



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

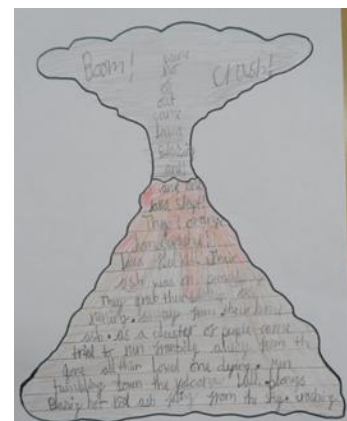
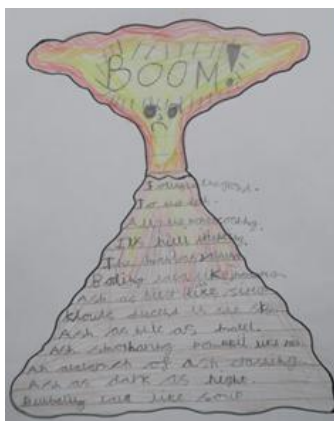
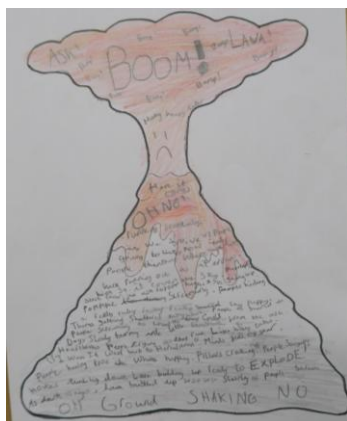
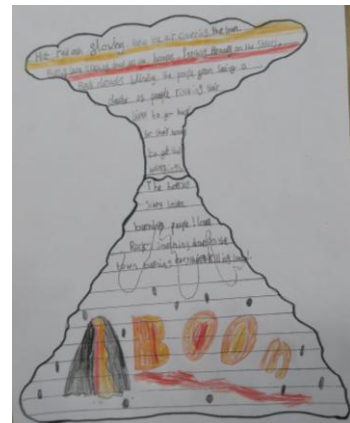
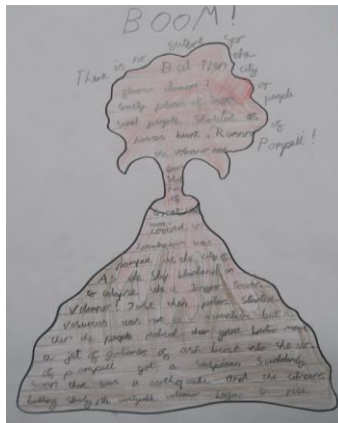
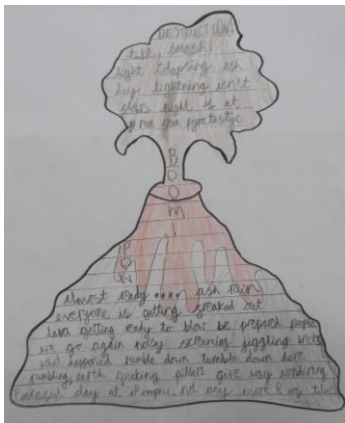


A huge thank you to all the children in **Skylarks Class** for a fabulous Class Assembly on Wednesday this week. They showcased their learning about the Romans, sharing interesting historical facts about the Roman times with confidence and enthusiasm. The children impressed us with their expressive reading of setting descriptions, which they had written using fronted adverbials, noun phrases and powerful vocabulary to make their writing interesting for the readers. They also demonstrated their Mandarin skills by recognising numbers and singing a Chinese New Year song beautifully. In Music, they performed the song of Friendship with chime bars and a triangle, adding a lovely accompaniment. The children also displayed their artwork inspired by Cézanne and shared their scientific knowledge about states of matter. Throughout the assembly, they spoke clearly and confidently and sang enthusiastically. Thank you to all parents and friends for attending the assembly - we hope you enjoyed it.



What have we been learning in school?

Children in **Skylark Class** have been learning poetry in English and written their own Shape Poems linked to their topic work on Romans. Here are just a few examples for you to enjoy.



This week, children in **Kestrels Class and Robins Class** participated in a collaborative **Computing** session. Under the fantastic guidance of Kestrels, the children in Robins Class used the computing programme '2Paint' to create impressionist designs, explored and used various computer paint tools and techniques to produce effective images. Next week, the children in Robins Class will complete quizzes designed by the children in Kestrels. Both the children and the staff, Mrs Clark and Mr Errington had a very enjoyable session.



This term, as part of our Relationships and Health Education Curriculum, we will be focusing on the Core Value of **LOVE**. Next week, we will focus on the related values of **Compassion**. Children will think about questions such as 'How do you show your compassion? Or 'Do you act on your concerns for others? You may want to spend some time with your child/ren to discuss and explore the meaning of this quote '*Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering.*' - Dalai Lama XIV, Tibetan Buddhist Monk (1940 -) What might this quote mean to you? Let's all act upon the value and treat one another and people in need, far and near with compassion.

Reminder:

- **Safer Internet Day 2025** will take place on **11th February 2025**. The theme for this year is '**Too Good To Be True? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'. there are still places for the **FREE Webinars for Parents/Carers: The Digital Dilemma - Keeping Children Safe Online on the following dates:**
 - Thursday 6th February 6.00pm
 - Monday 10th February 10.00am
 - Wednesday 12th February 1:30pm
 - Thursday 13th February 6.00pmPlease refer to the leaflet sent home this week for more details. Find tickets for these sessions here: [Parent/Carer session tickets, Eventbrite](#)
- **Nightingales Class Cake Sale** will take place on **Friday 14th February next week at 3.10pm** outside the Dining Hall. Please come along with cash and show your support. Thank you.

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	Isla K	George O
Nightingales	Fergus G	Rose B
Robins	Oakley T	Dolly P
Skylarks	All children for great effort and fantastic Class Assembly	
Red Kites	Ajoooni T	Arthur M-P
Kestrels	Aaron H	Elina T

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	252	942
Galileo (Green)	202	734
Redgrave (Red)	236	850
Yeats (Yellow)	222	872

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: 03-02-25 to 07-02-25

Owls	96.6%	Skylarks	95.4%
Nightingales	98.9%	Red Kites	91.7%
Robins	99.4%	Kestrels	94.8%
Whole School	95.8%		



Habit of the Month

In **January**, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Showing respect and responding to all adults in the exactly the same way**. 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.

Class Assembly



Red Kites Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 12th March at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Red Kites Class are welcome to join us.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

The Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents will be held on **Friday 7th March at 2.30pm** in **Nightingales Classroom**.

KS1 SATs Information Meeting

KS1 SATs Information Meeting will take place on **Friday 28th February at 2.25pm** in **Robins Classroom**. This will give you information about what the optional SATs are, what they contain and how to best prepare the children for them.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates 2025

The dates for this year's Year 6 SATs are **Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May 2025**. If your child is in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school that week.

Dance Festival Information for Parents in Red Kites

The Dance Festival will take place at the Baylis Theatre at **Braywick Leisure Centre on Thursday 13rd January 2025**. Doors will open at 12.45pm ahead of a 1.00pm performance, and is scheduled for 2.30pm finish. Please refer to the letter sent home today for more details.

Labelling all items...

Please make sure **every item of clothing, water bottle and lunch box are clearly labelled with your child's name and class**. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 Copas Turkey Fundraiser

If anyone shops at Copas, please remember to use the code **WSLP24PTA** before checking out. The PTA will be given a small percentage of what is spent in 2025. So far this year the PTA have received **£28.68** from Turkey sales. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you.

Maidenhead Big Read

The **Maidenhead Big Read Event** will take place between 3rd March and 14th March 2025 in and around Maidenhead. We will be taking part in this event as part of the celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 6th March this year. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

Safer internet Day 2025



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. **Safer Internet Day 2025** will take place on **11th February 2025**, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Too Good To Be True? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**. We will take part in this important event and plan activities based on the theme for children to explore and discuss.



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 50p for any old issues. 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: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

Governors can be contacted via email to clerk@wslprimary.org

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2024-2025

Term 3 (30 days)

February	Wed 5 th	Skylarks Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Sun 9 th	Chinese New Year Celebration in Oxford Town Hall	
	Tues 11 th	Safer Internet Day	
	Thurs 13 th	RBWM Dance Festival – Red Kites - details to follow	
	Fri 14 th	End of Term	3.10pm

Nightingales Class Cake Sale

3.10pm

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

Term 4 (30 days)

February	Mon 24 th	Start of Pupil Term 4	
	Fri 28 th	KS1 Optional SATs Information Meeting	2.25pm
March	3 rd to 14 th	Maidenhead Big Read Festival	
	Tues 5 th	Open Maths Session for Parents in Kestrels Class	9.00-9.50
	Fri 7 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting	2.30pm
	10 th -13 th	World Book Day Workshops for all children in School	
	Wed 12 th	Red Kites Class Assembly	2.30pm
	w/c 17 th	Last session /week for Teacher Led Clubs	
	Tues 18 th	Open Maths Session for Parents in Red Kites Class	9.00-9.50
	Wed 19 th	Open Maths Session for Parents in Skylarks Class	9.00-9.50
	Wed 19 th	Robins Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Thurs 20 th	Open Maths Session for Parents in Nightingales Class	10.00-10.50
	Tues 25 th	Open Maths Session for Parents in Robins Class	9.00-9.50
	Tues 25 th	Parents Evening for All Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Wed 26 th	Parents Evening for All Classes	5.00-7.00pm
April	Thurs 27 th	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Thurs 3 rd	Easter Egg Hunt & PTA Easter Hat Competition	
	Fri 4 th	End of Term 4	1.00pm

**Spring Holiday: Monday 7th April 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025
(Good Friday is 18th April 2025, Easter Monday is 21st April 2025)**

Term 5 (23 days)

April	Mon 22 nd	Start of Pupil Term	
May	Mon 5 th	May Day Bank Holiday	
	12 th -15 th	KS2 SATs Week	
	Fri 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	

May Holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025

Term 6 (38 days)

June	Mon 2 nd	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 3 rd	Start of Pupil Term	
July	Wed 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24th July 2025 – Tuesday 2nd September 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:

Dance Festival Final Arrangements Letter to Red Kites

Free Webinar Leaflet - The Digital Dilemma - Keeping Children Safe Online Leaflet to all

Caterlink Change of Menu Information to all

Skylarks Class Assembly reminder to Skylarks

Payment Reminder for Dragon Dance Workshop