



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Weekly Newsletter Number 25

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have raced by with so many activities and events taking place. We have had another action packed week at WSL! I have enjoyed going into classes to see the children at work and talking to the children about their learning. I have been particularly pleased, discussing children’s progress with their teachers and looking at this term’s assessment data which indicates just how hard so many of our children have been working and how this is seen in progress, particularly in writing, the key focus of our SIP. I am sure you would agree with me as you have observed during the Open Sessions and at the Parents Evenings last week. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff team for their commitment, dedication and going that extra mile day in, day out, in particular, I want to thank all our incredible support staff who have stepped up and stepped in as and when required to ensure the continued quality learning of the children. Thank you, parents, for your support and encouragement of your children in their learning and progress. Working in partnership with parents is essential to your children’s success. We all look forward to continuing working with you to help achieve each child’s potential. Finally, my sincere thanks go to our hardworking PTA and highly skilled Governors for all their support throughout the Spring Terms.

### What have we been learning in school?

As Easter draws near, this week children have engaged in a diverse range of activities, from exploring the Easter story, creating Easter Cards and making fun books to incorporating mathematical concepts like measurement. To add an extra layer of excitement, the children had the opportunity to watch a captivating demonstration of Shaolin Kung Fu at the assembly on Monday. They were also invited to join in and learned a few movements themselves. This hands on experience left them feeling inspired. We are pleased to be able to offer a new Shaolin Kung Fu Club next term, allowing our children to delve deeper into this fascinating martial art.



**WSL PTA Easter Hat Parade** was a tremendous success yet again this year! The children once again were invited to get creative and design an Easter Hat and they didn't disappoint! We have some very creative children at WSL School! The school was filled with an array of delightful and unique creations (see some photos below), showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our children. Thank you to the PTA for organising another fantastic event and for their on-going effort and hard work supporting the school. It was evident that children (and parents, I'm sure) thoroughly enjoyed the process of designing and crafting their hats. Yesterday morning, the School Hall came alive with the vibrant parade and it was truly heartwarming to see the excitement on the faces of our children as they proudly displayed their hats. What a fantastic way to end the term, bringing joy and celebration to our school community! Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Hat competition, whose exceptional efforts, creativity and imagination were duly recognised with prizes generously funded by the PTA.



Year	First Prize Winner	Second Prize Winner
<b>EYFS</b>	Poppy Lambert-Webb	Reggie Dawe
<b>1</b>	Eduardo Harrison	William Lomas
<b>2</b>	Charlie Mason	Cooper Gray
<b>3</b>	Lawrence Gleave	Toby Lavers
<b>4</b>	Matilda Pitt	Florentina Harrison
<b>5</b>	Ellie Tate	Calyn Lau
<b>6</b>	Margot Tancorre	Leo Howard





**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was a delightful success and enjoyed by all. The ten lucky children were thrilled to win the Golden Tickets and all received a prize sponsored by our PTA. It was truly a joyous occasion, fostering a sense of fun within the school.



### Attendance

It brings me great pleasure to extend my gratitude to each and every one of you. Our attendance records are accurately logged into a government online platform, which is accessible nationwide. This platform facilitates comparisons of our attendance rates with those across the nation. I am delighted to report that we proudly ranked among the top 10% of schools nationwide for attendance a couple of weeks ago, but due to the recent illnesses, we now rank just below the top 10%. Let's continue to work together to ensure our children's consistent attendance in school. Thank you for your amazing support in this endeavour.

### Staffing Update:

Mrs Ayomi Perera, our School Bursar, has submitted her resignation, will leave WSL and move on to pastures new after the Easter Holiday. Today we said farewell to her at the assembly and thank her for her service at WSL over the last 15 months. We wish her all the best in her new job.

We also said farewell to Faz and his team at yesterday's assembly. The children who have attended After School CARE Club over the past few years also made a farewell card, expressing their thanks to Progressive Sports for looking after them. We wish Faz and his team all the best in their future endeavours.

We will be running our newly branded Woodpeckers Club internally after Easter Holiday. Miss Rees will be leading the club, changing her role from being a Teaching Assistant to the Club Assistant for Woodpeckers Club. We will keep you informed of the final staffing for this club in due course.

We break up for the Easter Holiday today, **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm** and return to school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024** for the start of Summer Term 5 & 6.

May I take this opportunity once again to say a huge THANK YOU to parents/carers including our hardworking PTA, governors and dedicated staff for all your support and for great Spring Terms filled with success and memorable achievements. On behalf of all the children and staff, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and Happy Easter Holiday!

Li-Juan Ellerton  
Headteacher





## Star Pupils of Term 3

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: Hunter Holdaway**

**Year 1: Oliver Barry**

**Year 2: Isabella Thomson-Hall**

**Year 3: Carter Thompson-Springer**

**Year 4: Florentina Harrison**

**Year 5: Monty Whitehead**

**Year 6: Isobel Dziedzic**



## 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:**

**Rose Bream**

**Tino Meyer**

**Mia Paul**

**Eduardo Harrison**

**Riley Wilder**

**Samuel Waller**

**Grace O'Hara**

**William Dziedzic**

**Phoebe Clark**

**Zak Hemmings**

**Alexandra Gleave**

**Leo Howard**

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	226	3127
Galileo (Green)	213	3203
Redgrave (Red)	179	3020
Yeats (Yellow)	169	3384

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

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

## Attendance for the Week

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

**Class Attendance: 25-03-24 to 28-03-24**

Owls 96.2% Skylarks 94.4%

Nightingales 94.4% **Red Kites 100%**

Robins 97.0% Kestrels 94.4%

Whole School 96.2%



## Stop and Drop Zone

We are very grateful to parent volunteers: Mrs Edwards Ms Pullin, Mrs Kennedy, Mr & Mrs Moore, Mrs Wildson and Mr Lavers and others for helping at the Stop and Drop, ensuring the safety of the children as they leave their car and make their way into school independently. Thank you for your great help!

## WSL Woodpeckers Club

We are excited to take over the after school wraparound service as from Term 5 onwards. WSL Woodpeckers Club will run from 3.10 to 6.00pm, Monday to Thursday during term time only. However, you can collect your child/ren at any time before 6.00pm. Pre-booking is preferable, although ad hoc bookings are acceptable on the day before 2.00pm. **Payment in advance via SCOPAY** has been set up for convenience.

## PTA Upcoming Events

- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024** Father's Day Craft Activity
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024** Village Summer Festival
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024** Class of 2024 Camp Out
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024** The **CIRCUS** is coming to our school in a proper 50m x 50m **BIG TOP** in the field. If you would like to get involved planning the event or helping on the day please let Phillippa know (07484 766059).

## Waltham St Lawrence & Shurlock Row Summer Festival

**24** -The village festival is back on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm – 10.00pm. Last year's event was a great success and raised over £5,000 for WSL Primary School. For more information and to buy early bird tickets at a reduced price please visit <https://www.wslsrevents.com/>

## Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class

Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class will take place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 to 5.30pm and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00 to 7.00pm.**

## After School Clubs Reminder

We do not run **School-Led** After School Clubs in the first and last weeks of the "long" terms, i.e. **NO Club in the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April in Term 5**, unless it is otherwise indicated. If you require any child care that week, please use our Woodpeckers Club. Thank you.

## Owls Class Assembly



Owls Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Children will be sharing what they have been learning in school. Family and friends of children in Robins Class are welcome to join us.

## STIKINS School Uniform Name Labels

Stikins® is a school fundraising scheme, our School will receive 30% commission every time parents **order name labels directly from Stikins®, quoting our School Fundraising Number 24482**, the company link is <https://www.stikins.co.uk> or you can follow the link directly from our School Website under Parents, School Uniform <http://wslprimary.com/parents/school-uniform/> Labels are despatched first class directly to your home address, on the same working day if ordered by 3:00pm.

## Bag2School Collection

Please bring as many bags to school as you can **on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am** when they will be collected. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers.

## Primary Assessments Dates 2024

**KS1 Year 2 Optional SATs** will take place throughout **May 2024**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** will take place in **w/c 10<sup>h</sup> June 2024**.

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check** will start in **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**.

**KS2 Year 6 SATs** will be **13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

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

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children  
 Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Headteacher)  
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Headteacher)  
 Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

**Dates for Your Diary**

**The Academic Year 2023-2024**

**Term 4 (29 days)**

**March** Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Owls Fundraiser 1.00pm  
 End of Pupil Term 1.00pm  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Spring Holiday**  
**(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  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening for Red Kites Class 3.30-5.30pm  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening for Red Kites Class 5.00-7.00pm  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class 3.30-5.30pm  
**May** Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Owls Class Assembly 2.30pm  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Writing Workshop /Open Session for Parents in Owls 2.30pm  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Skylarks Cake Sale 3.10pm  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection 9.00am  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Health Check for EYFS in School 9.15am  
 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Summer Census Day  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Show for Year 5 2.00pm  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> It's Your Move for Year 6 – Transition Talk in school 1.15pm  
 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  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Period  
 w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> PTA Father's Day Craft Activity in School – Details to follow  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Village Summer Festival  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sports Day – Details to follow 1.00-3.10pm  
**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.wslprimary.org](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

Clubs for Term 5 and 6 Letter to all

Magic Eyes International Comics/Cartoon Competition Letter to all

Magic Eyes Competition Examples to all