



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday last week – it is lovely to see everyone back looking refreshed as we enter Term 4. The children have enjoyed a variety of learning opportunities offered to them this week.

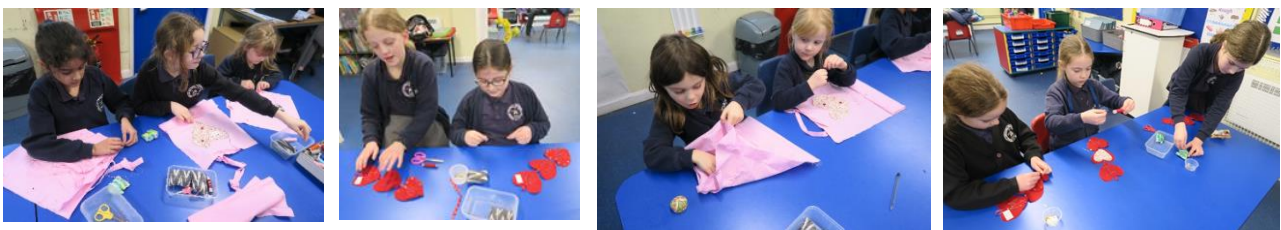
In Term 4, the focus of The Big 5 is **Responsibility**. We will be focusing on the related values of **'Behaviour Choices, Respect for Things, Kindness Online, Respect for Others, Helping Others and Healthy Choices**. This week, we have focused on **Behaviour Choices** through stories. Children in their class have discussed how they can reflect and change OR adapt their behaviour to make things better or suit different circumstances. We have placed a strong emphasis on the importance of positive behaviour choices among our children and encourage all children to be respectful and supportive of one another. To reinforce our expectations, our Habit of the Month will continue to be **Only My Best Will Do – Showing respect and responding to all adults in the exactly the same way**. We expect all children to show appreciation and respect to all adults in our school community, regardless of their roles, whether they are lunchtime controllers, teaching assistants to any other staff members. Respectful behaviour, including active listening and using polite language etc, helps create a positive and inclusive atmosphere where everyone can thrive. Let's work together to reinforce these values at home and in school. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow into respectful and responsible individuals.

When sleep is abundant, minds flourish. We often notice that some of our children are just so tired. The impact that poor sleeping patterns can have on a child's (and adult's) ability to concentrate and learn is remarkable. Please make sure your child goes to bed at an appropriate time. If you are having difficulties establishing these good patterns of sleeping with your child, please come to see us. We are here to help and support you in ensuring your child gets the rest they need to succeed. You can also visit The Sleep Charity website and download some resources via the link here <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/get-involved/awareness-events/>. You will find:

- ✨ Practical tips for better sleep routines.
- ✨ Free weekly webinars with our experts to tackle sleep challenges.
- ✨ Resources, info and challenges.

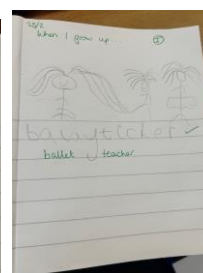
After School Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to see so many children continue to enjoy all the clubs on offer this term, learning and developing a wide variety of skills through these experiences. Since January Term 3, the children in Sewing Club have been busy learning a variety of stitches and honing their sewing skills. From the basic running stitches to more intricate patterns, they are all learning the art of sewing with enthusiasm and creativity. Here are just a few photos for you to enjoy.



What have we been learning in school?

This week in **Owls Class**, the children have been learning about growing and changing. They explored the different stages of growth and discussed what they would like to do when they grow up, such as riding a bike or driving a car and why. The children then sat down and thought about what they wanted to be when they grow up and used their phonics skills to sound out the words. We have some very bright futures ahead of us!





Next week we will be working on **Respect for Things**. Children will explore the meaning of the word '**Respect**' and discuss 'How you can show respect for things or other people's things? Perhaps you could discuss with your children 'How they might feel when other people don't show respect to their things?' Here is a quote: '*We've all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That's who we really are.*' – Sirius Black in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, by J K Rowling, British Author (1965-) What might this quote mean? Let's all try to look after each other and respect each other's things.

Reminder & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ In order to **develop self-help skills and independence** of all children, we would ask parents / all children, including children in Owls Class to use Stop and Drop Service or say goodbye to your children at the main entrance. Helpers at the Stop Drop will assist your child safely out of the car. so that they can walk to their classroom on their own. This practice helps encourage **independence** in our young learners. Children should also take responsibility by looking after their own belongings, carrying their own bags and lunchboxes etc. Please support us and let them do things that they can do themselves.
- ❖ **Year 2 End of the Year Assessment Information Meeting for Parents** will take place **28th February today at 2.25pm** in Robins Classroom. We look forward to seeing many of you as possible as it is a very important meeting.
- ❖ **The Open Maths Session for Parents in Kestrels Class** will be on **Tuesday 4th March from 9.00 to 9.50**. Please save the day and come to learn about how Maths is taught at WSL
- ❖ **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information** Meeting for parents will take place on **Friday 7th March at 2.30pm** in Nightingales Class
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ As part of the **World Book Day Celebration**, we will have **Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 6th March next week**. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their chosen book characters.
- ❖ This year, the theme for **2025 Maidenhead's Big Read festival** is **Wings, Take Flight, open a book and spread your wings**. More details of the programme can be found [here](#). If any parent wishes to volunteer to help out for a couple of hours over that weekend, that would be great! Here is the web link to find out what it entails and to sign up for a preferred optional day/time/ location:

[Volunteers for MBR 2025 Saturday](#)

[Volunteers for MBR 2025 Sunday](#)

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher



MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

- 9 authors, storytellers.
- Many of the presenters' books available at The Little Bookshop, Cookham.
- Pop-up bookshop in library.
- Author book signings at the end of the session.
- Readers' corner for quiet reading with parents.
- Once Upon a Bus - storytelling.
- The Joystick Club - making a chuck glider or try a pedal plane (weather permitting).
- Craft activities.

Scan for more details

No advance booking required. The number of participants attending per session is restricted so entry will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

TAKE FLIGHT

OPEN A BOOK & SPREAD YOUR WINGS

8TH & 9TH MARCH 2025
MAIDENHEAD LIBRARY

Maidenhead's Big Read
presents a weekend of events
INSPIRING, ENTHUSIASMING AND ENTERTAINING THROUGH
LITERATURE & THE ARTS

WITH THANKS TO RBWM LIBRARIES, TOWN CENTRE
MANAGEMENT AND OUR SPONSORS

The Joystick Club
White Waltham

Chan Y Foundation, Windsor & Maidenhead Community College, Rotary, The Louis Raylts

  <h2>Saturday, 8th March</h2> <p>Children's Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlotte Milner - 10:30 • Rhian Lynette - 11:30 • Nick Arnold - 12:30 • Zak Simmonds-Hurn - 13:30 <p>Author Presentations, Riverview Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Arnold - 10:45 • Zak Simmonds-Hurn - 12:00 • Phillip Kavvadias - 13:15 • Rhian Lynette - 14:30 	  <h2>Sunday, 9th March</h2> <p>Children's Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Burgess - 11:30 • Alice Hemming - 12:10 • Rhian Lynette - 13:10 <p>Author Presentations, Riverview Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iszi Lawrence - 11:30 • Catherine Bruton - 13:15 	  <h2>All Weekend</h2> <p>Quiet Readers' corner</p> <p>Craft Activities</p> <p>Outdoors</p> <p>Once Upon a Bus </p> <p>Saturday, 8th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gruffalo (10:00-10:30) • Room on the Broom(11:00-11:30) • Neverland(12:00-12:30) • The Gruffalo(13:15-13:45) • Alice Down the Rabbit Hole(14:15-14:45) • Space(15:00-15:30) <p>Sunday, 9th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gruffalo (11:00-11:30) • Room on the Broom(11:45-12:15) • Neverland(12:45-13:15) • Alice Down the Rabbit Hole(13:30-14:00) <p>The Joystick Club </p>
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MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ 2025

ONCE UPON A BUS
FABULOUS AND MAGICAL STORYTELLING

JOIN US ON A FLIGHT OF THE IMAGINATION!
STORYTELLING WITH WINGS

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN MAIDENHEAD
THE 8TH & 9TH OF MARCH 2025

DISCOVER MORE 

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	Kai S	Isla K
Nightingales	Lily E	Abdullah J
Robins	Eila B	Oliver B
Skylarks	Sienna O-D	Penelope W
Red Kites	Jojo B	Felix L
Kestrels	Rayyan J	Chloe N

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	229	1599
Galileo (Green)	194	1124
Redgrave (Red)	229	1253
Yeats (Yellow)	232	1255

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! Every day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance: 24-02-25 to 28-02-25

Owls 98.9%	Skylarks 99.2%
Nightingales 97.7%	Red Kites 94.6%
Robins 90.0%	Kestrels 99.1%
Whole School 96.9%	



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. 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 Thank you.

Primary Dance Festival DVD / USB ORDER Link

Primary Dance Festival DVD or USB stick are available to buy on line. It costs **£12.00 for DVD**, or **£16.00 for USB stick** and **orders received before 17th MARCH will receive FREE DELIVERY** as these will be delivered to our school to distribute in one go. **Orders received after this time will be charged £2.50 postal and admin fee. Here is the link <https://www.picoproductions.co.uk/>** – scroll to bottom of page and you will see the link for either day.

The School Sport Partnership receives £1.50 from every DVD sold and these funds are really important to help keep the dance programme going in the future.

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.



World Book Day & Maidenhead Big Read

Celebrating **World Book Day** is one of the highlights of the School Year at WSL. To mark the **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March** this year, we will have a Non-Uniform Day when children are invited to come to school in their favourite book characters. **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** this year.

KS1 End of Year Assessment Information Meeting

KS1 End of Year Assessment Information Meeting will take place on **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.

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 10.00am** or as indicated otherwise on the following date for each class. Please save the dates.

- Kestrels Tuesday 4th March
- Red kites Tuesday 18th March
- Skylarks Wednesday 19th March
- Nightingales Thursday 20th March
- Robins Tuesday 25th March

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**.

Writing Workshop for Parents in Owls

Writing Workshop for parent in **Owls will take place on Wednesday 26th 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 12th – Thursday 15th May 2025**. If your child is in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school that week.

School Lunch Order

It is essential that pre-ordering of school lunches is completed and paid for using SCOPAY. This ensures that the catering team is able to produce the correct number of meals, to speed up service and help reduce food waste. If your order is not completed on time, then please bring a packed lunch for your child that day.

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.

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 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 4 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	Writing Workshop for Parents in Owls	2.30pm
	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:

Robins Class Staffing Update Letter to Robins

World Book Day Celebration Events Letter to all

David Barker's Books Order Form to Year 5/6

Year 2 End of the Year Assessment Information Meeting Reminder to Robins