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Staff and governors are wholly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of every child. We work tirelessly to ensure their safety, well-being, and happiness, both within school and in the wider community.



Wow! Look how big our chicks have become!

This week: “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success” Henry Ford

Another wonderful week in the world of Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School comes to an end and the last five days have all been about communication and partnership.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed over 20 new prospective families for the 2027-2028 intake into School for the first of our Open Mornings. (Thank you Imogen and Lowry for an impressive speech) Walking around the School with groups of parents always makes me incredibly proud as it is only when visiting every class that you realize how truly

outstanding the teaching and learning is.

Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, I enjoyed the company of some of our amazing parents for my first “tea, coffee and biscuits” sessions. I really enjoyed listening to the opinions of the parents present and I would like to thank them all for giving up their time. We discussed online zoom meetings, after school clubs, SMART phones and even a clearer, more concise Friday newsletter design (Many thanks to Mrs. Irwin for your help!)

Mr. Errington, Headteacher

Before next Friday *Important actions to take this week*

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| ☐ Send back the OA4 medicines form
Even if your child has no medical needs | Tuesday 29th Sept |
| ☐ Sign up for Parents Evening
Opens 10am, Monday morning | Next week |
| ☐ Y5 & Y6 — come to the PGL meeting
School Hall, 3.15pm: kit, medicines, packing | Wed 30th Sept |
| ☐ Return your Home-School Agreement
Our essential partnership agreement | By Weds 30th Sept |

COMING UP NEXT

The next six School Days — the whole year is on pages 5 and 6

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON
28th SEPT	29th SEPT	30th SEPT	1st OCT	2nd OCT	5th OCT
Flu Vaccinations	Year 1 Swimming	PGL Meeting	Census Day	Celebration Assembly	Parents Evening
Prepare your children	Don't forget your goggles, towel and swimming cap	It's time to start packing!	Fish and Chips for lunch	It could be you!	3.30pm – 6.30pm

Please remember No sweets or cakes for birthdays — we are an allergy aware school · Pull beyond the Zig-Zag Zone before you park in the morning

Celebrations & awards

SUNSHINE BOOK

School Value this week - Happiness

Owls	Kilian W	Amelia O
Nightingales	Daisy L-W	Dominic W
Robins	Kai S	Emily V
Skylarks	Fergus G	Lily S
Red Kites	William L	Rafe S
Kestrels	Preston M	Eva S

ATTENDANCE

Whole school 96.2% · target 97%

Class	Attendance
Owls	98.0%
Nightingales	100%
Robins	88.8%
Skylarks	99.4%
Red Kites	95.5%
Kestrels	96.2%

HOUSE POINTS

House	This week	Rolling
Brunel	345	987
Galileo	257	795
Redgrave	393	1076
Yeats	294	862

Redgrave take the week — well done.

NEXT WEEK'S VALUE

Understanding Self

Every class will be thinking about how they respond when things seem unfair.

FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go" by Dr. Seuss

A HUGE Thank You



Mr and Mrs. Marshall have donated an amazing flat-screen television to the School for use in our dining hall. This will make a massive difference to Mrs. Sinibaldi's Year 2 phonics group who can now learn on the "big screen".



Mrs., Clark has worked very hard to make the School Library a lovely place to be. Our children are very happy.



Weekly notices

NEW THIS WEEK

Parents Evening Letter and Guidance – Emailed alongside your weekly Newsletter.

Harvest Festival Arrangements Letter — Check the timings and details for the rehearsal and the day itself.

Habit of the Month – October - To be aware of, and look after, the people and things that are around me.

GENERAL

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mr. Welch who works so hard to deliver amazing lunches everyday. This week his kitchen was inspected and his Kitchen scored an amazing 97.7% which is the highest we have ever achieved!

HEALTH

Flu vaccinations

On Monday 28th September, the School Nurses will offer flu vaccinations. We would be grateful if parents could help prepare their children by discussing the vaccination positively. This is important step in helping to protect their health.

HEALTH

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week reminds us of the importance of recognising severe allergic reactions and knowing how to respond quickly. We are an allergy aware School. Please, no sweets or cakes in School for birthdays.

ADMISSIONS

Open Mornings

9.45–11.00am on 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec and 12th Jan 2027.

If you know a family looking for an outstanding school, please send them our way — we have places in all year groups.

HABIT OF THE MONTH

Aware of my surroundings

Is someone near you upset?

Have you tidied away the things you have been playing with?

Do you have everything you need for a successful day?

SAFEGUARDING - IMPORTANT

Drop – Off - 8.30 – 8.40

Please stay with your children until a member of staff opens the blue gates.

Please accompany your child into School if you arrive later than 8.40.

Please remind your children to walk directly into School after “Stop and Drop”.

CLASS NOTES

A note from each class teacher

Owls Try “Stop and Drop” when you feel ready.

Robins Swimming kit on Tuesday.

Red Kites Reading, reading and more reading please.

Nightingales Keep the cloakroom tidy.

Skylarks Practice your Times Tables every night.

Kestrels Calm, corridor walking is the key.

PTA



Messages from the PTA

[Find us at pta-events.co.uk/wslpta](https://pta-events.co.uk/wslpta)

Come to the AGM

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 6.00pm in School Hall. Governors will also share their roles and responsibilities. Please save the date and come along to support the school.

Halloween Disco

The “always popular” Halloween Disco is fast approaching. I have heard of many fantastic costumes already being created. Tickets are selling incredibly quickly. Click the link to get one before they’re gone.

Money while you shop

If you order anything online, **easyfundraising** sends a small donation to school at no cost to you.

Sign up once and forget about it — every penny counts!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Our gallery



Which insulating material will keep the water warm?



Great discussion and teamwork



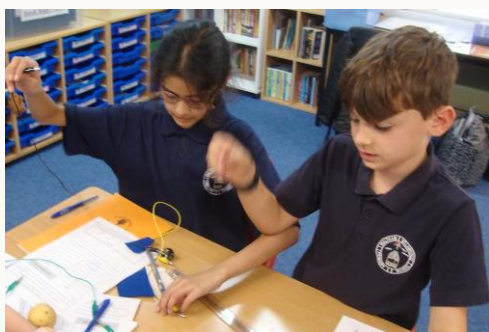
Classifying animals in Year 6



Using the information to get the answer correct



Two heads are better than one



That lesson looked electrifying!. A potato... in Science!!!

Year 5 Science - Conductors and Insulators
Over the last two weeks, Year 5 have been learning about thermal and electrical conductors and insulators. Through practical investigations, they tested a range of materials to discover which allowed heat and electricity to pass through them. They impressed us with their curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm!





The year ahead — Autumn

Dates can change during the year, so please check the latest newsletter for the current version. Highlighted yellow rows are inset days and bank holidays, when school is closed to pupils. New additions are highlighted in green.

Term 1 (39 days)

September

Monday 28th Flu Vaccinations 08.30 – 12.00

Wednesday 30th Year 5 / Year 6 PGL Final Meeting 15.15 – 16.00

October

Thursday 1st Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

Thursday 1st Census Day

Monday 5th Parents Evening – All Classes 15.30 – 18.30

Tuesday 6th Parents Evening – All Classes 15.30 – 18.30

Wednesday 7th Harvest Festival Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6) 08.40 – 10.30

Wednesday 7th Girls Football at Courthouse 15.30 – 17.30

Friday 9th Harvest Festival 14.00 – 15.00

Tuesday 13th Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake 09.45 – 11.00

Friday 16th PTA Halloween Disco 17.00 – 19.00

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 30th October 2026

Term 2 (35 days)

November

Monday 2nd Staff Inset Day All Day

Tuesday 3rd Start of Pupil Term 08.30

Tues 3rd – Thurs 5th Year 6 Bikeability All Day

Wednesday 4th Boys Football at Courthouse 15.30 – 17.30

Tuesday 10th Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake 09.45 – 11.00

Tuesday 10th PTA AGM – School Hall 18.00 – 19.00

Monday 16th Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence

Thursday 19th OFSTED Workshop for parents 14.00 – 15.00

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Wednesday 25th Year 6 Height and Weight Check 09.00

Wednesday 25th Drama4all workshop – EYFS, Y1, Y2 10.00 – 11.30

Friday 27th Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk 16.30

December

Tuesday 1st Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake 09.45 – 11.00

Tuesday 1st Robins Swimming Lessons Finish

Tuesday 1st PTA Wreath Making 18.30

Wednesday 9th Christingle Dress Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6) 08.30

Wednesday 9th PTA Christmas Fair 13.00 – 15.00

Friday 11th Christingle Celebration at the Church 14.00 – 15.00

Friday 18th End of Pupil Term 13.00

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Please don't book family holidays in term time. All dates are also at wslprimary.com.

The year ahead — Spring & Summer

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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
	Tuesday 12th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 10.45
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; 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





Together we inspire and achieve

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.

Truth

Love

Peace

Responsibility

Community

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IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

Please speak to any of us — you will never be wasting our time.

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Headteacher · Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Jo Waite

KS2 Team Leader · Deputy DSL

Mr John Kiss

Safeguarding Governor · Vice Chair

Mrs Giovanna Brancato

KS1 Team Leader · Deputy DSL

Miss Chelsea Painter

Inclusion Coordinator

The Governing Board

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Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding of all our children. If something is worrying you — about school, home, anything — we will always find someone you can talk to.

