



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly Newsletter Number 23

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous week of learning we have had! This week, as part of Maidenhead's Big Read, children enjoyed more book celebration events: Children in Owls and KS1 enjoyed an exciting virtual session with Donna David. On Tuesday we all took part in an inspiring whole school assembly led by the renowned poet, Simon Mole. During the follow up workshops led by Simon, the children in their class explored a range of ideas and techniques to craft their own poems, guided by Simon's expert demonstrations and creative modelling. The sessions were not only informative but also incredibly enjoyable, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for poetry across the school. Our young writers have produced some fantastic poems, showcasing creativity, imagination and flair – we may have discovered some talented poets of the future! Here are some comments from the children and a selection of photos capturing their wonderful experiences...



*We listened to a dinosaur poem written by Simon Mole. The children enjoyed spotting and naming the dinosaurs. They looked at the dinosaur skeleton and guessed what the crest might have been used for, exploring different sounds. Then we listened to the poem about the Parasaurolophus echoes. Teasaurus Footysaurus lives in a supermarket. - Jemima and Oliver*  
*I really liked it because I thought it was really fun when Simon made us news reporters and we had to commentate on the picture displayed on the board. - Charlie*

*It was so much fun to have Simon come. We learnt a lot, my favourite part was the news where we worked with our partner to tell each other about the news on the white board. I loved it. - Riley*

*I really enjoyed trying to make a poem because I could create my own thing up. I was quite good with the news. - William D*  
*He was an amazing influence for me because he made me realise how fun poetry is. I love how he told us how to write a spell for a potion of your choice and I think I did really well with that. Simon Mole, thank you so so so much. - Lowry*

*When the poet came in I had an amazing time! He was really energetic and also very funny! In our English lesson we made up a spell and potion. He really inspired me and I hope we have more poets visit and I hope he comes back. - Grace*  
*Simon Mole was a really good poet. He also inspired me to be a writer. - Arthur*

*Simon Mole was amazing! I love his creativity and making spells, he is very inspiring, an amazing poet and very funny! - Ethan*  
*Yesterday I enjoyed Simon Mole coming because he was very enthusiastic and funny. He also was very inspiring to write more at home because it was very fun making potions. I would like to do it again and I was very lucky to have him in. - Harlow*

*I found Simon Mole's visit very interesting because I had never met a poet before. I liked his poems very much and found it very exciting when he let us help him with his up and coming poems. I liked how he got us involved by making our own poems. - Maya*

*It was the best. I loved doing magic spells. I want more of him, can he come in next year please. - Keira T*

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



Thank you to all the children in Red kites Class for a fabulous Class Assembly on Wednesday this week. They took on the centre stage, showcasing their learning on a range of subjects, Values/ PSHE, English, Maths, Science, Mandarin, Art and Dance etc.. Their strong persuasive writing piece showed clear audience and effective use of language; the calculation strategies they used for multiplication and division were clearly modelled and well explained. It is very impressive how the children have learned so many facts and scientific information by heart. Each child spoke with confidence, delivering their lines clearly, sang and danced with passion, leaving us all with a sense of pride and admiration. Thank you to Miss Hill, Mrs Macaulay-Brown for their hard work and great support. We hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as we did, witnessing the incredible growth and achievements of our young learners.



### What have we been learning in school?

This week, Toby L gave a wonderful Show and Tell presentation to the Red Kites Class. Toby wrote his own creative story to bring to life the plight of endangered sea turtles around the world. He also used an AI tool to create the fantastic illustrations in his presentation. The class were very inspired by his passion to protect sea turtles and loved his original storytelling and illustrations! Well done Toby!



Next week we will be working on **Respect for Others**. Children will discuss how they can show respect for the people they see every day or for the people who work hard for them, such as Teaching Assistant, Lunchtime Controller, School Handy Person or local Librarian etc. Here is a quote: *'I've learned that people will forget what you said, forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'* - Maya Angelou, American poet, Storyteller, Activist, and Autobiographer, (1928-2014) What might this quote mean?

This links closely with our Habit of the Month – Respect and Respond to ALL adults in the exactly same manners. Let's all work together to encourage children to show respect and thank the people who work hard to positively impact our lives.

### Reminder & Upcoming Events:

- Parents are invited to attend your child's **Maths Open Session** on the following dates and time as indicated next week:
 

Red kites	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.50
Skylarks	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.50
Nightingales	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00-10.50
- Football Matches** will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** after school in a local school. Please refer to the letter sent home for details.
- Robins Class Assembly** will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Children will be sharing what they have been learning during Term 3 and 4. Family and friends of children in Robins Class are welcome to join us.
- Dinosaurs and Fossil Dig Workshop** for all children will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Please could you make the payment by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support.

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	Roman R	Olivia J
Nightingales	Freya H	Mia M
Robins	Oliver B	Jemima K
Skylarks	Monty W	Dixie B
Red Kites	All children for their brilliant assembly	
Kestrels	Rhys J	Ava W

### House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	257	2084
Galileo (Green)	169	1508
Redgrave (Red)	219	1599
Yeats (Yellow)	193	1688

The Winning House's 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:** 10-03-25 to 14-03-25

Owls 94.3%	Skylarks 97.5%
Nightingales 92.6%	Red Kites 87.9%
Robins 96.3%	Kestrels 96.6%
Whole School 94.2%	



### Habit of the Month

In **March**, children will continue to focus 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.

### Football Match

Football Matches for both Boys and Girls will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Let's wish them all good luck. Please refer to the letter sent home for details. Thank you for your support.

### After School Clubs

Please remember all teacher led clubs will be finished next week for this term. There will be **NO teacher Led After School Clubs in the w/c 24<sup>th</sup> March due to Parents Evenings**. Sewing club and clubs led by uSports will continue till the end of Term 4. If you require any child care, please use the After School CARE CLUB. Thank you.

### 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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share) Thank you.

### Class Assembly



Robins Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Red Kites Class are welcome to join us.

### Correct School Shoes and Labels

Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct school shoes to school that meet the uniform policy – **NOT trainers**.

Please make sure **every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class**. We have a significant amount of lost property, none of which is named, which makes it very difficult for us to find out who it belongs to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** for all year groups over the three days. Please refer to the letter sent home for details. The online booking system will again be used and will be available from w/c 17<sup>th</sup> March for you to reserve your slot(s). Look out for the email on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March when the online booking will go live at 12.00noon

### Open Maths Sessions for Parents

You are invited to come to your child's Open Maths Session to see how Maths is taught and how children learn at WSL. The Open Session will start **from 9.00am to 9.50am** or as indicated otherwise on the following date for each class. Please save the dates.

- Red kites Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Skylarks Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Nightingales Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March (10am)
- Robins Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Writing Workshop for Parents in Owls

Writing Workshop for parent in Owls will take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2.30pm** in Owls Classroom. Please save the date.

### KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates 2025

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

### Break Time Snacks

We are a healthy School and have a simple rule for break time snacks – **fresh fruit or vegetables ONLY**. Children in EYFS and KS1 (Year 1/2) do not need to bring a snack as they are provided with fruit or vegetables and milk (for EYFS) each day. All children in KS2 can bring their own healthy snacks.

### Bag2School Collection

This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** we collect. Please bring as many bags to school as you can on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am** when they will be collected. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers.

**Please DO NOT bring bags to School before the date as we have no places in School to store them. 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)

Governors can be contacted via email to [clerk@wslprimary.org](mailto:clerk@wslprimary.org)

## Dates for Your Diary

### The Academic Year 2024-2025

#### Term 4 (30 days)

<b>March</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Workshops for all children in School	
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Red Kites Class Assembly	2.30pm
	w/c 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last session /week for Teacher Led Clubs	
	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Maths Session for Parents in Red Kites Class	9.00-9.50
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Maths Session for Parents in Skylarks Class	9.00-9.50
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Robins Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Maths Session for Parents in Nightingales Class	10.00-10.50
	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Maths Session for Parents in Robins Class	9.00-9.50
	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for All Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Writing Workshop for Parents in Owls	2.30pm
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for All Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes	3.30-5.30pm
<b>April</b>	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt & PTA Easter Hat Competition	
	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4	1.00pm

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

#### Term 5( 23 days)

<b>April</b>	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2School collection	9.00am
<b>May</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday	
	12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week	
	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	

**May Holiday: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

#### Term 6 (38 days)

<b>June</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>July</b>	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	

**Summer Holiday: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

### The Academic Year 2025-2026

#### Term 1 (38 days)

<b>September</b>	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>October</b>	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	

**October Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

Dinosaurs and Fossil Dig Workshop Letter

Headlice Guidance to EYFS, KS1 and Red Kites Class

Parents Evenings Letter to all

Football Club Cancellation Information to Year 5 /6

Gems Girls & Autism Workshop to all

Roaring2Go Maidenhead and Windsor Newsletter link to all