



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly Newsletter Number 24

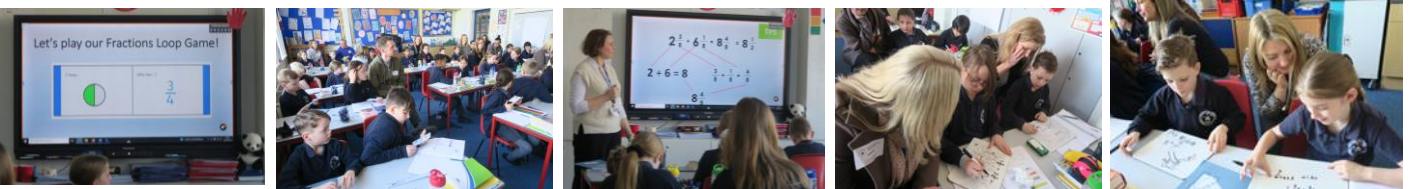
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Parents Evenings** will take place next week on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm-5.30pm** and **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00pm to 7.00pm for all classes**, and **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm for Skylarks, Red Kites and Kestrels only**. Thank you to everyone who has completed the Online Booking. If you still need to book a slot, or change the time you originally chose, please do so or see your child's Class Teacher. Children are expected to join you at the Parent Evenings.

What a fantastic week of learning it has been! Our school has been buzzing with excitement as children immersed themselves in hands-on learning experiences, and we were delighted to welcome parents to join in the learning journey! A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our **Open Maths Sessions** this week, which were a great success! It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging in the learning process alongside your children. These sessions provided a valuable opportunity to explore how **Maths** is taught in school.

On Tuesday: The children in **Red Kites Class** explored fractions, including adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Parents had the opportunity to observe how Miss Hill made complex concepts accessible and engaging through modelling and a range of interactive activities and games. These hand-on methods not only made learning enjoyable but also provided parents with useful strategies to support your children's understanding of fractions at home.



On Wednesday: The children in **Skylarks Class** focused on telling the time, mastering both analogue clocks and the 12-hour and 24-hour formats. We hope you found the practical approach valuable and gained useful insights to help your children practise their time-telling skills at home.



On Thursday: Our Year 1 children in **Nightingales Class** delved into the concept of mass using non-standard units. The hands-on activities were a hit, children also worked on problem-solving and reasoning challenges and applying their knowledge. We hope you discovered fun ways to reinforce these measurement concepts at home.



We are grateful for your involvement and support. Your presence made a significant impact on your child's learning experience. We hope you found it insightful and took away some ideas to support learning at home! Together, we are fostering a collaborative and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive.

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



Thank you to all the children in Robins Class for a wonderful Class Assembly on Wednesday this week. The children shared their learning on a range of subjects, History, Values, English, Maths, Science, Music, Art etc.. The children modelled and explained the calculation strategies they used for multiplication clearly. It is very impressive how the children have learned so many facts and information by heart. Each child spoke with confidence, delivering their lines clearly. Thank you to Mrs Brancato, Mrs Clark, Mrs Kemp and Mrs Sinibaldi for their hard work and great support. We hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as we did.



The highlight of the week has to be the **Dinosaurs and Fossil Dig Workshops**, which brought an extra dose of wonder and curiosity, sparking imaginations across the school. Children had the chance to become real-life palaeontologists, uncovering hidden fossils and learning about prehistoric creatures in a hands-on and interactive way. The enthusiasm was contagious, and it was fantastic to see our young scientists so engaged in their discoveries! We will share some photos and children's comments next week. Stay tuned for more news on this event next week.

Thank you for your support in making this event possible. If you have not yet made the payment, please can you do so ASAP.



Next week we will be working on **Helping Others**. Children will discuss whether it is difficult to help others. Growing up often means having more responsibilities. Perhaps you could have a chat with your child 'Have you ever helped a friend to learn something new? How did you help them? How did it feel?' Or 'How do you help your family? How do you feel afterwards?' Here is a quote: *'As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others.'* – Audrey Hepburn, British Actress, model and dancer (1929 – 1993) What might this quote mean?

#### Reminder & Upcoming Events:

- **Open Maths Session** for parent in Robins Class will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00 to 9.50.
- **Writing Workshop for parent in Owls** will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2.30pm in Owls Classroom.
- **Kestrels Cake Sale** will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March after school at 3.10pm on the playground

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	Baneen J	Henrietta B
Nightingales	Freddie N	Poppy L-W
Robins	All children for a wonderful assembly	
Skylarks	Wilfred P	Eshal J
Red Kites	James H	Lawrence G
Kestrels	Cara M	Finn H

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	146	2230
Galileo (Green)	151	1659
Redgrave (Red)	212	1811
Yeats (Yellow)	185	1873

The Winning House's 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: 17-03-25 to 21-03-25

Owls 96.7%	Skylarks 95.5%
Nightingales 96.7%	Red Kites 95.1%
Robins 95.7%	<b>Kestrels 96.8%</b>
Whole School 96.1%	



## 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.

## After School Clubs

Please remember that there will be **NO Teacher Led After School Clubs next week due to Parents Evenings**, all teacher led clubs are finished for this term.

Other clubs led by external professionals will continue till the end of Term 4. If you require any child care, please use our Woodpeckers 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/ZK98E8KNOSZO?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZO?ref=wl_share) Thank you.

## Class Assembly



Nightingales Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Red Kites Class are welcome to join us.

## 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.

## 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 for **Robins Class** will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** next week, starting **from 9.00am to 9.50am**. We hope to see as many parents as possible.

## 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.

## Performing and Debating Club - Additional Sessions

Children in the above club will need to attend a dress rehearsal on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3.10 to 4.10pm**. Parents whose children are in the club are invited to the show on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am**.

## 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.

## Easter Egg Hunt



We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. The hunt will start at **2:40pm** and younger siblings are very welcome to come along and join in the fun. The prizes will be presented to all winners at the end of day in the School Playground soon after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please come along and enjoy the fun celebration of Easter.

## Labels

Please make sure **every single item e.g. water bottles, PE kit, hats etc. is clearly labelled with your child's name and class**. We have a lot of 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.

## STIKINS School Uniform Name Labels

Each child has taken home their **5 free personal sample labels printed by Stikins®**. A row of 5 labels per child is wrapped individually in a bag, which has instructions for use on the back. They have also included stickers showing the school fundraising number **24482** which can be stuck on the back of each pack. As mentioned last week, Stikins® is a school fundraising scheme. We will receive 30% commission every time parents order name labels directly from Stikins®, quoting our School Fundraising Number **24482**. You can order the name labels via their website: [www.name-labels.com](http://www.name-labels.com) or by phone 01270 668076

## 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)

March	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
		The Sheriff Talk to the Whole School	2.30pm
April	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
	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)

April	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
May	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)

June	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
July	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)

September	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
October	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:

Parents Evenings Online Booking Link to all

Year 6 Homework Letter to Year 6

Reflections regarding the Proposed Trip Letter to Year 6

Robins class Assembly Remind to Robins

Dinosaurs and Fossil Dig Workshop Payment Reminder to all

School Dinner Ordering Reminder to Parents