



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Newsletter Number 2

Friday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an **incredible** week back we have enjoyed at our **Outstanding Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School**. From an incredible (... y noisy) guitar and drum performance to the presentation of a vital fundraising cheque, the week has been filled with excitement, success and celebration.

Speaking of success, I am delighted to begin this week's newsletter by announcing the children who have been successful in securing positions of responsibility for the year ahead. These roles recognise **commitment**, **leadership** and **dedication** to our **school values**, and I know that each pupil will wear their badge with great **pride**.

It is therefore my pleasure to introduce our House Captains, School Council Representatives and Year 6 Subject Ambassadors for the 2026-27 academic year.

House Captains			
Brunel	Galileo	Redgrave	Yeats
Eva S	Ethan C	Lowry J	Mason W-P
Imogen H	Grace O'H	Carter T-S	Keira T

Congratulations to one and all. I know you will be amazing!



Brunel	Galileo	Redgrave	Yeats
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School Council				
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isla K	Reggie D	Theo P	Monty W	Isabella O-S
George O	Poppy L-W	Mia P	Cooper G	Lawrence G

No sooner had the **School Council** received their badges than they were called into action to help receive a truly enormous cheque. On Wednesday, Mr Kiss, representing **The Neville Hall Charitable Trust**, visited the school to present the **P.T.A.** with an **incredible donation of £5,250.**

The money was raised through the **Waltham St Lawrence Village Fete** and, on behalf of both the P.T.A. and the entire school community, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in, volunteered at, or supported the event in any way. We are also deeply grateful to **The Neville Hall Charitable Trust** for their generosity and continued support of our school and wider village community.

This remarkable contribution will be put to excellent use. The P.T.A. has already earmarked the funds towards the purchase of **much-needed laptops**, which will provide significant benefits for our pupils and further enhance teaching and learning across the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the ever supportive **Mrs Lomas, Mrs Bowley, Mrs Martin** and **Mrs Ellery** for their outstanding work as leaders of our P.T.A.. Their enthusiasm, dedication, organisation and tireless effort make an enormous difference to our school. Without their commitment, many of the opportunities and resources we are able to provide for our children simply would not be possible.

Once again, thank you to the Neville Hall Charitable Trust, everyone involved in the Village Fete, and all those who continue to support our school community so generously. Your kindness and commitment are greatly appreciated by us all.



Year 6 Ambassadors					
Reading	Sports	Maths	Library	Music	Eco
Felix Hermione Preston	William E William D Kaden James	Toby Dorothy	Mustafa	Isabella Lawrence	James Toby Felix

In Kestrels Class, Year 5 and Year 6 impressed Mrs Morgan and Mrs Macaulay-Brown with their wonderful gymnastics skills.



On **Tuesday**, we were delighted to welcome **Mr Lyons** into school to lead a wonderful musical assembly. Through a combination of drumming, guitar playing and audience participation, he entertained pupils with a range of well-known songs, from current favourites to a number of classics that even I recognised!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to **sing along** and several pupils were invited to join Mr Lyons on stage to perform in front of the whole school. The assembly concluded with an impressive one-to-one jamming session between **Mr Lyons and James**, which brought the house down and demonstrated both confidence and musical talent.

The assembly was a fantastic celebration of music and provided an inspiring insight into the enjoyment and opportunities that learning an instrument can bring.

If your child is interested in learning either the guitar or drums, Mr Lyons is currently offering a limited number of lessons during the school day. Further information is available from the school office



Finally, on **Thursday**, despite some rather “interesting” local traffic challenges, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our **Meet the Headteacher** and **Meet the Teacher** sessions. **Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success.**

These **Welcome and Year Ahead Information Meetings** provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child’s class teacher, visit their learning environment and gain a deeper understanding of both whole-school priorities and individual class routines, expectations and curriculum plans for the year ahead. We hope you found the sessions informative, useful and reassuring as we begin another exciting academic year together.

During the meetings, we also reaffirmed the importance of the **partnership** between home and school and reintroduced our **Home School Agreement**, which outlines the shared responsibilities that help to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Teachers have already discussed the agreement with their classes and pupils will be invited to sign it as a commitment to their part in this partnership. For families who were unable to attend, the Home-School Agreement will be sent home today. Please take the time to read and discuss the agreement with your child before returning it to school by **Friday 18th September**.

Your **support, engagement and partnership** are fundamental to the success of our children. We greatly appreciate your commitment to our school procedures, policies and values. Quite simply, we want the very best for your child, just as you do. By working together, maintaining open communication and sharing high expectations, we can ensure that every child is supported to thrive, achieve their potential and enjoy a successful year ahead.



Congratulations

As many of you will know, last weekend saw the return of the **Waltham St Lawrence Village Show**. I was impressed with the wonderful range of artwork that was produced by our talented children and independently judged on the day.

In the **7 and Under** category, children were challenged to create a self-portrait, while those in the **8-13** category were asked to produce a picture of someone they love. The standard of work was exceptionally high, and all of the children who entered should be very proud of their efforts.

I am delighted to announce the children who were awarded the top three places in each category. Congratulations to all of our winners, and a huge well done to every child who took part and represented our school so brilliantly.

7 and Under

1st	2nd	3rd
Henrietta	Yasmin	Ellie

Aged 8-13

1st	2nd	3rd
Olivia	Csenge	Eduardo

Our Values Education



Next week we will be looking at the value of **Perseverance**. The children in their classes will discuss and reflect on "Do you persevere when things get tough?" Perhaps you can have further discussions with your child/ren at home and ask your child/ren: Have they ever had to persevere at something that didn't come easily? What did it feel like? Did they manage to succeed? You may also want to explore the meaning of this quote '**Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.**' – Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa, anti-apartheid revolutionary (1918 - 2013)

A quick reminder of our STEPS, STAR and HALT....

STEPS	STAR	HALT
S mile T hank you E xcuse me P lease S orry	 S it/ S tand up straight T rack the speaker A sk politely R espond thoughtfully	 H and up A ttention this way L ook at the adult T ap others to help re-focus

Have an enjoyable weekend,

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	Max H	Margaux W
Nightingales	Poppy A-M	Ezra E
Robins	George O	Henrietta B
Skylarks	Abdullah J	Finley A
Red Kites	Bailey H	Jenson G
Kestrels	Mason W-P	Isabella O-S

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	283	388
Galileo (Green)	241	322
Redgrave (Red)	286	397
Yeats (Yellow)	235	255

The Winning House for this week is Redgrave

Attendance for the Week

Class	Attendance
Owls	99.0%
Nightingales	98.3%
Robins	92.6%
Skylarks	97.7%
Red Kites	96.6%
Kestrels	97.3%
Whole School	97.0%

The winning Classes this week are: Owls

Habit of the Month

Please continue to support us by having high expectations for your children and help them to form good habits.

In September, the habit of the month will be:

"HALT"

HALT

Hand up
Attention this way
Look at the adult
Tap others to help re-focus



BENEDICT'S LAW

We are now an allergy aware School.

Due to our strict implementation of Benedict's Law, we kindly ask that no sweets / cakes are brought to school for children's birthdays.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

After School Clubs for 2026-27

CLUBS, CLUBS AND MORE CLUBS

This term, for your enjoyment we have provided Marvellous Music for Key Stage 1, Fantastic Football for Key Stage 2, Super Sewing for all, Spectacular Spanish for all, Dynamic Dance for EYFS to Year 4, and, in Term 2, Magnificent Mandarin.

It's not too late!

If you would like to sign up to any of these clubs we are extending the deadline to Midday Monday 14th September. Please look on Scopay or click the links below to begin a fantastic after-school journey, learning a new skill and making new friends.



After School Extracurricular Clubs Terms 1 & 2 2026

[Internal Clubs](#) & [External Clubs](#)

Week Commencing Monday 7th September 2025 to Week Ending Thursday 3rd December 2026



Day	Club	Time	Year Group	Led by	Cost per session	Dates & Duration
Monday	Music Club	3.10 - 4.10	KS1	Mrs Waite / Miss Wheeler	£5	14.09.26 - 30.11.2026 10 Weeks (INSET DAY 02/11)
	Football Club	3.10 - 4.10	Year 3 - 4	USports	£8	07.09.2026 - 30.11.2026 11 Weeks (INSET DAY 02/11)
Tuesday	Sewing Club	3.10 - 4.10	Year 1 - 6	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£10	08.09.26 - 01.12.2026 12 Weeks
	Spanish - Key Stage 1	3.10 - 4.10	EYFS / KS1	Kidslingo Bracknell & Wokingham	£9	15.09.26 - 01.12.2026 11 Weeks
Wednesday	Dance Club	3.10 - 4.10	EYFS - 4	Enrise Dance	£10.50	16.09.26 - 02.12.2026 11 Weeks
	Spanish - Key Stage 2	3.10 - 4.10	Year 3 - 6	Kidslingo Bracknell & Wokingham	£9	16.09.26 - 02.12.2026 11 Weeks
Thursday	Chinese Club Starting Term 2	3.10 - 4.10	Year 2 - 6	Mandarin CLA Teacher	£5	05.11.2026 - 03.12.2026 5 Weeks
	Football Club	3.10 - 4.10	Year 5 - 6	uSports	£8	10.09.2026 - 03.12.2026 12 Weeks

NB: School Inset Days 02.11.2025 - NO CLUBS
October Half Term 26.10.2025 - 30.10.2025 - NO CLUBS

Clubs run by external professionals require payment as indicated and an official form to be completed. Please complete the Booking / Registration Forms.

To sign up for **uSports** for your child/ren please go to the booking page via the links below:

[Waltham St Lawrence School | Autumn 2026 \(Mon 7th Sep 2026 - Thu 3rd Dec 2026\) | Term Time | uSports Berkshire | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

To book a place for your child/ren to attend Dance Club, run by Enrise, please click on the link [Class Booking Form | Enrise Arts](#)

To book a place for Sewing Club please text/WhatsApp 07782253565

To book a place for your child/ren for Spanish Club [Kidslingo Waltham St Lawrence Primary School | Pebble](#)
<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/kidslingo-spanish-bracknell-wokingham-kidslingo-waltham-st-lawrence-primary-school-reading-7e3aad04-0181-4a12-89d7-7324fe65dc15>

We expect our children to show respect to all staff who give up their time to run such a wide range extracurricular activity after school. We would appreciate your support in this matter.



School Photographer

The photographer will be visiting the school to take individual and siblings photographs including pre-school children on Monday 21st September from 8.30am.



Siblings (both inside and outside School) photos will be taken first followed by individual ones.

You may wish to ensure your child/ren are looking particularly smart for the occasion! (Please make sure that **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES** are worn and that the School Uniform policy is being followed).

Parents Evening

I am pleased to invite you to this term's **Parents Evenings**. These meetings will be taking place in your child/ren's classrooms, except for **Nightingales Parent Evening** which will be held in the School Hall.

Arrangements are as below:

Mon 5th October	15.30 – 18.30 – All Classes
Tues 6th October	15.30 – 18.30 -- All Classes

(More details to follow)

Secondary School Application

Secondary applications for **September 2026** open this week. Applications must be submitted no later than the deadline **31st October 2026**

Open Mornings

Tuesday 22nd September 9.45am-10.45am
Tuesday 13th October - 9.45am-10.45am
Tuesday 10th November - 9.45am-10.45am
Tuesday 1st December - 9.45am-10.45am
Tuesday 12th January - 9.45am-10.45am



This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action and learn more about what makes our community so special. Please do help spread the word to friends, neighbours, and anyone who may be looking for a place for their child - whether for Reception next September or an in-year transfer, as we currently have spaces available in certain year groups. We would love to welcome them to our school family!

Key Text Books for Term 1 and Term 2

Please find below a list of the key texts that the children in Key Stage 2 will be studying in English in **Terms 1 and 2**.

If you would like to purchase the book it will help your child to analyse key aspects of the author's style and language. Many thanks for your continued support.

Skylarks

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Red Kites

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Kestrels

Holes by Louis Sachar

FINAL PGL MEETING – Wednesday 30th September

There will be an important PGL Kit List and Final Arrangements Meeting in the School Hall from 3:15pm to 4:00pm on Wednesday 30th September.

This will be our **final** meeting before the children depart for PGL Osmington Bay on Monday 19th October, and it is an excellent opportunity to ensure everyone is fully prepared for the trip.

During the meeting, the PGL team will explain all the key information, including:

- Pocket money
- Medication requirements
- Suitcases and packing
- Sleeping bags
- Teddies and comfort items
- Travel arrangements and expectations

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. Children are also very welcome to come along. By the end of the meeting, you should have everything you need to feel fully prepared and excited for what promises to be a fantastic adventure and a trip to remember!

Waltham St. Lawrence P.T.A.



I am pleased to be able to announce the wonderful P.T.A. events already planned in for this term. In a change to the advertised date, the much-loved **Halloween Disco** has been moved to **Friday 16th October** to ensure that the children due to go to PGL during the last week of Term 1 can still attend.

Please book tickets and find out more about all of these exciting events through our PTA website.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111623>

Friday 16th October

Halloween Disco - 17.00 – 19.00

Friday 27th November

Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk - 16.30

Tuesday 1st December

PTA Wreath Making - 18.30

Wednesday 9th December

PTA Christmas Fair – 13.00 – 15.00

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

The Academic Year 2026-2027

We continue to hold the very highest expectations for all of our learners and will organise information meetings, open session and curriculum workshops for parents so that you can provide the best support to your child at home. Please look out for these dates when published.

Term 1 (39 days)

September	Thursday 17 th	Behaviour Policy Workshop for Parents	14.00—15.00
	Thursday 17 th	Behaviour Policy Workshop for Parents	19.00—20.00
	Thursday 17 th	Meet the Teacher – Robins and Nightingales	15.30 – 17.00
	Monday 21 st	Individual and siblings photographs	08.30
	Tuesday 22 nd	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Tuesday 22 nd	EYFS / KS1 Parents Coffee and Biscuits	14.15 – 15.00
	Wednesday 23 rd	KS2 Parents Coffee and Biscuits	14.15 – 15.00
	Friday 25 th	KS1 Waltham Place Trip	All day
	Monday 28 th	Flu Vaccinations	08.30 – 12.00
	Wednesday 30 th	Year 5 / Year 6 PGL Final Meeting	15.15—16.00
October	Thursday 1 st	Anaphylaxis Awareness Week	
	Thursday 1 st	Census Day	
	Monday 5 th	Parents Evening - All Classes	15.30 – 18.30
	Tuesday 6 th	Parents Evening – All Classes	15.30 – 18.30
	Wednesday 7 th	Harvest Festival Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6)	08.40 – 10.30
	Wednesday 7 th	Girls Football at Courthouse	15.30—17.30
	Friday 9 th	Harvest Festival	14.00—15.00
	Tuesday 13 th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Friday 16 th	PTA Halloween Disco	
	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 2nd	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 3 rd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
	Tues 3 rd – Thurs 5 th	Year 6 Bikeability	All Day
	Wednesday 4 th	Boys Football at Courthouse	15.30—17.30
	Tuesday 10 th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Monday 16 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence	
	Thursday 19 th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	14.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 19 th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	19.00 – 20.00
	Wednesday 25 th	Year 6 Height and Weight Check	09.00
	Friday 27 th	Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk	16.30

December	Tuesday 1 st	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Tuesday 1 st	Robins Swimming Lessons Finish	
	Tuesday 1 st	PTA Wreath Making	18.30
	Wednesday 9 th	Christingle Dress Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6)	08.30
	Wednesday 9 th	PTA Christmas Fair	13.00 – 15.00
	Friday 11 th	Christingle Celebration at the Church	14.00—15.00

Friday 18th 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 12th 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 2007)

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 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>