



Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

"Together We Inspire and Achieve"





Waltham St Lawrence, an
outstanding school.

Welcome

Our school is a vibrant, caring, and inclusive village school, nestled in the heart of beautiful grounds that we cherish and use throughout the year to enrich learning and play.

At Waltham St Lawrence, we are united in our mission to create a happy, safe, nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. We are committed to helping each child make excellent progress and reach their full potential. By valuing every member of our school community, we work collaboratively to unlock the potential in all, ensuring that the best facilities and resources are in place to support learning and growth.

We take pride in celebrating our achievements while continuously challenging ourselves and our children to aim for excellence in everything we do. We warmly invite you to visit us and experience firsthand what makes Waltham St Lawrence School so special. You will have the chance to meet our amazing children and dedicated staff, who work together to create an inspiring and supportive community.

Above all, you will find a school where everyone is encouraged to flourish. Our children are equipped with the values, skills, and confidence that will not only prepare them for the next steps in their education but also lay a strong foundation for a successful future.

I look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant and dynamic school community.

Li-Juan Ellerton

Headteacher

Every Child Matters



At our school, we wholeheartedly believe that “Every Child Matters” and we are passionate about educating the WHOLE CHILD. This means nurturing not only academic achievement but also fostering creativity, self-confidence, resilience, self-esteem, independence and a sense of responsibility.

We are committed to instilling fundamental values such as respect, honesty, kindness and consideration for others, as well as developing good habits. These values provide a solid foundation for each child to grow, thrive and be the best they can be.

We take immense pride in the outstanding behaviour and positive attitude of our children, which reflect the strength of our school curriculum. This curriculum is firmly underpinned by the principles of Education in Human Values, ensuring that every child is supported to become their very best.



Children Want To Learn



We believe that every child has a natural desire to learn, and we are dedicated to helping them cultivate a lifelong love of learning. Our strong ethos, rooted in Human Values based education and a Growth Mindset approach, empowers each child to believe in themselves, embrace challenges, and recognise that there are no limits to their learning, success, or the opportunities life has to offer.

As educators, we are committed to inspiring every child by creating a wealth of opportunities to ignite curiosity and foster a positive “have-a-go” mindset. By providing diverse and enriching experiences, we aim to help children build the confidence to explore new interests and ideas. Regardless of each child’s starting point, we believe that nurturing intrinsic motivation is the key to unlocking their potential and enabling them to grow into confident, independent individuals equipped with the skills, habits and mindset for lifelong learning and achievement.

Our small class sizes provide a tailored and productive learning environment where every child’s individual needs are catered for, enabling them to thrive and achieve their best. This personalised approach ensures all children are well-prepared for the next phase of their education.

Celebrating achievements is an integral part of our school culture. We provide numerous opportunities for children to showcase their learning, from assemblies to school productions, which help build their confidence and take pride in their accomplishments. We also prioritise strong communication with parents, offering regular Parent Evenings and an “Open Door” policy to ensure they stay fully informed about their child’s progress and feel supported in their child’s learning journey.

As a forward-thinking school, we recognise the importance of preparing children for a globalised world. We have therefore chosen Mandarin Chinese, the most widely spoken language in the world, as our Modern Foreign Language. Beginning in Reception, children participate in weekly structured Mandarin lessons, giving them a valuable head start. Mandarin not only complements other curriculum areas like Geography and History but also broadens cultural awareness and adds excitement to the classroom.

Learning Mandarin not only equips children with an additional language option as they progress to Secondary School, but also develops vital skills that can significantly enhance their future employability in a globalised world.







Working Together

At Waltham St Lawrence, we understand that strong partnerships with parents, carers and the wider community are essential to helping children thrive and achieve their full potential.

We warmly welcome parents to be involved in school life, whether as Governors, members of the PTA, or as parent helpers. This collaborative approach enriches our school environment and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone.

To strengthen these connections, we organise a variety of exciting events throughout the year, inviting children, parents and the community to come together and celebrate shared experiences.

For our working parents, we are proud to offer a fantastic Extended School Programme, providing flexible and affordable childcare options from **7.45am to 6.00pm** every day.

These include:

- **Breakfast Club:** Open from **7.45am to 8.30am, Monday to Friday**
- **Woodpeckers Club:** Available from **3.10pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Thursday**

This extended provision not only supports busy families but also ensures children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment before and after the school day.





What Ofsted Says



Pupils are highly motivated to learn. They embrace the extensive range of experiences on offer at school. Pupils feel completely safe.

Staff and pupils work together exceptionally well to live out the school's vision 'Together We Inspire and Achieve'.

All pupils are challenged to develop independence and see learning as an adventure.

Parents really value the school's approach to pupils' wider development and learning.

Leaders have developed an inspirational, highly ambitious and unique curriculum.

Children in Reception get off to a strong start.

'As a school, they go above and beyond for each and every child, each and every day,' is reflective of many positive comments made by parents.



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