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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.

It's another Harvest Festival, when we bring our fruit and vegetables!



A huge thank you to all children, staff and parents for another wonderfully exciting and successful week in School. Monday and Tuesday evenings heralded this year's first round of parent – teacher meetings. Many thanks to all teachers for providing parents and children with such positive, constructive advice and support. Also, thank you to all parents who came along to the meetings enjoyed our new system of meetings in the hall. Finally, thank you to our brilliant children; it would be tricky to be positive as a teacher if there were not so many things to be positive about!

On Wednesday morning, we battled back through the wind and rain after our Harvest Festival Rehearsal in the Church.

The weather was so wet that it forced the much anticipated girls' football matches at Courthouse to be cancelled. Watch this space for the upcoming boys' fixture and the date for the re-arranged girls' matches.

Friday afternoon has once again delivered a treat for all. This week our whole school Harvest Festival at Waltham St. Lawrence Church was a singing celebration that was enjoyed by children and parents. From "Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow" to "Let it grow" and everything else in between, every single child made me feel incredibly proud. It was also great to hear so many adults singing along to some old favourites. Parents' choir anyone?

Mr. Errington, Headteacher

Before next Friday

Important actions to take this week

- ☐ **Phonics Workshop for EYFS**
Friday 2.45pm – For ALL Owls parents
- ☐ **PGL Pocket Money**
Hand in your named £15 spending money by Friday
- ☐ **Poetry Competition**
You've still got time. Why not give it a go!
- ☐ **PTA Halloween Disco – Friday 16th October**
5pm – 7pm – Get your outfits ready!

Friday 16th October

By Friday 16th October

Monday 12th October

Friday 9th Oct

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

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

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON
12th OCT Drumming and Guitar Lessons Mr. Lyons continues to teach	13th OCT Open Morning 9.45am – 11.00 am Sept 2027 Intake	14th OCT Dance Club Enjoy the fun!	15th OCT World Big Think Day Sharing our School Values	16th OCT Halloween Disco 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the School Hall	19th OCT Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Osmington Bay The adventure begins

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 – Peace and respect

Owls	Emlyn K	Ben I
Nightingales	Nicole A	William P
Robins	Millie W	Bethan U
Skylarks	Reggie D	Freddie S
Red Kites	Emily C	Csenge K-B
Kestrels	Riley W	Imogen H

ATTENDANCE

Whole school 96.5% · target 97%

Class	Attendance
Owls	100.0%
Nightingales	98.9%
Robins	92.4%
Skylarks	97.3%
Red Kites	98.3%
Kestrels	95.5%

HOUSE POINTS

House	This week	Rolling
Brunel	347	1577
Galileo	288	1320
Redgrave	280	1706
Yeats	263	1349

Brunel take the week — well done.

NEXT WEEK'S VALUE

Self-Esteem

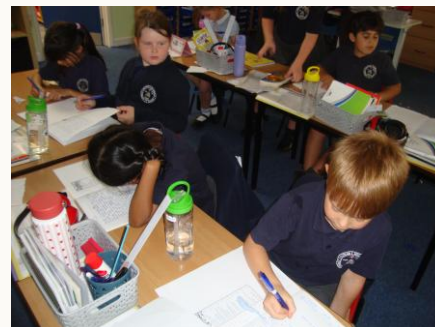
When do you feel good about yourself?

FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME

'The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease for ever to be able to do it.' — Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie, Scottish novelist (1860-1937)

Focus on..... Skylarks

Skylarks Class have been busy this week creating exciting adventure stories packed with vivid similes and powerful expanded noun phrases. The children used their imaginations to invent their own mythical characters and carefully followed the story mountain structure to develop engaging plots. From thrilling openings to dramatic cliffhanger endings, their writing has showcased their creativity, determination and growing confidence as authors. They should be incredibly proud of the fantastic results!



Focus, concentration, hard work. Well done Skylarks



Weekly notices

NEW THIS WEEK

Friday 6th November – Skylarks Fundraiser after School on the playground.
Monday 16th November - Speak Out Stay Safe Anti Bullying Week Workshops
Tuesday 17th November – Tuesday 24th November – Book Fair - Come along and purchase an early Christmas present.
Friday 20th November – Year 5 fire engine visit
Friday 4th December - Nightingales Fundraiser after School on the playground

PLEASE HELP

Donations needed

As we approach the darker winter months we are looking to “stock-up” with board games, puzzles, quizzes and card games to keep our “Woodpeckers Club” children entertained over the winter months. All complete donations welcome.

GOVERNORS INTO SCHOOL

A special assembly..

This week we will be pleased to welcome our School governors into School for a special assembly and “walk round”. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to get to know and governing board and quiz them about their different roles!

SAFETY

The end of the day...

Please can I politely remind all parents to maintain a gap between where they are standing and the children’s lines at the “pick-up” time. In addition, can I ask all children not to play the EYFS outside resources to after school.

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?

SPECIAL OFFER

Christmas Orders

We have received a generous offer from Castle Meats Butchers. When purchasing your favourite treats, if you quote code WSL 26 10% of your order price will go directly back to the PTA! Please see the leaflet in your child’s bag on Monday for more details.

CLASS NOTES

A note from each class teacher

Owls - Phonics books. Try to recognise the sounds.

Robins - Swimming kit on Tuesday.

Red Kites - Times tables 2,3, 4, 5 and 10. Keep practising!

Nightingales - Keep the cloakroom tidy.

Skylarks -Take time to shape your letters correctly - only my best presentation will do!

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/>

Around School...



Super typing and laptop work



Singing Mandarin songs in Robins



Building bricks in Owls Class



Happy learners in Skylarks



Wonderful concentration boys



Art in Red Kites



Mrs. Ablewhite in action in Red Kites



Flag work in Nightingales



PSHE Zones of Regulation in Kestrels



Super work...

Photographs are shared in line with the consents held by the office. Please don't repost other people's children.



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)

Tuesday 13th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
Friday 16th	Governors into School	09.00 – 11.00
Friday 16th	OWLS Class Phonics Workshop for Parents	14.45 – 15.00
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
	Friday 6th	Skylarks Class Fundraiser	15.10 – 15.30
	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	
	Monday 16th	NSPCC Anti-Bullying Workshops	09.00 – 12.00
	Tuesday 17th	Book Fair Arrives	09.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	14.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	19.00 – 20.00
	Friday 20th	Fire Engine – Year 5	10.30 – 11.30
	Tuesday 24th	Book Fair Leaves	09.00
	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
	Friday 4th	Nightingales Class Fundraiser	15.10 – 15.30
	Wednesday 9th	Christingle Dress Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6)	08.30
	Wednesday 9th	PTA Christmas Fair	13.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 10th	Christmas Jumper Day – Daisy's Dream	All Day
	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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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.

Always do your
best. What you
plant now, you will
harvest later.
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