



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Culture Diversity Week has been a great success. We are so grateful to have many parents who volunteered to come to school and shared their cultures, languages and food with the children. There was an amazing variety of activities on offer based on our themes for each day! An amazing 14 different languages are spoken at WSL. The children have delved into the fascinating world of languages and flags on Monday. They had the opportunity to learn basic phrases, counting and greetings in different languages such as French, Iranian, Hungarian, Urdu and Sinhala to name but a few. In their class, children also carried out research of their chosen countries represented in our school community. They explored the significance behind various national flags.



Parents / Grandparents, Mrs Williams, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Biro, Mrs Jadoon, Mrs Miller, Mr Jahanshahi, Mrs Kalomar, Mr Paesano and Mrs Perera came in to give talks to children about their culture and heritage ranging from Scottish, French, Hungarian, South African, Iranian / Persian culture to culture of Belize and Syria. Many children brought in some really interesting artefacts and shared the fascinating stories associated with them.



On Tuesday, we were so impressed as each child had made a remarkable effort to dress up in the vibrant national costumes of their choice, showcasing the beauty and richness of the diverse cultures of our school. The costumes have decorations from patterns to dazzling colours, leaving staff and children in awe. Wednesday's Food Fair was an absolute delight as children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rich diversity of world cuisine, indulging in a feast of flavours and tastes. The children were well and truly taken on a journey around the world from the comfort of their classrooms! Your involvement has undoubtedly enhanced our children's understanding of cultural diversity within our school community. Staff and children have learned more from one another and through this themed week we have indeed further enhanced a stronger sense of unity within our school community. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to come into class and all the parents who provided foods from around the world for children to taste. Our school community consists of a wide range of religions and

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belief systems which we believe make us a fun and culturally vibrant place to learn. What a feast and what a week packed with fun facts and learning! What a great way to end the term/year! THANK YOU!



I liked everything about this week. The artifacts from other countries were very cool. – Cody
I think it's been lots of fun. I really enjoyed seeing everyone's costumes. – Florentina
It was really exciting learning about a culture I didn't know about before. – Ben
It was really nice learning about Sri Lanka and Iran and learning lots of things I didn't know. - Ajooni
Everything was fascinating! – Lottie
I liked the talks and I liked looking at the artifacts everyone bought in. I've also enjoyed wearing my sari to school - Maya



I liked learning about all the different food around different countries. – Wilfred
It was really good and tasty. – Gethen
Everything was delicious! – Chester
There were all types of food to try! – William
I loved trying foods from different cultures. – Max
Everything was amazing! – Portia
Some things were quite spicy but I'm glad I tried them. – Harvey
I really liked the Pani-Pur.i – Ava
I enjoyed trying food I don't normally eat. – Sofia

I enjoyed talking about my artifacts, my lovely aboriginal canvas and also enjoyed the different clothing and the different religious belief of everybody else. – Ethan
I liked sharing my great grampie's Welsh Lamp. – Scarlett
I enjoyed learning about Sri Lanka and Iran because we got to look at artifacts which were covered with the most beautiful Jewels. I found out that Iran was famous for carpets, and I found out that Sri Lanka has the most beautiful beaches. I loved hearing about this building that wobbled when you went to the top of it, but then a man took some bricks out of it and it stopped wobbling. – Alexandra
I liked learning about different flags and their meaning. – Oscar p

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Yesterday morning we welcomed to school parents of children in Year 6 to attend our **Annual Graduation Ceremony** so that they could also share in our celebrations with their children. During the ceremony, Year 6 children shared their memorable moments at WSL, and their individual aspirations for future careers and how they all look forward to the journey that they are all about to embark upon as they move into their new secondary schools in September. We have all enjoyed this wonderful ceremony and proud of every single one of our incredible learners. Well done and a massive THANK YOU to our Year 6 children for their remarkable achievements and wonderful memories! Graduation Certificates and gifts were presented to every child at the end. Thank you, parents, for your support and entrusting us with your children's education. We wish them all the best and good luck!



Unbelievably, this school year has flown by. What a year! As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you, parents for being an integral part of our school community. Your help and support throughout the year in every way are much appreciated. The children have worked really hard and each one of them has made progress across the curriculum! None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Support Staff and your immense support and partnership. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful staff team for their relentless work. I am incredibly grateful to each of them for their hard work and extensive contributions towards making WSL such a brilliant school. WSL is a fantastic place to be and I feel incredibly privileged to be Headteacher of this wonderful school, being rated by OFSTED as 'Outstanding' once again in February 2023! We are so proud of our achievements! I know the difference that our Outstanding School makes to your child's education. There have been many highlights and successes for the school. We are hugely proud of the children who are a real credit to our school and to you as parents and carers.

Once again a massive **THANK YOU** to our hard working **PTA** who have supported the school so magnificently this year, in particular, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Alvarez, Mrs Jahanshahi, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Waller, Mrs Bakshi, Mrs Priddy and many others, sorry I can't name every one here....who organised a range of fun events and contributed to many of our School Improvement Projects and purchased a variety of learning resources for the children and contributed towards the transport for Swimming and Whole School Trip as well as contributing towards the Teaching/Learning Wall in Skylarks etc.. Thank you to all the Class Representatives who also raised an amazing amount of money for each class and many parents who generously donated a variety of learning resources from Amazon Wish List! THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to everyone, parents, carers and staff for your continued support!

At the end of this term/year, today, we will be sadly saying farewell and 'Good Luck' to any pupils, particularly our Year 6 who are leaving us – We wish our children well and very happy in their new schools and they will carry on their learning journey at their secondary schools. We do hope that you keep in touch with us and let us know how you are doing. It has been great pleasure having you at WSL! We would like to thank all the parents of Year 6, some of you will be joining the ranks of ex-Waltham St Lawrence parents, (although we still hope to see you at future school events!) for your partnership and huge support over the years!

School finishes today, **Friday 21st July at 1.00pm** for the Summer Holiday. For those returning, school will be closed for staff training on Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September 2023 and **will re-open for pupils on Wednesday 6th September 2023**. Please remember: school gates will open at 8.30am and the morning register will be taken promptly at 8.40am when the bell goes and lessons will follow.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you all a relaxing, happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everybody invigorated and ready for the next Academic Year 2023-24!

Thank you all again for another successful and memorable week/year.

Have an enjoyable weekend and very happy and safe Summer Holiday!

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

Star Pupils of Term 6

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS: Oakley Taylor
Year 1: Wilfred Pitt
Year 2: Preston Marshall
Year 3: Jorgie Gray
Year 4: Tilly Maddox
Year 5: Isobel Dziedzic
Year 6: Demi Benham



Values Gems

We continue with our **Values Nominations** and encourage children to put our values into action in everything they do and say in daily life. Those children who get most nominations will be our **Values Gems**. This Term our **Values Gems are:**

Csenge Kovacs- Biro	Theo Pasesano
Oscar Priddy	Bailey Holdaway
Sienna Oldacre-Digby	
Grace O'Hara	William Dziedzic
Ajoni Thiara	Oscar Butler-Cook
Zak Hemmings	Cara McIntosh
Hardaya Thiara	Harvey Mills



Star Pupils of the Year 2022-23

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model doing above and beyond in all aspects of school life throughout the year:

EYFS: Jemima Kenndy
Year 1: Samuel Waller
Year 2: Mason Whittle-Pullin
Year 3: Darcy Edwards
Year 4: Caitlin Chang
Year 5: Leo Howard
Year 6: Cora Taylor



The Best Independent Learner of the Year 2022-23

This award is presented to children who demonstrate effective learning strategies, have good organisation skills, being reflective and have self-discipline in order to maximise potential.

EYFS: Mir Paul	Ridley Jahanshahi
Year 1: Jenson Graham	Cooper Gray
Year 2: Dorothy	Lowry Jahanshahi
Year 3: Keira Egby	Matilda Pitt
Year 4: Chloe Newman	Alexandra Gleave
Year 5: Theo Collin	Khloe Watts
Year 6: Sofia D'Orazio	Albert Dali

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	193	2605
Galileo (Green)	172	2457
Redgrave (Red)	174	2659
Yeats (Yellow)	179	2892

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 17-07-23 to 21-07-23

Owls 97.6% Skylarks 90.8%

Nightingales 95.2% Red Kites 99.1%

Robins 100%

Kestrels 98.9%

Whole School 96.7%



Robins Class won the Best Attendance of the Year – Congratulations to everyone in Robins!

Football League Update

We are so proud to share the wonderful news that Our School Football Team won 1st in RBWM Primary Football Green League. Well done, children on a successful season, you are all amazing! Thank you to Mr Errington for spending time to organise fixtures across the season.

After School Clubs for 2023-24

There will be after school clubs planned for 2023-24. Clubs run by uSports will start in w/c 11th September 2023. We will send the club letter in September. 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.

Summer Reading Challenge

RBWM Local Libraries will be running their **Summer Reading Challenge** again this year. The theme for this year is **Ready, Set, Read!** – encouraging children to experience the thrill of sports and the power of teamwork through reading, starting from July to September. Children are challenged to read books and visit the library over the summer holidays. They will collect stickers along the way and get a medal and certificate if they complete it. It is free to join the library and the challenge!

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. 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.

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 support in this matter.

Meet The Teachers Meeting for Parents

Meet Your Child's New Teacher Meetings for Parents will take place on **Wednesday 13th 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.

Year 2 Swimming Lesson

Children in Robins Class will start swimming lessons in September 2023. Please refer to the letter sent home for details.

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	Thurs 20 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am
	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	8.30am
	Thurs 14 th	Swimming Lessons start today	10.30am
	Fri 15 th	Coffee Morning for New Parents	8.40am
	Thurs 28 th	PTA Meeting at Shurlock Inn	7.30pm
	Fri 29 th	School Dinner tasting Session for Parents	2.30pm
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

Term 3 (28 days)

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

February Holiday: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 th	Start of Pupil Term	
March	Thurs 28 th	End of Pupil Term:	

Spring Holiday: Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024
(Good Friday is 29th March 2024 and Easter Monday is 1st April 2024)

Term 5 (29 days)

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

May Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Term 6 (39 days)

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

Summer Holiday: Friday 26th July 2024 – Friday 30th 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.wslprimary.org

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

Swimming Letter to Nightingales

Cultural Diversity Week Talk & Presentations Arrangements to relevant Parents

School Branded Water Bottles Letter to all

Library Cards Letter to Owls