



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly Newsletter Number 26

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful and happy holiday, enjoyed spending time with your families and friends. We are delighted to welcome you all back for our final Summer Term 5 and 6 and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

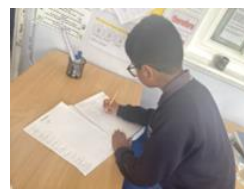
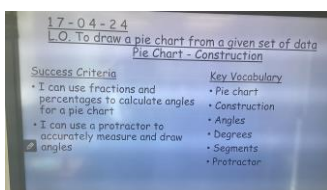
Thank you to those parents who attended **Red Kites Parents Evenings** this week. We hope you enjoyed viewing your children's work and found the information you received useful and know how you can support your child/ren. If for any reason, you were not able to attend on these evenings, please do speak to Mrs Ablewhite so that another appointment can be made.

**Summer Term** is a busy term as always, with lots of events taking place: Whole School Trip, Sports Day, Transition Week, Village Summer Festival, KS2 End of Year Production 'Peter Pan', Open Evenings for Parents and our Leavers Assembly as well as PTA organised fun events etc. Please see Page 3 of this term's dates and events for your diary. You might want to spend a few moments transferring these to your diary so that you do not miss something important. There will be more information about some of the events in future newsletters / letters.

We continue to be committed to 'Outstanding' standards in all areas and promote confidence, independence, resilience and hard work. Through our embedded Growth Mindset approach, the children understand that in order to learn they must be brave and not afraid of making mistakes, and this allows them to tackle challenges they would not have attempted before. As Teachers and Teaching Assistants, we never stop learning and the school provides opportunities for all staff to have Continuous Professional Development (CPD) linked to the school priorities and national initiatives. This term we carry on further developing our learner's **Metacognitive Skills and Self-Regulated Learning Approach**, teaching children to apply the strategy of '**Plan, Monitor and Evaluate**' as part of the learning process. This will empower the children to become effective and independent learners. As part of our CPD, this year we have signed up for RBWM 'Walkthrus' Programme led by Tom Sherrington. Over the last few months, we have been using a cluster of specific teaching techniques in our teaching and learning. These strategies have not only helped refine our teaching but also made a difference to getting children more engaged in their learning, hence maximising children's progress. You may have observed the techniques being implemented by Class Teachers when you attended our Open Sessions such as *Think Pair Share* or *Say It Again Better* etc. We value your great support and partnership in all that we do.

### What have we been learning in school?

In **Maths**, children in **Kestrels Class** have been learning how to collect and present data using a range of graphs and charts. They carried out a survey on a topic of their choice, collecting preferences for all members of the class, before presenting their results using a pie chart. In order to produce their pie chart, they had to correctly calculate the angle required for each sector and then measure and draw the angles correctly using a protractor. The children also produced a key for the sectors of their pie chart to make it clear and simple to interpret. They thoroughly enjoyed the lesson, developing effective communication and practising lots of different practical skills.



This week in **Geography**, children in **Nightingales Class** have started their new topic on **Our Local Area**. The children carried out a short walk around the school. They are able to locate where their school is on an aerial photograph and can recognise some key features in the surrounding areas. They have also created maps of School Road, West End based on their observations. Here are some examples of children's work.



For our Relationship and Health Education Curriculum this term via **The Big Think**, we will be focusing on the Core Value of **Community** and its related values of **Conservation, Helping Our World, Global Connections, Unity, Forgiveness, Caring Citizen and Kindness to Others**. At the assembly on Monday, we introduced the first related value of **Conservation**. We will spend two weeks on each related value this term. Next week we will continue with **Saving Clothing/Responsible Consumption**. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'Where does an item of your clothing come from? What will you do with it when you've finished with it?' If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our planet. Let's all try to be responsible consumers and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle more.

You may 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 this quote mean?



This week we are pleased to hear from parents about our children's amazing deed, making hay (litter picking) while the sun shines and doing their bit for the community. Well done, Hermione and Kiera. Thank you for being so kind, caring and putting school values into action. We are all very proud of you!

#### Reminder:



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.

#### PTA Events:

- **May Half-term SMARTIES TUBE CHALLENGE:** Will you be able to do enough good deeds to fill the tube?!
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 FATHERS DAY EVENT:** Make a fabulous gift for your father/carers. Event will take place during the school day.
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 VILLAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL** – Volunteers needed, please contact Sarah Turnbull on 07776 237990
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 CLASS OF 2024 CAMPOUT**
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 WSL CIRCUS:** An external circus will be coming to school and we **NEED YOUR HELP** to sell 600 tickets and to help make this a magnificent event for our children, family and friends! Tickets will be available on PTA-Events next week and if you are available to help with event planning or on the day, please let Phillippa know (07484 766 059).



The staff, governors and I look forward to working with you and achieving our goals in what should be an exciting Summer Term!

Li-Juan Ellerton  
Headteacher

### GROWTH MINDSET

Is Freedom



### FIXED MINDSET

Is Limiting



## 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.

<b>Owls</b>	Freya Hemmings	Constantine Meyer
<b>Nightingales</b>	Reya Thakrar	Olivia Moore
<b>Robins</b>	Forest Dawe	Emily Creffield
<b>Skylarks</b>	Kiera Tilley	Preston Marshall
<b>Red Kites</b>	Maya Bakshi	Finn Harrison
<b>Kestrels</b>	Caitlin Chang	Jenson Edwards

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
<b>Brunel (Blue)</b>	333	
<b>Galileo (Green)</b>	298	
<b>Redgrave (Red)</b>	281	
<b>Yeats (Yellow)</b>	315	

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

## Attendance for the Week

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

**Class Attendance:** 15-04-24 to 19-04-24

Owls 93.2% Skylarks 99.2%

Nightingales 94.4% **Red Kites 100%**

Robins 87.5% Kestrels 96.3%

Whole School 95.6%



## Habit of the Month

In **March** children will focus on **Only My Best Will Do - Developing good learning discussions**. Children are expected to have good discussions about their learning with their peers and at home. Please continue to support us and help all of our children form good habits.

## Termly Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview for each Year group gives you a broad overview of what your child will be studying at school in Term 5 and 6 and how you might support in their learning. The Overviews will be uploaded on to our school website.

## WSL Woodpeckers Club

We are pleased to report that WSL Woodpeckers Club ran smoothly this week with children enjoying a variety of activities. This wraparound CARE 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.

## Owls Open Session /Writing Expectations Workshop

The Open Session for Owls parents will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm in Owl's classroom**. It will be an interactive session with Mrs Whyte demonstrating how to develop children's handwriting, sentence writing and writing for a purpose. We hope you can all make it and learn some strategies to help support your child's writing.

## Summer School Uniform

As we are now in Summer Terms, Summer uniform can be worn:

**Girls:** pale blue gingham dress or grey skirts with School's logo polo shirt, white socks;

**Boys:** School's logo polo shirt with trousers (long or short), grey socks.

**Black**, hard-wearing shoes must be worn, trainers, plimsolls open-toe sandals, and shoes with inappropriate heels may not worn. **No make-up or nail varnish are allowed.**

All the children are expected to have their PE kit in school every day. Please make sure that **ALL ITEMS must be clearly labelled**. Children with shoulder length hair or longer should have it tied back using plain hair-ties, hair bands or clips please. Not only will this contribute to their smartness but will also keep tackle the ongoing head lice problems.

## 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.

## PTA Upcoming Events

- **May Half-term SMARTIES TUBE CHALLENGE:** Will you be able to do enough good deeds to fill the tube?!
- **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

## 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/>

## Bag2School Collection

Please go through wardrobes and hold on to any **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** etc. as these can be brought into school **at 9.00am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am** when they will be collected. Bags are sent home today. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. Thank you for your support.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

We are looking for someone to run the second hand uniform shop once a month. All uniform is kept at school and uniform donations are received on an ongoing basis. Funds from uniform sales go directly to the school and are used to buy valuable supplies. If you are interested and can offer your help, please contact the School Office. Thank you.



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 5 (29 days)

April	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Residential Trip information Meeting for Year 4/5 parents	2.00pm
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
May	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Music Recorder Lessons for Skylarks Class start	
	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 – School is closed	
	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	
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	RBWM Rotary Club Year 4 Mathematical Competition at Cookham Dean	4.00-5.30pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Period	
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class and Whole School Photos	9.00am
	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Show for Year 6	1.15pm
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Father's Day Craft Activity in School – Details to follow	
	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Village Summer Festival	
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	RBWM Rotary Club Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition at WSL	4.00-5.30pm
July	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Trip to Tate Modern – Details to follow	All Day
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Details to follow	1.00-3.10pm
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Report to Parents	
	w/c 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Week	
	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Transition morning for new children in Owls Class	9.00am-12.00pm
		Information Meeting for New Parents	11.00am-12.00pm
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 end of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	1.15pm
	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	1.15pm
	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for Parents to view Children's Learning/Work	3.10-5.00pm
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Camp Out for Class of 2024	5.00pm onwards
	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

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:

Parents Evenings Booking Arrangements for Red Kites

After School Extracurricular Clubs Reminders to EYFS KS1 Y4

Osmington Bay Residential Trip Payment Letter to Year 4/5

CaterLink menu change information to all

Bags to School bags to all