



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a MASSIVE THANK YOU to our incredibly hardworking **PTA Organising Committee**, especially Philippa Pitt, Emma Priddy, Anneli Pick-Up, Amanda Waller, Sophie and Damien Paesano (and their wonderful father on the BBQ) and Susie Grey who dedicated their time and effort to organise the **Happy's Circus** event held last Saturday, 28th September 2024. Their commitment and energy in putting together such a large-scale event truly paid off, making it a fantastic day for everyone! A big thank you to **teachers and many parent helpers** who jumped in on Friday and Saturday to make the event happen! Special thanks to our wonderful **WSL Community**, led by John Kiss and Rupe Patel, who helped us set-up marquees, loaned us equipment and games, ran the bar and made access to the parking field possible. Thank you to **Hamptons** for sponsoring our event (£500), organising signs throughout the village and a wonderful stall on the day offering facepainting and a guess the house price quiz and hamper. Thank you to **SK Equestrian** for the use of their field, **Tom at Fire and Hop** for donating a percentage of their pizza sales and **Main Unit UK** for supporting us again with heavily discounted porta loo's.

A huge thank you to **everyone** who came along and joined us for the Circus on Saturday and to all of our wonderful **helpers**. The event was packed with fun, with children enjoying games like circus skills, welly throwing, football speed reader, "Frog in the Bog," face painting, glitter tattoos, and more. Adults and children alike indulged in delicious food, from burgers and pizza to a variety of refreshments, while the Toy and Bottle Tombola added to the excitement. It was a gorgeous sunny day, everyone had a wonderful time! **Thanks to the PTA's tireless work, an incredible £4,000 has been raised for the school**, which will be put towards a new learning space for the children, which we hope to complete early next year. We are so grateful for all the support! Here are some photos of the day for you to enjoy.



Our Year 5 and 6 children are having a fantastic time on their residential trip at **Osmington Bay** this week!. The instructors have been thoroughly impressed with the children's exemplary behaviour - they have been respectful, polite, well-mannered, while also demonstrating great resilience and courage. We are incredibly proud of them all!

I hope you have enjoyed the daily updates, along with the wonderful photos shared on the School Website. We are all eagerly awaiting their safe return and can't wait to hear all the fun filled stories they will have to share! The children and staff are expected back at school around 4.00pm this afternoon. We will keep you informed if there are any delays. In the meantime, **please help us ensure the coach has space to park by keeping the area in front of the school clear**. Thank you!

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



What have we been learning in school?



The children in **Robins Class** have been learning about **fact family and the relationship between numbers**. This is a set of calculations of Maths facts that use the same set of three numbers. Working in pairs, the children started to explore these facts by using manipulatives placed on a Part-Whole Model and verbally to say a related number sentence. After that they were encouraged to write some additions number facts and some subtractions number facts. They are now progressing and discovering the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use these to check calculations and solve missing number problems.



The children have also worked in pairs, mastering the art of **counting in 3s** using colourful counters. Working together not only makes learning fun but also helps them develop teamwork and communication skills. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they count in 3s with ease. Keep up the great work, Year 2! Perhaps you can help your child practise this new skill at home.



The children in Red Kites Class have enjoyed making umbrellas decorated with Autumnal leaves. The shape of the umbrellas was created by making 4 cones and sticking them together. After attaching a handle, the children designed their leaves and stuck them to the inside of their umbrellas. This activity has sparked their creativity and was enjoyed by all.



Reading - It is essential that every child reads every evening at home and that this is recorded in their Reading Record or Homework Diary which is returned to school every day. Daily reading is vital in supporting our learners to become fluent readers who develop a love of books. Reading is the most crucial skill any child will learn. It literally opens doors for all and will enable our learners to pursue any future career they choose. It is our school's clear expectation that every child reads for at least 10 minutes for EYFS/KS1 children and 20 minutes for KS2 children every night without any distraction. Please support us by ensuring that there is a time set aside every evening to ensure your child can read and, ideally, to be read to by an adult. **Reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give children!** Thank you for your continued support.



Next week we will be looking at the value of **Contentment**. The children in their classes will discuss and reflect on what helps them and when they are able to feel happy and content. KS2 children will explore what **feelings** would help them feel contentment, covering how important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends. Children will be given time to have Self-reflection: Have you ever felt satisfied or content with yourself after trying something difficult? You may also want to explore the meaning of this quote *'Contentment, is when you can say to yourself, "Oh yes - I already have everything that I really need.'* - 14th Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhist Monk (1935-)

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	Valentina C	Joseph I	
Nightingales	Lily E	Tino M	
Robins	Keenan K	Olivia M	
Skylarks	Isabella O-S	Charlie M	
Red Kites	Lawrence G	Grace O	All Y5
Kestrels	All children for excellent behaviour		

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	206	1028
Galileo (Green)	164	700
Redgrave (Red)	169	844
Yeats (Yellow)	226	971

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: 30-09-24 to 04-10-24

Owls **95.9%** Skylarks 94.7%
Nightingales 99.1% Red Kites 100%
Robins 98.9% Kestrels 100%
Whole School 98.0%



Habit of the Month

In **October**, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Presentation of All My Work!** This is part of daily routines, please continue to support us by having high expectations for your child/ren and helping them all form good habits. Thank you.

Bag2School Fundraiser

Thank you for your amazing support, effort and participation in this fund-raising event. We have collected **278kg** and raised **£55.60!** Well done everyone!

School Uniform

Due to the change in weather please can we remind all parent/carers that children should be bringing a coat into school every day. We also request that long hair is tied back and only plain/blue hair accessories are worn if necessary. The only jewellery that is allowed in school are small plain earring studs and they must be removed for PE and games lessons. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings it would be advisable for them not to be worn to school on PE days.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

There is still some lost property left behind every day **WITHOUT NAMES!** In order to reduce the amount of property your child misplaces in school, we ask parents to ensure that **all children's belongings are clearly NAMED** so that lost property can be returned to their owners easily.

Safe Entry and Exit Reminder

Children should enter and exit the school premises exclusively through the blue pedestrian gate in front of the school main building. **The staff car park gate is NOT a safe entry or exit point for children**, especially during the busy end-of-day traffic when cars are leaving the car park. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Expectation for Morning Drop-Off

As we enter October, **we would expect the children from Year 1 to Year 6 to come to school independently.** We are impressed that some of Reception children are already coming in independently – WELL DONE. Please say good bye to your child at the entrance gate or use Stop and Drop Zone and let your child/ren walk into the school by themselves. This will encourage children to **develop self-help skills and independence** and settle in quickly to the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations for All Year Groups

Please ensure the e-Consent form is completed online as soon as possible, indicating whether you wish your child(ren) to receive the vaccination or not. This vaccination will take place on **Tuesday 15th October** in school.

Amazon Wish List

We regularly update our **Amazon Wish List** and would appreciate your continued support. If you would like to purchase something for the school, please click the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your continued assistance and generosity.

PTA Discount Tickets for Pantomime Dick Wittington

The PTA have secured discounted tickets to see the pantomime **DICK WITTINGTON at Theatre Royal Windsor this Christmas, Friday 29th November, 4:30pm.** Tickets are **£20 each** and retail for over £33!

We have a block of 80 tickets in the circle section of the theatre, in the first few rows. It's a wonderful event and lovely for the children to experience with their friends.

Tickets must be purchased by 11.00pm on Monday 14th October, at which point unsold tickets will be given back to the theatre. Please purchase tickets on PTA-Events: [Waltham St Lawrence PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Waltham St Lawrence PTA (pta-events.co.uk))

The Lych Gate Magazine

As we have many families who live outside the village, to keep you up to date and possibly involved in any village events, The Lych Gate magazine provides an ideal source of information, **in addition, our children's work is regularly published in the magazine.**

Copies are available at **£1.00** each from the school. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with an 'Honesty Box' for the £1.00 charge per magazine or 10p for any old issues. Our School Council Members will sell these magazines on second Friday of each month. **Next sale will be on Friday 11th October at 3.10pm.** All money will be used to cover the cost of printing.

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: Mr Hamit Thiara (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2024-2025

Term 1 (39 days)

October	Fri 4th	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
		Year 5/6 Return	4.30pm
	Fri 11th	Harvest Service in WSL Church	2.00pm
	Tue 15th	Flu Vaccination for all children – details to follow	9.00am
	Wed 16th	Sports for School Event	13.00pm
	Thurs 17th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
		Social evening for parents at Shurlock Inn ref new PTA	7.30pm
	Fri 18th	PGL Assembly for Year 5/6 Parents	2.15pm
	Mon 21st	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes ONLY	3.30-5.30pm
	Tues 22nd	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 23rd	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Thurs 24th	PTA Halloween Disco / Movie	5.00-7.00pm
	Fri 25th	End of Pupil Term	

October Holiday: Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Mon 4th	Staff Inset Day		
	Tues 5th	Start of Pupil Term		
	Wed 6th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am	
		11 th -15 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme ‘Choose Respect’	
	Thurs 17th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am	
	Sun 12th	Remembrance Sunday		
	19th-25th	Scholastic Book Fair Week in School	3.10-4.00pm	
	Mon 25th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am	
	December	Mon 9th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Whole School	2.15pm
		Wed 11th	KS1 Nativity Performance to KS1 Parents	2.15pm
Thurs 12th		KS1 Nativity Performance to KS1 Parents	2.15pm	
Fri 20th		End of Pupil Term		

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Mon 6th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 7th	Staff Inset Day	
	Wed 8th	Start of Pupil Term	
February	Fri 14th	End of Pupil Term	

February Holiday: Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025

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:

- PGL Daily Updates to Year 5/6
- Cauliflower Christmas Cards Letter to all
- Formation of A New PTA Letter to all
- Harvest Festival Letter to all
- Harvest Festival Shopping List to all