentina C	Roman R
Robins	Sristi M	Poppy L-W
Skylarks	Eila B	Theo P
Red Kites	Rupert M-P	Keira T
Kestrels	Year 6	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	306	2255
Galileo (Green)	221	1719
Redgrave (Red)	253	1799
Yeats (Yellow)	284	2473

The Winning House for this week is Brunel

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 99.4 %
Nightingales – 94.6%
Robins – 100 %
Skylarks – 97.5 %
Red Kites – 100%
Kestrels – 95.8%



Whole School –97.9 %

Habit of the Month

In July, the habit of the month will be:

“To Embrace Change”

- **Be open-minded** – Try new ideas and experiences with a positive attitude.
- **Be adaptable** – Understand that change is a normal part of learning and growing.
- **Be confident** – Believe in yourself when facing something new or different.
- **Be positive** – Look for the opportunities that change can bring.

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 13 th /Tues 14 th	Transition 2026-2027	
Thursday 16 th	Transition Owls 2026-2027	09.00 – 12.00
Friday 17 th	Trip to Windsor Castle	All Day
Friday 17 th	PTA CAMPOUT	
Monday 20 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	09.30—10.30
Wednesday 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Contact Details Update

If you have changed your home address, email address or phone numbers recently, please make sure that you inform the School Office ASAP, so we can make any changes we need to ensure the data we collect is accurate and up to date.

Transition Arrangements – Mon13th/Tues 14th July

On the afternoon of **Monday 13th July**, all children will attend a short assembly focused on Growth Mindset and the positive opportunities that come with meeting new teachers and classmates.

Following this, they will return briefly to their current classrooms, where teachers will share the new class lists for 2026–2027. Children will then move directly to their new classrooms and spend time getting to know their new **Class Teacher**, **Teaching Assistants**, and **Classmates** through a range of fun, planned activities. At the end of the day, they will return to their 2025-2026 classes and take home a letter outlining the new class structure, including staffing.

On **Tuesday 14th July**, all children will spend the full day with their new class, continuing to build relationships and becoming familiar with expectations for September 2026.

We recognise that change can be challenging for some children, and staff will be particularly mindful of this, offering additional support where needed to ensure all pupils feel secure, supported and ready for the next stage of their learning.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support and understanding.

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.



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 10th July

After School Clubs – Last Sessions

Monday

Athletics Club – Monday 13th July
Performance Club – Finished

Tuesday

Sewing Club – Tuesday 14th July
Cricket Club – Finished

Wednesday

Dance Club – Wednesday 15th July

Thursday

Chinese Club – Finished
Athletics Club – Thursday 16th July

If you require child care after school, please use our Woodpeckers Club. Please book a slot in advance using SCOPAY. Thank you.

Sun Protection

With the good weather set for the next few weeks, it is important that our children come prepared. Please can we ask that the children come to school prepared for the weather including:



- Wearing sun cream each day.
- Ensuring your child comes to school with their school water bottle, **clearly labelled**.
- Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat they can wear when they are outside. Please make sure hats are **clearly labelled with their names**.

Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2026. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 16th July at 11.05am in the School Hall**. It will be followed by a Second-Hand School Uniform Sale organised by our PTA in the school playground.

Reading Books

ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Friday 17th July. We need to check our stock and get all books sorted and organised, ready for the new academic year. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed books. Thank you

PTA Camp Out 2026

Class of 2026 Campout will be held on Friday 17th July 2026 from 5.00pm. Please join us to celebrate another wonderful year at WSL, say farewell to our beloved Kestrels class as they head onto their next adventure, and give a warm welcome to some of our new Owls families. Evening and camping tickets are available at www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta

Donations

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. wsl.pta@gmail.com

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns for your child or for any other pupils from the school during the summer holiday, please email MASH@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Please remind your children to keep safe when they are in or beside water during the summer holidays and to not play near railway lines.

Reading, Reading, Reading

Daily reading is vital in supporting our learners to become fluent readers who develop a love of books. Reading is the most crucial skill any child will learn. It is our school's clear expectation that every child reads every night without any distraction. Please support us by ensuring that there is a time set aside every evening to ensure your child can read and, ideally, to be read to by an adult. Happy Reading during the Summer Break.

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning

School Values: Truth Love Peace Responsibility Community

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)

July	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
	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	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 12 th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
May	Monday 3 rd	May Day Bank Holiday	All Day
	Friday 28 th	End of Pupil Term	15.10
	May Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027		

Term 6 (33 days)

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

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”