



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful and successful week we have had at WSL!

The **Transition Week** went brilliantly well. We welcomed the new EYFS children in to Owls Class to meet their Class Teachers and support staff. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their New Class Teachers, Teaching Assistants and their friends in their new classrooms for the 2023-24 Academic Year. Children have done a variety of fun learning activities, focusing on relationships and team building, discussing School Values and Growth Mindset and sharing what new routines would look like in September 2023. These designated transition days are really important and do help children move smoothly to their new year within the school or beyond. Here are some of the photos to show the kind of activities the children have enjoyed doing during the Transition Week.



We also held an **Information Meeting** for new parents. Parents met the new Class Teachers, Miss Painter and Mrs Whyte. We shared our School Vision and ideas how we can all work together to help prepare children ready for September. We thank Mrs Edwards, Chair of the Governing Board who explained the strategic roles governors play and I also highlighted the purpose of the PTA and the amazing funds they raise to support the school and help enrich our children's education. A big thank you to Kerri Alvarez who organised a School Uniform Sale for the new parents.

The highlight of the week has to be the KS2 End of the Year Production – **Olivia**. All the children of Years 3-6 staged a magnificent production of Malcolm Sircom's Victorian musical Olivia based on the timeless classic 'Oliver'! Three performances of this uplifting story wowed the audience of parents, friends and relatives this week. Year 6 performed the major roles brilliantly, impressing with their comic timing. It was witty and performances had a real sense of energy and humour that brought wide smiles to the faces of all in attendance. The children gave fantastic vocal and sang their hearts out to songs such as 'Orphans', 'Olivia' and 'Good Times' etc. the soloists were superb. They all performed their parts so well, danced and acted so beautifully. We are all immensely proud of the children for their efforts and success. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, energy, joy and growth in confidence whilst working on the play. I would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all our KS2 staff, in particular, Mr Errington, Mrs Cabbage, Mrs Ablewhite, Mrs Macaulay-Brown and our wonderful TAs, and a huge 'WELL DONE' to all the children for their amazing performance. Thank you to everyone who made this such an amazing and memorable production! You are all welcome to view the photos which will be displayed in school.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”





**Village Festival** took place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June this year. We would like to say a Huge thank you to Alex Mason, Jess Tilley and Keri Alvarez who represented the school on the Village Festival Committee and did a HUGE amount of work planning the event. Thank you also to all parents and children who supported by coming along and donating to the raffle and tombola. The festival was a great success and raised around **£4,000** for the school!!! Incredible!

The last PTA event of this academic year - **The Class of '23 Campout** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday July 2023 was a great success with over 160 people in attendance! What an amazing Campout! Thank you everyone for making the evening possible. A massive thank you to our PTA under the leadership of Mrs Pitt, in particular, Keri Alvarez for planning the whole event and to the PTA members, many other parents and families who supported in the planning and preparation, the setting up and then manning bars, serving food and tidying up afterwards. Our Special Thanks go to:

- Saint Avian who treated everyone to their gorgeous sounds as the sun set and the fire pits were lit.
- Vicky Edgar and Little Muddy Me for loaning us fire pits, hay bales, garden games and den building kits.
- Main Unit UK for loaning posh porta-loos! Alvo Lights Ltd for setting up all of the electrics on the field.
- The Teapot Café in Maidenhead for donating our delicious breakfast.
- Fernygrove Farm for a great price on beef for the Chilli.
- Stardust Brewery for delivering our beer free of charge and loaning the chiller.
- Nicole Jahanshahi, Ed and Susie Gray-Jones and Cassie Bingle for loaning lights and festival flags.
- Mr. Errington for his VERY entertaining stories around the campfire.
- Rich Wilder for being the Tug of War Master.
- And all of the wonderful helpers and teachers who got involved throughout the event. THANK YOU!



**The PTA** events not only raise much-needed funds for the school but also bring the school community together! We are lucky to have such a great community. THANK YOU!!!



Last Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Charles Mason, Vicar and our School Governor led his last assembly in school as he has now retired. At the assembly we said farewell to Revd Mason and thanked him for his great support over the last 6 years. He has led assemblies based on our School Values, Church Services at Harvest and Christmas and supported the school wonderfully in his role as Governor. Mrs Edwards, Chair, on behalf of the Governing Board, children and staff presented 'Thank You' cards and leaving presents to show our appreciation for all that he has done and we would all like to wish him a very happy retirement.



Next week is our Last whole school event – **Culture Diversity Week**. We are grateful to have many parents volunteering to come to school to share their culture, language and food with the children. We are all looking forward to it. We are in the process of finalising the timetable and will contact you as soon as we can. Thank you for your support.

Here are some key dates for your diary:

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Party in the Neville Hall	4.00pm-7.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Culture Diversity Week – please refer to the letter sent home for details	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for Parents – viewing children's work/ learning	3.00ppm-5.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>End of Term 6 – School finishes</b>	<b>1.10pm</b>

**Advance Notice**

We are already starting to plan ahead for the new academic year 2023-24. Having reviewed what has gone well and what needs improvement, we request that children in all year groups from EYFS to Year 6 **DO NOT** bring their own pencil cases to school. We will provide the right kind of stationery for children to use in class. This will cause less distraction for them and allow enough desk space for them to work and learn. We thank you for your support in this matter.

**Meet Your Child's New Teacher Meetings for Parents** will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. We will run the meetings twice to enable parents with children in different year groups to attend at **3.20 – 4.00pm and repeated at 4.05-4.45pm**. These meetings will set out the expectations for the year ahead and provide you with important information about what your child will be learning etc. and also for you to meet your child's Class Teacher and see their new learning environment. You may of course ask any questions. There will be a creche organised for the children in school during the meetings.

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	William Johnson	Oliver Barry
Nightingales	Eshal Jadoon	Sienna Oldacre-Digby
Robins	William Dziedzic	James Scrimshaw
Skylarks	For all KS2 children for their hard work, resilience and determination in making the end of the year production 'Olivia' a great success. Congratulations to all children!	
Red Kites		
Kestrels		

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	192	2512
Galileo (Green)	164	2285
Redgrave (Red)	194	2485
Yeats (Yellow)	<b>213</b>	<b>2713</b>

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

## Attendance for the Week

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

**Class Attendance:** 10-07-23 to 14-07-23

Owls 92.9% Skylarks 94.2%

**Nightingales 100%** Red Kites 99.1%

Robins 97.8% Kestrels 99.5%

Whole School 97.2%



## Habit of the Month

In **July** children will continue to focus 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.

## School Report

Thank you so much for returning the signed copy of the report. Thank you for your feedback and comments. Your kind words mean so much to us.

**ALL signed reports must be returned to school ASAP** so that we have confirmation that you have indeed seen this important document. The signed report with your comments will then be kept in your Child's File. Thank you.

## After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs have finished. Clubs run by uSports will finish next week w/c 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. If you require child care after school, please use our **After School CARE Club**. You must book a slot in advance directly with Progressive Sports. Thank you.

## Contact Details Update

If you have changed your email address or phone numbers recently, please make sure that you inform the School Office ASAP, so we can make any changes we need to ensure the data we collect is accurate and up to date.

## Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns for your child or for any other pupils from the school during the Summer holiday, please email [MASH@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:MASH@achievingforchildren.org.uk). Please remind your children to keep safe when they are in or beside water during the Summer holidays and to not play near railway lines.

## Reading Books

**ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** We need to check our stock and get all books sorted and organised, ready for the new academic year. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed books. Thank you.

## WSL Cricket Club's Annual Outdoor Gig

The Gig is back at Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 'Addicted to 80's' are playing together with support from Elaine Given

**Haweli are also booked, together with the house BBQ. The bar will be serving its usual ensemble of Real beer, lager, Wine and Pimms together with soft drinks**

You can purchase tickets online [www.wslsrevents.com](http://www.wslsrevents.com)

Only pre-sold tickets will gain entrance as the club is cashless utilising contactless payments. Please refer to the Leaflet sent home for details.

## Stationery Update

As from September 2023, we request that **NO pencil cases should be brought in to school**. We will provide the right kind of stationery for ALL children to use in class. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

## Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

As part of the transition process, we will hold a Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2022. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11.10am in Skylarks Classroom.

## Girls Choir & Singing Sessions

If your daughter loves singing, come and join us for some fun singing sessions for female voices at Charvil Village Hall led by local music teacher Suzanne Newman. On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July - 2.00 to 4.00pm - Disney Movie Ballads - for 8 to 18 year olds - a mini-course working on some Disney songs with movement. Suzanne also offers a regular girls choir and runs events for adults too. For more details a please contact Suzanne on 0118 9340589 / [suzanneynewman@btinternet.com](mailto:suzanneynewman@btinternet.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 6 (35 days)

July	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Party in the Playing Field	4.30-7.00pm
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for parents to view children's work – detail to follow	3.00-5.00pm
	w/c Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Culture Diversity Week – Please refer to the letter for details	
	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am
	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

#### The Academic Year 2023-2024

##### Term 1 (35 days)

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

October Holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

##### Term 2 1 (35 days)

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

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

##### Term 3 (28 days)

January	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term
February	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term

February Holiday: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

##### Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term
March	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term:

Spring Holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

(Good Friday is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and Easter Monday is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024)

##### Term 5( 29 days)

April	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term
May	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term

May Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

##### Term 6 (39 days)

June	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term
July	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term

Summer Holiday: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 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.wsprimary.org](http://www.wsprimary.org)

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

Year 6 SATs Results and Information Letter to Year 6

'Olivia' Performance Arrangements and Reminders to KS2

Change to School Day Letter to all

Culture Diversity Week Reminder to all

School of Skills – Creative Wellbeing Summer Camp leaflets to all