



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful week we have had at WSL this week!

On Tuesday this week, children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed **Peter Pan Drama Performance**. The children had a wonderful time exploring and performing this well-known fairy story. They flew off to Neverland on an adventure with Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys and Captain Hook. The teacher from Perform for Schools used drama, dance and singing to help children develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. The children all enjoyed the energetic and imaginative sessions.



On Wednesday, the children in Nightingales had a fantastic learning experience at **Waltham Place Farm**. Children have learned to observe and to question what they saw and acquired a lot of knowledge and facts about farm animals, natural cycle and sustainability. Here are some photos and children's comments.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

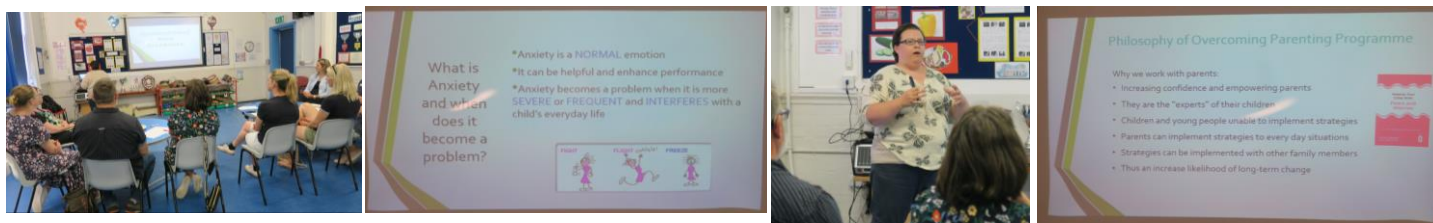
I learned that plants need water, sun, food and heat. – Alice
I learned that Pigs have 14 teats on their bellies. – Riley
My favourite part was meeting the chickens and the pigs. – Sam
My favourite part was seeing a Bull. – Forrest
I enjoyed playing the game where we found colourful things – Oscar

I learnt how the cows escaped. – Bailey
I learned that baby pigs are the size of your hand. – Eshal
I liked making the fairy house. – Rupert
My favourite part was feeding apples to the pigs! – Charlie/Wilfred

Childhood Anxiety Workshop for Parents on Wednesday evening of 14th June, led by Juanita Tarn, Senior Mental Health Practitioner, went really well. Juanita shared a range of strategies and techniques for helping your child/ren manage their worry and anxiety. Here are just a couple of techniques:

- She emphasised the importance of **validating children’s feelings**. Let your child/ren know that their feelings are valid and that it's okay to be anxious. Assure them that you understand their emotions and that you are there to support them.
- She also suggested that parents **help their children learn and practise relaxation techniques** like deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, or visualization. These techniques can help them manage their anxiety in stressful situations.
- Juanita also encouraged parents to **teach your child problem-solving skills** to tackle their anxiety-provoking situations. Help them break down challenges into smaller, manageable steps, and celebrate their successes along the way.

I would like to thank Juanita Tarn for giving up her time to deliver this very useful session, sharing her expertise and knowledge. Thank you to parents who attended the session. I hope you have gained valuable insights into recognising the signs of anxiety, communicating with your children about their worries, fears and implementing strategies to help them cope and thrive. Parental involvement and support are crucial in helping children navigate and overcome anxiety. Together we can create a supportive and nurturing environment for the well-being of our children. If you have any questions, please just let us know.



What have we been learning in school?

In **Maths** this week, children in **Robins Class** were using the Bee-Bots to review the work they have been doing on Position and Direction. Using directional language, they had to work in pairs to create a route from where the Bee-Bot was, to a given destination. It was then programmed to follow their directions and, as you can see from some of their faces, it was quite exciting every time it stopped, to see whether their next instruction was going to be correct. It was great fun!



Core Value - Community. We will be focusing on the related value of **Conservation: Clean Air** during the next two weeks. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about ‘What actions would YOU take to help improve the quality of the air around you?’ If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our climate.

Perhaps you can ask your child/ren to think of a few small things that they can do at home that might help to clean our air. You may also want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote **“There is no such thing as away. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere.”** – Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Green Peace USA (1964 -) What might he mean?

Reminder

- ✚ **WSL & SR SUMMER FESTIVAL** will be taking place on **Saturday 17th June 2023, 4.00-11.00pm**, at Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club. There will be traditional stalls and games, a dog show, Katy Kartwheel, Ray Bubbles, raffle, tea and cakes, bar, BBQ, Indian Street food, live music and dancing! Profits raised will be split between the Cricket Club, Church and School, so we hope to raise as much as possible for our local community. Tickets are available on the gate.
- ✚ Parents in Year 5 and 6 are warmly invited to the **PGL Assembly** which will take place on **Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 2.15pm in the School Hall**. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have an enjoyable 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	Maisie Ball	Keenan Kalomar
Nightingales	All children for impeccable behaviour on trip to Waltham Place Farm	
Robins	Beatrice Kennedy	Lawrence Gleave
Skylarks	Isabella Ogilvie-Smals	
Red Kites	Leo Howard	Robyn Wynn
Kestrels	Maxwell Kennedy	Mihela Leelasena

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	197	1809
Galileo (Green)	178	1640
Redgrave (Red)	211	1709
Yeats (Yellow)	191	1934

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 12-06-23 to 16-06-23

Owls	96.4%	Skylarks	95.0%
Nightingales	98.8%	Red Kites	99.1%
Robins	97.3%	Kestrels	97.8%
Whole School	97.3%		



Habit of the Month

In **June** children will be focusing on **being positive, thinking positively, using positive language and having positive relationships**. These are all part of daily routines, please help and encourage your children to think, say positive things and form these good habits. Thank you.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

There are five types of actions you can do to make yourself and other people happy:

- ✚ **Connect** – with other people
- ✚ **Move** – be physically active
- ✚ **Explore** – be curious about the world
- ✚ **Learn** – try something new
- ✚ **Give** – say or do something nice for someone else.

Photograph QR Codes



Following the photo shoot on Monday, this week children were given a Photograph QR Code each to take home for you to register online. You will then receive an email confirming your registration and a further email once photos are ready with instructions on how you can view all the photos taken. If you have any questions, please contact customer support on 01255 242200 or support@sbsdigital.co.uk

Open Morning for Year 5

Furze Platt Senior School will have an Open Morning for Year 5 pupils on Monday 26th June 2023. More details will follow next week.

Year 5 & 6 PGL Assembly

PGL Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 2.15pm in the School Hall**. Children in Year 5 and 6 will be sharing their experience at Osmington Bay. We hope parents are able to attend this event.

Whole School Trip Payment

Thank you for the payment received so far for the Whole School trip to **Hampton Court Palace on Thursday 29th June**. Please pay via sQuid **by Friday 23rd June 2023**. If you have any problems with the system, please contact the School Office via email. **If the costs are not met, the trip may have to be cancelled**. Thank you.

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Sports Day will be taking place on **Friday 30th June 2023**. All parents are invited to attend this annual event. We will have a fun packed day. At lunch time there will be a **Family Picnic**. Please bring your own picnic. Children will be served with school packed lunch as per order. The PTA have organised for Dali, The Balloon Man with friends to entertain families after Sports Day. Light refreshments will be available. Please can all children come to school in their PE kits on the day. Please look out for a letter with more details for the day.

Sun Protection

With the good weather hopefully set for the next few weeks, it is important that our children come prepared throughout Term 6. Please can we ask that the children come to school prepared for the weather including:

- ✚ Wearing sun cream each day.
- ✚ Ensuring your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle, clearly labelled.
- ✚ Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat they can wear when they are outside. Please make sure hats are clearly labelled with their names.

Grow £1 Entrepreneurs Challenge!



We are very impressed with this PTA Entrepreneurs Challenge! Children have come up with some amazing ideas to turn £1 into a huge profit over the last three weeks. The PTA committee will be busy counting the money raised so far and will judge winners for having the most innovative ideas across the school and winners per class for having made the most profit. The winners will receive a prize. Winners will be announced at the Whole School Assembly next Friday 23rd June 2023. A huge Thank You to all the families for your incredible support!

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

Nightingales Class Fundraiser

Nightingales Class will take place on **Friday 23rd June**, after school. Please remember to bring in some cash. Thank you for your support!

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 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	All day
	Fri 16 th	Robins Class Trip to Waltham Place	All day
	Wed 21 st	Year 5 and 6 PGL Assembly for parents	2.15pm
	Thurs 29 th	Whole School Trip to Hampton Court Palace	All day
July	Fri 30 th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic	
	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 4 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 5 th	Staff Inset Day
	Wed 6 th	Start of Pupil Term
October	Fri 20 th	End of Pupil Term

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

Term 2 1 (35 days)

October	Mon 30 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 31 st	Start of Pupil Term
December	Fri 15 th	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 Farm Arrangements Information to Year 1 and 2

Waltham Place Class Visit Payment Reminder to Parents

PGL Photo Access information to Year 5/6

PTA Grow a Pound Reminder to all

FUEL Summer Programme to FSM families

Drama for All Leaflets to all

Adventure Play at Blenheim Palace Leaflet to all