



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic **Sports Day** we had on Friday last week! It was truly wonderful to welcome parents/carers to our school Sports Day. The weather didn't disappoint either, it was just perfect! The children were full of enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see the children enjoy themselves, compete and cheer on their houses. It was a day to showcase our children's skills and talents in sports, especially for those who may struggle with academic subjects but had the opportunity to show that they can race faster than anyone else. We have certainly observed a number of talented athletes who have done their personal best! Many thanks to all our parents, relatives and friends for making the time to attend and for supporting your children so well, I am sure you left with many special memories of the day. I would like to thank all the staff who supported and encouraged children with their races and also worked so hard and supported Mr Errington who, in his role as PE Subject Leader, organised and coordinated the event - It is a huge task and I am sure you would all agree it all ran very smoothly! A special thank you goes to Mr Errington and well done for a great team effort!

This year **Redgrave** won the Sports Day House Cup, followed by **Brunel** in the second place, **Yeats** in third place and **Galileo** in fourth place. Well done to you all, children! We were very proud of the great sportsmanship and the way the children cheered each other on. You have been amazing! Special photos from the day will be displayed in school. Do come and have a look. If you have caught some special moments on your cameras, please share with us. On this note may I remind you that the photos and videos you have taken are for your personal use only and should not be published on social media for the safety and protection of our children. Thank you.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

Thank you for joining us in our fabulous Family Picnic following the Sports Day! We hope you all enjoyed it and had great fun. A big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PTA for their amazing efforts! They have worked extremely hard and organised fun activities and refreshments for everyone. A huge THANK YOU to **Dali Ballooni** for entertaining the children and **Vicky Edgar** for loaning us the Bouncy Castle – children have thoroughly enjoyed **Inflatable Fun Run**. Thank you also goes to all the parents who attended and helped at the event. It was a wonderful day, thoroughly enjoyed by the children, parents and staff. What a lovely atmosphere of the whole school family being together! We hope you all had great fun. WELL DONE to everyone!



Balaceability and Bikeability - The children in Owls Class have really enjoyed this bespoke programme we offer at WSL and have made incredible progress this year. First, they started on balance bikes where they learnt to balance and glide with confidence. The children practised a range of skills involving weaving, turning and circling. Now they progressed onto pedal bikes and most of the children are now confident to ride, showing expertise in mounting, setting off and breaking. As we are approaching the end of academic year, we run out of time to complete the programme, therefore, we strongly recommend parents take the stabilisers off your children's bikes at home and continue this pedalling journey throughout the summer. We are so unbelievably proud of the children and their Growth Mindset when riding the bikes, they never gave up! Well done to all! Thank you, parents, for all your support. **We would like to inform you that next week will be the last week we are running bikeability.**



What have we been learning in school?

In **Science** this week, the children in **Robins Class** looked at lots of pictures of bug hotels and then drew their own design. The children then made a joint class bug hotel with rooms made of different materials to suit different bugs, and put it near their allotment. The plants in the allotment have grown a lot. The lettuces and the pak choi are ready to eat.



On Tuesday this week, children in **Robins Class** had a **DT Day**. The design brief was to make a 'Healthy Wrap'. They began by thinking about sugar and hidden sugars in foods and drinks. They were quite surprised at how much there was in some of the drinks when they estimated, and then checked the order they would be in. Next, they recapped what a healthy diet is. Having heard the design brief in full, they all tried many combinations of the ingredients - a protein, a dairy and a veg (one of which was one of their own lettuces!) making up each combination. They then chose their favourite 3 combinations and, as a table, put forward their ideas and voted for the one they wanted to make. They prepared all the ingredients they needed to use, made their wraps and, of course, ate them! The final thing to do was a review, thinking about appearance, smell and taste, and scoring it out of 5. Mrs Wiseman was very proud of some of the children for trying some foods that they had not eaten before. A big **THANK YOU** goes to Mrs Wiseman for organising this DT Day, making it fun and helping the children develop so many skills.



KS2 End of Year Production

KS2 children have been very busy with their rehearsals of **'Olivia'**, a modern **'Oliver'** musical adaption. Throughout the week I have heard snippets of the rehearsal, children's singing is amazing! We are all looking forward to watching it next week. KS2 children will be putting on 3 performances to which parents are warmly invited. Please refer to the letter sent home on Monday this week for details regarding tickets allocation and arrangements for these performances. **ALL KS2 CHILDREN are expected to be present for ALL THREE Performances.**

Monday 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal to the Whole School	1.15pm
Tuesday 11th	KS2 End of Year Production –Olivia to parents	1.15pm
Wednesday 12th	KS2 End of Year Production – Olivia to parents	6.00pm
Thursday 12th	KS2 End of Year Production – Olivia to parents	6.00pm

The busy weeks continue as we are approaching the end of term / year. Here are some key dates for your diary:

Friday 14 th	Year 6 Leavers' Party in the Playing Filed	4.30pm-7.00pm
17 th -19 th	Culture Diversity Week – please refer to the letter sent home for details	
Monday 17 th	Open Evening for Parents – viewing children's work/ learning	3.00ppm-5.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Friday 21 st	End of Term 6 – School finishes	1.10pm

Annual Report

We have great pleasure in sending you your child's end of year Report today with two copies enclosed. One copy is for you to keep. **The black and white copy must be signed and returned to school by Friday 14th July.** Teachers have spent many hours writing these reports, we would welcome and appreciate your comments in the appropriate box.

We also send you your Child's Attendance Report with your personal details included, please can you check that they are correct, if not, please amend accordingly and return the updated information to the School Office. Thank you.



The PTA's last event of this academic year – **Class of 2023 Camp Out** is taking place this evening, **FRIDAY 7th July.**

5.00pm	GATES OPEN
5.00pm	Drinks/Snacks Bar Open
6.00-8.00pm	Food Served
7.00-9.00pm	Live Music from Saint Avian
8.00pm	Tug of War
9.00pm	Stories around the Campfire with Mr Errington
11:45pm	Bar closes / Midnight music off
SATURDAY 8th July	7:30-9.00am Breakfast
	10.00am Please vacate the field by this time

***PARKING* - Overnight Guests: Please park on the playground // Evening Guests: Please park on the road.**

The weather is brilliant and we look forward to seeing you tonight and enjoying the fun and community spirit!

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	Henry Mills	Victoria Zambezi
Nightingales	Hector Gray	Annika Mordt
Robins	Keira Tilley	James Harris
Skylarks	Elina Thakrar	Keira Egby
Red Kites	Ellie Tate	Alexandra Gleave
Kestrels	Portia Taylor	Chester Clark

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	182	2320
Galileo (Green)	134	2121
Redgrave (Red)	195	2291
Yeats (Yellow)	177	2500

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: 03-07-23 to 07-07-23

Owls 97.6% Skylarks 98.3%

Nightingales 97.6% Red Kites 97.1%

Robins 99.1% **Kestrels 100%**

Whole School 98.3%



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.

Core Value - Community



We will continue with the related value of **Conservation: Saving Water** next week. Children in their class have had 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?

After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs will finish in w/c 10th July. Clubs run by uSports will finish in w/c 17th July. Children then should be collected at 3.00pm. 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.

Transition Week

During the week commencing Monday 10th July, the children will spend a couple of days in their new classrooms with their Class Teacher for the 2023-24 academic year. We hope to make it an exciting transition week and help them move as smoothly as possible. We are in the process of finalising staffing and the class organisation and we will keep you informed once all confirmed.

Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2023. This meeting will take place on Thursday 13th July at 11.10am in the School Hall.

Reading Books

ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Monday 17th 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 14th 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

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

Caterlink Parents Survey

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

We would like you to be part of this survey, please use the link below to complete the survey. The survey will close on 21st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59>

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 27th and Friday 28th 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 girl's choir and runs events for adults too. For more details a please contact Suzanne on 0118 9340589 / 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 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
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	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 – Please refer to the letter for details	
	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	
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)			

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:

KS2 End of the Year Production Tickets Letter to KS2

Annual Reports including Individual Attendance Report and New Class Organisation Letter to all

Year 6 Sex Education Letter to Year 6

Culture Diversity Week Letter and Form to all

PTA Class of 2023 Camp Out Information Sheet to all

Cricket Club Annual Gig Leaflet to all

Silverstone Free Vouchers to EYFS & KS1