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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.

In this week's packed edition.... Governors, Guests and Ghouls



All eyes this week have been focused on the events of today (which is very tricky when a Newsletter has to be written!) This morning we welcomed our Governing Board into School for a special “meet the governors” assembly and walk around. It was wonderful that the governors made time to come and I would like to thank them for their support. In particular our Chairperson, Sam Teague, Deputy Chairperson, John Kiss and Clerk Louise Lovegrove deserve a huge round of applause as, without them, I simply could not do my job.

During the assembly, I quizzed our children with questions including, *What do governors do for our School?* and *If you were a School governor for a day, what question would ask*

me as Headteacher about our School? Why not ask your child and see what their answer would be?

Friday evening will bring the much anticipated annual PTA Halloween Disco. As I write my Newsletter, the cobwebs are being hung and the sausages cooked, the fake fangs put in and the glitter applied.

I would like to thank the PTA for organizing and running what is always one of the highlights of the School Year. In particular Mrs Lomas, Mrs Martin, Mrs Bowley, Mrs Ellery, Mr Ellery and Mrs Alvarez, all of whom go over and above to ensure a great time is had by all.

Mr. Errington, Headteacher

Before next Friday

Important actions to take this week



Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thursday 2.30pm – For ALL Nightingales parents

Thursday 22nd October



Return Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Letter

Prepare for the matches on Wednesday 4th November

By Friday 23rd October



Year 5 and 6 “on the day” medicines and money for PGL

Remember to bring and pack everything that you need.

Monday 19th October



Remember INSET DAY

After Half-Term, Monday 2nd November is a Staff INSET Day

Friday 23rd October

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

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

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON
19th OCT	20th OCT	21st OCT	22nd OCT	23rd OCT	2nd OCT
Year 5 and Year 6 PGL Osmington Bay The Adventure Begins	Spanish Club ¡Mucho aprendizaje y diversión!	Dance Club Why not try something different?	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 2.30pm – 3.00pm in Swallows	End of Term 1 That was quick.....	INSET DAY School Closed! Stay in Bed!

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	Haleem K	Bendeguz K-B
Nightingales	Louie M	Aaisha A
Robins	Baneen J	Valentina C
Skylarks	Neave S	Tino M
Red Kites	Emily M	Ridley J
Kestrels	Cooper G	Sam W

ATTENDANCE

Whole school 97.6% · target 97%

Class	Attendance
Owls	100.0%
Nightingales	95.7%
Robins	95.8%
Skylarks	98.9%
Red Kites	97.2%
Kestrels	97.8%

HOUSE POINTS

House	This week	Rolling
Brunel	382	1959
Galileo	374	1694
Redgrave	379	2085
Yeats	296	1645

Brunel take the week — well done.

Questions and Thoughts

Peace

Reflections from Term 1

FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME

Have you ever used patience to solve a problem or improve a situation?

How do you feel when you are learning a new skill?

What surprising things have you learnt about yourself?

When do you feel confident or strong about yourself?

Focus on..... School Council

This week our School Council met for the first time, guided by Ms Hill and Miss Rolls. They had some wonderful discussions and it was great to hear that everyone contribute so confidently. The children were asked what they liked about Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School and what they would improve if they could. Here are just a few of their thoughts and suggestions...

Things we like about Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School.

"I like the fact that the School is full of kind people"

"I like the adventure playground"

"I like playing with my friends"

"I like to ring the bell at lunch time"

"I like the food. We have the best chef"

"I like the School because it is tidy"

Things we would improve if we could.

"I would like a slide on the adventure playground"

"I would like the dining hall to be quieter"

"I would like to have pets at School"

"I would like break time to be a bit shorter"

"I would like a gaming club"

"I would like more books in the library"

Great Suggestions. Well done School Council



Weekly notices

NEW THIS WEEK

Thursday 22nd October - 2.30pm - Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thursday 5th November – 2.30pm – Key Stage 1 Maths Workshop

Tuesday 17th November – 2.30pm - PGL Assembly – Come along hear some super songs and tremendous tales.

Tuesday 8th / Thursday 10th December - 2.00pm – Robins and Nightingales Christmas Nativity

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.

ADMISSIONS

Open Mornings

9.45–11.00am on 10th November, 1st December and 12th January 2027.

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

OFSTED

New Framework

Please find attached a letter from achieving for children regarding the new OFSTED framework. I am running OFSTED workshops on Thursday 19th November or click the link below to find out more

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g&t=4s>

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?

SAFE, SECURE AND SETTLED

Signing Up...

Can I remind all parents to sign up for clubs, lunches, Woodpeckers and the School Bus at the correct time. We are spending an increasing amount of time reassuring worried children or phoning parents to confirm arrangements. Thank you for your support.

MARVELLOUS MEAT OFFER

From your local butcher

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!

CLASS NOTES

A note from each class teacher

Owls – Practice Red Words – no, go, I, a.

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

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.

Copas Turkeys



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

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...



Mirror and movement



Jumping for Joy



Amazing art



Concentration in Robins



A Headteacher award for fantastic Topic



Brilliant Badminton



Teamwork in Red Kites



Wonderful work



Playing in Owls



Time for a rest....

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)

Mon 19th – Fri 23rd	Year 5 / Year 6 Residential Trip	
Thursday 22nd	Year 1 phonics workshop	14.30--15.00
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
	Thursday 5th	Key Stage 1 Maths workshop	14.30—15.00
	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
	Tuesday 17th	Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Assembly for parents	14.30—15.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	14.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents (Online)	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
	Tuesday 8th	Nightingales and Robins Nativity Performance	14.00—15.00
	Wednesday 9th	Christingle Dress Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6)	08.30
	Wednesday 9th	PTA Christmas Fair	13.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 10th	Nightingales and Robins Nativity Performance	14.00—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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Miss Chelsea Painter

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Mr John Kiss

Safeguarding Governor · Vice Chair

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.

