



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure visiting all classes, seeing children continuing to demonstrate positive attitudes towards learning and engaging with a wide variety of carefully planned learning activities. Our Year 6 children are working very hard preparing for their SATs, taking place in the week beginning 8th May 2023. Year 2 children are also working hard to have a final push to focus on their spelling. Please read the letter sent home today for details. Children in Owls Class have settled really well, becoming more independent. I am very impressed with how some of our youngest children can apply their phonics skills to read with confidence! Please continue to support your children by **reading daily at home, practising their spelling, learning number bonds and times tables** and **ensuring your children are completing their set homework to a high standard**. Your support at home will really make a huge difference! Working in partnership with School Staff, your children will achieve their potential.

At WSL, every child is reader. Children learn to read and read for pleasure! As such we ensure we have the right provision and have established a strong school culture which supports and encourages reading for pleasure. Mrs Clark, TA based in KS1, is also responsible for our **School Library**. Over the last few weeks, she has worked hard to make sure all the new books are catalogued using our existing classification system. We will now organise a more formal weekly library session for the children to attend on a rota basis. During the session, children in small groups will be taught how to find and use resources in our Library, use the research process, appreciate literature and develop important library skills. This week some children have had a session with Mrs Clark learning how to independently borrow and return books using Librasoft Librarian.



What have we been learning in school?

This term, Year 1 children in **Nightingales Class** have been learning about **Plants** as part of their **Science** topic. They have been making observations on different types of flowers, seeds and bulbs. The children have compared and found out similarities and differences. As part of the follow up activities, they planted some seeds, following specific instructions. They will now be ready to observe, monitor and record the growth of their own plant.



As part of the Multiplication and Division Unit in **Maths**, the Year 1 children have been learning about **arrays**. An array in Maths is an arrangement of objects, numbers or pictures in columns or rows. They have been doing a lot of practical activities and using a variety of equipment/materials e.g. sticks, stones, counters etc as visual aids to help them understand the concept of sharing and grouping. They have learned to use appropriate mathematical language such as rows and columns to describe arrays. Please support your child at home by helping them to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and describing 'How many groups of 2, 5 or 10? and How many in each group? or How many rows or columns? How many in each row or column? You can use a tray of eggs for example, to help consolidate your child's understanding.

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”



Core Value - Community During the next two weeks we will be focusing on the value of **Kindness to Animals**. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'How do you show kindness to animals? How might you support the welfare of animals? You may want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote *'The question is not, 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?' but 'Can they suffer?'* — Jeremy Bentham, English philosopher (1748-1832) What might he mean?

Reminder – The EYFS Writing Expectation Workshop will take place on **Wednesday 3rd May and Friday 5th May** (repeat) at **2.30pm in Owls classroom**. Thank you to parents in Owls Class who have already booked the session, if you have not done so yet, please can you let the Office know which day you would like to attend. Thank you.

Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed. We will see everyone back safely on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Li-Juan Ellerton
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	Lily Prickett	Olivia Moore
Nightingales	Oscar Priddy	Rupert Marshall-Pullin
Robins	Dorothy Meyer	James Scrimshaw
Skylarks	Charlotte Lacey	Oscar Butler-Cook
Red Kites	Ardan Murray	Caitlin Chang
Kestrels	Esther Buekers	Hardaya Thiara

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	327	500
Galileo (Green)	289	435
Redgrave (Red)	320	493
Yeats (Yellow)	334	530

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! Every day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance: 24-04-23 to 28-04-23

Owls 97.0% Skylarks 95.8%
Nightingales 94.0% **Red Kites** 87.9%
Robins 94.0% **Kestrels** 87.0%
Whole School 92.6%



Thank you...

THANK YOU! to all your heart warming messages following our Outstanding Ofsted Report. Thank you to PTA and parents who brought in cards and treats to staff. We are very touched by your generosity and kindness.

Termly Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview for each Year group gives you a broad overview of what your child will be learning in Term 5 and 6 and how you might support in their learning. The Overviews can be accessed via the link here <http://wslprimary.com/curriculum/> If you need any clarification, please see your child's Class Teacher.

Expectation for Morning Drop-Off

As we enter the final terms of this academic year, **we would expect ALL of the children from Reception to Year 6 to come to school independently**. Please say good bye to your child at the entrance gate or use Stop and Drop Zone and let your child/ren walk into the school by themselves. This will encourage children to **develop self-help skills and independence** and settle in quickly to the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

EYFS Writing Expectations Workshop

This Workshop will be run twice on **Wednesday 3rd May and Friday 5th May** (repeat) at **2.30pm in Owls classroom**. It will be an interactive session with Miss Painter and Mrs Whyte demonstrating how to develop children's handwriting, sentence writing and writing for a purpose. Please let the office know which day you can attend.

Residential Trip Final Arrangement Information Meeting

This final PGL Residential Trip Information Meeting will take place on **Thursday 11th May after school from 3.10pm to 4.00pm in Kestrels Class**. This session is for all parents and children who are going on this year's PGL residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset. This will provide a chance for you to ask any questions you may have.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates 2023

The dates for this year's Year 6 SATs Exams have changed due to the additional Bank Holiday in honour of the coronation of King Charles III. **New KS2 SATs dates are Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May 2023**. If your child is in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school that week.

Primary Assessments Dates

KS1 Year 2 SATs will take place throughout **May 2023**
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in **w/c 12th June 2023**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will start in **w/c 6th June 2023**.

It is vital that the children are in school during these very important periods.

WSL Coronation Parade and Party

We will be planning some activities in school to celebrate this historic moment and will also be part of the Parish organised Coronation Party, which will take place on Sunday 7th May, 12.00-4.00pm. You can book tickets via the website (and see info) for the Coronation event <https://www.wslsrevents.com>

Bag2School Collection

Please go through wardrobes and hold on to any **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** etc. as these can be brought into school **at 9.00am on Friday 19th May 2023**. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We thank you for your generous support.

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5

May Holiday Grow a Pound Challenge (3 Week Window)
Saturday 20th May, 2.00-4.00pm - Family Colour Run in School Playing Field, tickets are available now on www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/

Friday 30th June 2023 - Sports Day Family Picnic - (not a fundraiser)

Sunday 7th May 2023 - WSL Village Coronation

Saturday 17th June 2023 - WSL Village Festival, tickets are available now on www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

Maidenhead Archers 'Having a Go Day'

Fancy trying Archery, then come along to Maidenhead Archers "Have a go" on Sunday 30th April 2023 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. No booking needed. This event will take place at Braywick Sports Ground SL6 1BN.

All ages welcome. £5.00 per person / £15.00 per Family per session.

Cash only please. Refreshments Available.

Please refer to the leaflet sent home this week for more details.

For more information visit www.maidenheadarchers.com

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

British Values: Democracy Rule of Law Respect Tolerance Individual Liberty

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Head Teacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Head Teacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mr David Hooper (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 5 (29 days)

May	Mon 1 st	May Day Bank Holiday – School is closed	
	Thurs 4 th	3 Year 4 Pupils attending Mathematical Competition at Cookham Dean	4.00-5.30pm
	Sun 7 th	Coronation Party in Neville Hall and The Pond	12.00-4.00pm
	Mon 8 th	Additional Bank Holiday in Honour of the Coronation of King Charles III	
	9 th -12 th	KS2 SATs Week	
	Wed 17 th	Coronation of King Charles III Performance for all children	9.00am-3.00pm
	Thurs 18 th	Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition at WSL (Host)	4.00-5.30pm
	Fri 19 th	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
	Fri 19 th	WSL Talent Show in School for children only	1.15pm
	Sat 20 th	PTA Colour Run in School Playing Field	2.00-4.00pm
	22 nd - 26 th	Year 5 & 6 PGL Osmington Bay Residential Trip	
	Fri 26 th	End of Pupil Term	

May Holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Term 6 (35 days)

June	Mon 5 th	Staff Inset Day		
	Tues 6 th	Start of Pupil Term		
	Mon 12 th	Class Group and Whole School Photography	9.00am	
	Tues 13 th	Peter Pan Drama Performance Workshop for EYFS and KS1	10.30-12.00pm	
	12 th – 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check		
	Sat 17 th	Village Summer Festival	4.00-11.00pm	
	Wed 14 th	Nightingales Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day	
	Fri 16 th	Robins Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day	
	Thurs 29 th	Whole School Trip to Hampton Court Palace	All day	
	Fri 30 th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic		
	July	Fri 7 th	Annual Report to parents	
		Fri 7 th	PTA Camp Out	5.00pm
		Mon 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Dress Rehearsal	1.15pm
		w/c 11 th	Transition Week	
		Tues 11 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	1.15pm
		Wed 12 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
		Thurs 13 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
		Mon 17 th	Open Evening for parents to view children's work – detail to follow	3.00-5.00pm
		w/c Mon 17 th	Culture Diversity Week – details to follow	
Fri 21 st	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm		

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change.

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

All dates to the end of the year can also be found on the school website www.wslprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:

Teachers Strike Day Letter to all

Year 2 Term 5 Homework Expectation Letter to Robins

EYFS Writing Expectations Workshop Reminder to Owls

Maidenhead Archery 'Have a Go' Leaflet to all

St Joseph's College, Reading - Year Five Open Days leaflet to Year 5

School Lunch Menu Swap Information to all