



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, and most importantly, I want to start this newsletter with a special WELL DONE to our fabulous Year 2 children who completed their SATs this week. They have all tried their absolute best and gave their all to these tests! These tests will support the Teacher's Assessment of their end of Key Stage 1 outcomes. Well done to all Year 2 children and thank you to Mrs Wiseman and everyone who have encouraged and supported the children throughout this testing and assessment month.

Year 5 and 6 children have gone on their **Residential Trip** this week and are having a great time at **Osmington Bay**. All instructors were impressed with children's excellent behaviour, they are respectful, polite, well-mannered, showing resilience and courage. They have made us all very proud. I hope you have been kept up to date with the daily update and enjoyed those lovely images and a short video on the School Website. We are all looking forward to welcoming them back safely and listening to fun filled stories from everyone when they return! They should be back to school at around 4.00pm this afternoon. We will keep you informed if there is any delay. **Please can you keep the parking space in front of the school free for the coach to park on arrival.** Thank you.



What a week we had last week, including **WSL's Got Talent Show** and the fun-filled **FAMILY COLOUR RUN** event on Saturday, please read on and enjoy the photos from these events.

WSL's Got Talent

We were delighted to have had the opportunity to witness and celebrate the incredible talents of our children at **WSL's Got Talent** last Friday. The selected 3 best acts from each class amazed the audience with their diverse skills, ranging from singing, dancing, joke/storytelling, magic tricks to ball skills, gymnastics, skipping and much more. It was truly a testament to the creativity, dedication and hard work of our young stars. Their confidence and passion were evident in every note, every move and every moment they shared with us. I would extend my gratitude to our dedicated team of teachers and TAs for their effort, support and guidance which have been invaluable in making this Talent Show a resounding success. Thank you to parents for your support and encouragement of your children. Once again, congratulations to all the participants for showcasing their skills and their outstanding performances in various categories and our fabulous audience. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and development of our talented children at WSL.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”



Family COLOUR RUN

It was such great fun with everyone pelted with powdered paint as they made their way around the course, creating the most colourful spectacle!

We would like to give a huge vote of thanks to Philippa Pitt who worked tirelessly organising this event supported and helped by the school and our hardworking PTA. Thank you to everyone who have given their time and effort in so many ways helping on the day, in the days leading up to it. Thank you for coming to support us on Saturday. Together we have raised about £500. (The exact amount will be confirmed). Special thanks go to:

- Susie Gray-Jones, Caroline Cusack, Sarah Turnball and Emma Priddy for getting involved with the planning.
- Vicky Egar for obstacles and bubble machines
- Rich Wilder for being our awesome warmup guru and master of fun!
- Alvarez Lighting for sound system and electrical setup
- Wonderful teachers and parents for helping the PTA run the event on the day.



What have we been learning in school?

Whilst Year 5 and 6 have gone on their residential trip, children in Year 3 and 4 have been working on a cross-curricular topic of **Time**, integrated with various subjects. In Maths, children learned to read and compare analogue and digital clocks, applying their skills to solve problems related to time. In English, children watched a short film 'Piano' as stimulus to show emotions behind his memories. The children then created a Memory Cube with five of their favourite memories. They wrote their memories using descriptive language to show their emotions. In Art, the children looked at Salvadore Dali's The Persistence of

Memory and were inspired to create their own version using clocks as symbols to reveal their memories and dreams etc. You are welcome to see the children's finished artwork which will be displayed in their class.



Here is Alexandra's My Memories based on her Memory Cube with five of her favourite memories. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

My Memories

My First Day at Nursery

I look beside me, scared and worried. What will it be like, all dark and dull or overly messy? Him so tiny, only a day old, just crying and whining to me, what I think is him saying bye to me. Will he miss me? I was excited and worried, oh what will I do? Shall I see him again? Or shall I never? When I first stepped into the nursery, I didn't let go, I got pulled and pushed by my dad. It was my first day at nursery with dad dropping me off with my day old little brother here, who was with me forever and never leaving my life.

Hockey

With a bump and a whoosh, the ball was gone! Luckily, my dad caught it before it smashed the window. "You are a professional already," he told me. My dad encouraged me, he taught me to dribble, he taught me to spin. I was only one, my life had only just begun. A few years later, I was being who my life wanted to be. I could do a backwards spin, then go into the vastly quick Indian dribble. He had taught me well. I went to a friendly hockey club. They taught me to do keepy-uppies and all that sort of fun things.

My First Day at School

Wow! How big I think am! I'm actually going to learn here. This is so exiting! Who will I meet? Who will I see? Who will I be when I come out? Will I be so smart and clever or will I come out as dumb as the word dumb? I went in scared, said a brave bye to my parents. Who is this person? She's nice and caring, so that will do. So that is me on my first day at school. Me writing to you now wouldn't be happening if that didn't happen.

The First Time I am on an Airplane

I was so excited, but also scared. He was right next to me, the Captain! Mr Captain Gleave, my dad, the best dad! Flying me to the freezing, cold Edinburgh. We went through the scary security, staring into outer space, seeing if you're safe, to keep your friends safe too. Five. Four. Three. Two. One. Zero! We are off into the bright blue sky with white fluffy clouds waving at you and telling you stories on your way to your perfectly brilliant holiday.

Once I got there, I was so happy and so relieved because I was so scared on the plane, I could pass out. On the way back, I felt so scared again, even more this time. I lost my brother's favourite toy in the ladies' toilet by the loud and misty hand dryer. We had got on the plane and just at that moment, we remembered my brother's toy, he was in tears! The coolest dad wasn't here because he had to fly to another country. He was so sad because it was the last thing his mum gave to my brother before she died. But the good thing is, a few months later, we got him back, the brilliant blue rabbit of my brother's dreams!

My First Goal in Football

Boom! The ball went flying as it shot into the goal! I've scored my first goal in most of my friends favourite sport, FOOTBALL! Everyone was saying, "Well done!" as I passed the goalkeeper rapidly. I've done it! I've scored!

By Alexandra Gleave

Reminder

GROW A POUND CHALLENGE

This entrepreneur fund raising event will be ending on Tuesday 6th June. Please try to get creative and see what they can raise!

Another term has come and gone - What a fabulous term we have had full of successes and achievements! Thank you all for your help and support in every way.

We break up from School today and look forward to welcoming you back for the final Term 6 of this academic year on **Tuesday 6th June 2023**. Please remember that **Monday 5th June is INSET Day and the school is closed**.

We wish you all an enjoyable May Holiday!

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

Star Pupils for Term 5

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating our School Values, Growth Mindset and going above and beyond with their learning throughout Term 5. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS: Ridley Jahanshahi

Year 1: Oscar Priddy

Year 2: Lowry Jahanshahi

Year 3: Toby Hassell

Year 4: Catlin Chang

Year 5: Jenson Edwards

Year 6: Lucie Teague



House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	187	1408
Galileo (Green)	162	1272
Redgrave (Red)	172	1308
Yeats (Yellow)	165	1547

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 22-05-23 to 26-05-23

Owls 97.0%

Skylarks 95.0%

Nightingales 98.2%

Red Kites 93.8%

Robins 99.5%

Kestrels 100%

Whole School 97.0%



School Photographs



The photographer will be in school on **Monday 12th June** to take the **Whole School and Class Group photographs**.

Please make sure your children look smart in their School uniforms.

Primary Assessment Dates

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week **w/c 12th June 2023**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will take place between **Monday 19th June and 30th June 2023**. It is vital that the children are in school during this very important period.

Childhood Anxiety Workshop for Parents

This workshop will be led by Mrs Tarn, taking place on **Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm in the School Hall**. Strategies for helping your child/ren manage their worry and anxiety will be shared. Please confirm your attendance via emails to the School Office by Monday 12th June for seating / refreshments purposes. Thank you.

Tombola Collection

The PTA will be collecting for the tombola at Stop and Drop on **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June 2023** and would welcome donations of bottles, new/good condition pre-loved toys or any other prizes.

If you would like to get involved and help with the event then please get in touch (07484 766059).

Tickets available on www.wslsrevents.com

Chinese Fan Dance Performance

Children in After School Chinese Club have been learning a Fan Dance over the last 4 weeks. We would like to invite parents of children in the club to come to watch children perform on **Thursday 8th June at 3.45pm**, just before the collection time. We hope you can make it as children can't wait to show their new dance.

Phoenix RFC Fireflies – Youth Rugby

Phoenix are a community rugby club based in Taplow. On Sundays we operate a safe, fun environment where school aged children can come along, take part and learn the skills and values associated with rugby. **Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm, Discipline and Sportsmanship**. We are now in our run down to the end of the season where all age groups are working on their core skills with varied and interesting training (including game play) **every Sunday at the Sports Ground on Institute Road, Taplow (SL6 0NS)**. Now is the perfect time to come along and give it a go! **Training will continue until 16th July 2023 and resume again in September 2023**.

From Under 5 (Reception) to Under 8 (Year 3) rugby is tag rugby only and from Under 9 (Year 4) contact is introduced slowly and safely (and relevant to the current ground conditions). Training starts at 10.30am and all children need is sportswear, trainers (or boots if wet) and a water bottle. Training finishes with refreshments for the children (for a small donation) and a licensed bar for the adults.

We have the lowest annual subscriptions of any rugby (and possibly sports) club in the area and any new children coming down before the end of this school year, are welcome to join us for free! Subscriptions will be required in September 2023. We are confident your children will thrive at our club, becoming fitter and stronger both physically and mentally. We would love you to give it a try once. Please come along to a Sunday session at 10.30am or if you want more information please contact Dave Harris (Youth Chairman) on 07976 314 260 or email4daveharris@gmail.com.

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 6

Friday 30th June 2023 - **Sports Day Family Picnic** with the wonderful Dali the Balloon Man!

Saturday 17th June 2023 - **WSL Village Summer Festival**, 4.00-11.00pm. Tickets are available now on www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 7th July 2023 **Class of 2023 Camp Out**

WSL Cricket Club's Annual Outdoor Gig

The Gig is back at Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club on Friday 15th July 2023. 'Addicted to 80's' are playing together with support from Elaine Given

Haweli are also booked, together with the house BBQ etc.

- Purchase tickets online www.wslsrevents.com (scroll to the bottom) OR
- send payment directly to the club a/c: Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club; A/C: 47827920; Sort Code: 600453

Reference: your name AND no. of tickets e.g. 2A, 4C meaning 2 adults, 4 children under 16

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 22nd- 26th Year 5 & 6 PGL Osmington Bay Residential Trip
 Fri 26th 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

The Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1 (35 days)

September Mon 4th Staff Inset Day
 Tues 5th Staff Inset Day
 Wed 6th Start of Pupil Term
 October Fri 20th End of Pupil Term

October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 1 (35 days)

October Mon 30th Staff Inset Day
 Tues 31st Start of Pupil Term
 December Fri 15th End of Pupil Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December 2023 to Monday 2nd January 2024

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:

Class Visit to Waltham Place Letter to Nightingales and Robins Class

PGL Updates to Year 5 and 6

2023 Gig Leaflet to all

PE Kit Reminder to Nightingales