



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Term 6 – The Highlights

Week 1 got Term 6 off to a fantastic start. Our Year 4 pupils approached the Multiplication Tables Check with determination and confidence, while parents joined us for our Key Stage 2 class organisation meeting. Year 6 benefited from Wayne Dixon's inspiring It's Your Move session, and Year 4 represented the school brilliantly at the Mathemagenius Competition.



Week 2 was packed with exciting opportunities. Year 1 tackled their Phonics Screening Check with enthusiasm, while Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating Science Outreach Day at Holyport College. Robins Class had a memorable visit to Waltham Place, and Year 4 developed important life skills during Bikeability training. The week concluded with our much-loved Shurlock Row and Waltham St. Lawrence Summer Fete.



Week 3 brought another busy and rewarding week. The Book Fair encouraged a love of reading across the school, while specialist PE coach Max Coppock inspired our younger children to run and jump. Kestrels took part in Road Safety Training, and three amazing Year 2 children proudly finished as runners-up in the Mighty Maths Competition. We were also delighted to welcome Joshua Reynolds MP for an engaging whole-school question-and-answer assembly, built on trust.

Week 4 provided plenty of memorable moments. Year 6 enjoyed an action-packed activity day at Dinton Pastures, creating lasting memories together. We also said a heartfelt farewell to Zoey, our Mandarin teacher, as she returned to China. The exceptionally hot weather brought challenges, but our school community showed great care and responsibility in keeping everyone safe.

Week 5 was full of cheers and laughter. After several weather-related delays, Sports Day finally took place, with Yeats House emerging victorious. We launched the Summer Reading Challenge and some Year 6 pupils visited their new Secondary Schools. We were also proud to receive the Attachment Aware Schools Bronze Award. The week ended with the Year 6 Leavers' Party and the Party in the Parish on the School field.



Week 6 belonged to our incredible Key Stage 2 production of Matilda. Despite the soaring temperatures in the hall, pupils delivered an outstanding performance filled with confident acting, wonderful singing and remarkable teamwork. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Morgan, staff, volunteers and families for their support. The production truly reflected our School values of community, perseverance and love.



Week 7 has been all about looking ahead. Children have enjoyed Transition Week, spending time with their new teachers and preparing for the next stage of their learning journey. We were also delighted to welcome our newest EYFS children for their transition morning. Some came in crying but all walked out with a smile on their faces. Many thanks to Mrs Sharma and the Owls team.

Still to Come - There is still plenty to look forward to before the end of term. Our whole-school trip to Windsor Castle promises to be a memorable day of learning and discovery, while the PTA Campout on the school field will offer a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and enjoy the sunshine.

Week 8 will be a time for both celebration and reflection. We look forward to our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Prize Giving Assembly, where we will recognise the many achievements of our pupils. We will also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Smith and Miss Bennett.

All of these events and achievement take true teamwork and I would like to thank all parents, carers, staff and most importantly children for continuing to make Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School quite simply... OUTSTANDING!

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

We have been making fruit smoothies...



We have been sewing in DT...



We have been visiting our new classrooms...



As a School we have won our Bronze Award for
Active Stars PE in Key Stage 1.
Congratulations to Miss Bennett and all children
and adults in Owls, Nightingales and Robins



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	Harlie P	Jack L
Nightingales	Demi G	Eleanor B
Robins	Noah G-M	Lily S
Skylarks	Monty W	Ava-Grace A
Red Kites	Carter T-S	Jenson G
Kestrels	Alanna T	Phoebe C

House Points (No House Points this week....

It's a Rollover – Final Totals announced on Tuesday)

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)		
Galileo (Green)		
Redgrave (Red)		
Yeats (Yellow)		

The Winning House for this week is

Attendance for the Week

Owls – 100 %

Nightingales – 92.1 %

Robins – 100 %

Skylarks – 96.7%

Red Kites – 96.8 %

Kestrels – 96.7 %

Whole School –97 %



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

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**.

Upcoming Events

Monday 20th Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 09.30—10.30
Tuesday 21st Year 6 T-Shirt Signing All day
Wednesday 22nd 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.

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.

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.

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 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”