



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly Newsletter Number 26

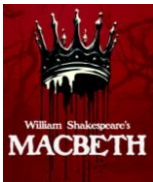
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have raced by with so many activities and events taking place. We have had another action packed week at WSL! Please read on...



Thank you to all the children in Nightingales Class for a fabulous Class Assembly on Wednesday! They shared some of their wonderful learning from this term, including their work in Maths, where they explored mass and capacity, in Science, they investigated the properties of materials and shared the results of their waterproof tests. They also brought *The Three Little Pigs* to life through their expressive storytelling, using actions and following their story maps. As part of their topic work on *The Great Fire of London*, they showcased letters and paintings they had created. It is truly impressive to see how many facts the children have learned by heart. They spoke clearly and confidently and sang the song 'London's burning' with enthusiasm. A big thank you to Miss Bennett and TAs for their dedication and to parents and friends who attended. We hope you all enjoyed the assembly and felt proud to see the amazing progress the children have made this term.



Our talented children in the **Performing & Debating Club** took to the stage this morning to perform *Macbeth* for the whole school and their families. With impressive confidence and dramatic flair, they brought Shakespeare's classic tale of ambition and power to life.

A huge well done to all the performers for their hard work and dedication—learning lines, perfecting their delivery, and embracing the spirit of the play. A special thank you to Miss Hill for her passion, hard work, and encouragement in bringing this production together—her enthusiasm has truly inspired the children! We would

also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Macaulay-Brown for her creativity and effort in organising the costumes, which added so much to the performance. Thank you to everyone who came to support them. We are so proud of their achievement! What a fantastic way to end the term. Well done to all the children for their amazing performance of *Macbeth*!



### What have we been learning in school?

This week, KS2 children took part in **DT Week, focusing on Food and Cooking**. Each class explored different aspects of preparing and creating delicious dishes. **Skylarks Class** kicked things off by tasting a variety of **biscuits** to help them decide which flavours they would like to choose when baking their own. They were given a basic recipe, which they then adapted to suit their tastes.



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”





Children in **Red Kites Class** took on the challenge of designing and making their own **Pizzas**. They carefully selected healthy toppings and experimented with different combinations to create the most delicious and visually appealing pizzas.



**Kestrels Class** worked collaboratively as part of a group to research, plan and make individual courses as part of a three course meal. Each group was given 'Star Ingredients' which they had to incorporate to enhance the taste and presentation of their dish. All children developed new skills, showed great creativity and produced some truly impressive results! Miss Bennett, Miss Howe and I felt privileged to take on the role of judges—just like on *MasterChef*! We tasted and gave score on each course, and after much deliberation, we are delighted to announce that the winning team is '**Jamie Oliver's Team**'—congratulations!



A huge thank you to KS2 teachers and TAs for their support and enthusiasm, and to parents and carers for their advice, ingredients, and resources. Your support made this experience even more enriching for the children.



**WSL PTA Easter Hat Parade** was a tremendous success yet again this year! The children once again were invited to get creative and design an Easter Hat and they didn't disappoint! We have some very creative children at WSL School! The school was filled with an array of delightful and unique creations (see some photos below), showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our children. Thank you to the PTA for organising this fantastic event. It was evident that children (and parents, I'm sure) thoroughly enjoyed the process of designing and crafting their hats. Yesterday morning, the School Playground came alive with the vibrant parade and it was truly heartwarming to see the excitement on the faces of our children as they proudly displayed their hats. What a fantastic way to end the term, bringing joy and celebration to our school community! Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Hat competition, whose exceptional efforts, creativity and imagination were duly recognised with prizes generously funded by the PTA. A total of **£98** was raised! Your amazing support is much appreciated! Once again, thank you to everyone for making this Easter Hat Parade a memorable and joyous event.

Year	Prizer Winners – 2 Per Year Group	
<b>EYFS</b>	Roman R	Henry L
<b>1</b>	Reggie D	Sebastian W
<b>2</b>	William L	Mia A-M
<b>3</b>	Wilfred P	Bailey H
<b>4</b>	William E	Henry J
<b>5</b>	Florentina H	Matilda P
<b>6</b>	Ellie T	Indie H





**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was a delightful success, bringing excitement and joy to all involved! Children eagerly searched for eggs in their class groups, with anticipation building as we all counted down from ten. Laughter and cheers filled the air as they raced to uncover hidden treasures. A particularly thrilling moment was when 15 lucky children, including our youngest toddlers, discovered the coveted Golden Tickets! Their faces lit up with excitement as they each received a special Easter Egg Prize. It was truly a joyous occasion that fostered a sense of fun and togetherness across the school, creating wonderful memories for both children, staff and parents. Thank you , parents for taking part in and supporting this event.



Having social events throughout the year is a real highlight for our children, parents and teachers, especially now that the weather is warming up! As we wait for our **next PTA to form**, we wondered if any parents or friends would like to get together to organise one off events, big or small!!

We are resending the letter shared with you in October regarding the formation of a new PTA. This letter provides some ideas for events that you could run and the previous PTA members are very happy to share experiences from past events. One of the main events that parents and children would love to see happen this year is the campout. Your involvement is crucial to making these events successful and enjoyable for everyone. If you would like to get involved in organising the campout or any other events, please get in touch. Many thanks for your wonderful support!

### New Building Update

We are thrilled to announce that the new building work is now complete! The exterior painting is the final step, and furniture is being delivered gradually. We hope all the furniture will be delivered after the Easter Holiday, so we can start using the exciting new learning space!

I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA members and parents for their time, effort, and unwavering support throughout this process. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we could not have done it without you. Thank you once again for your wonderful support!

### Reminder and Upcoming Event

We are in the process of organising a **Mini Marathon** fundraising event which will take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**! This event will be a fantastic opportunity for children to run, jog, or walk 2 miles, which equals 8 laps around our playing field. Not only will the children get fit and have fun, but they will also be raising money for our school. Details about the event will be shared soon.

We break up for the Easter Holiday today, **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm** and return to school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025** for the start of Term 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff team for their commitment, dedication and going that extra mile day in, day out, in particular, I want to thank all our incredible support staff who have stepped up and stepped in as and when required to ensure the continued quality learning of the children. Thank you, parents, for your support and encouragement of your children in their learning and progress. Working in partnership with parents is essential to your children's success. We all look forward to continuing working with you to help achieve each child's potential. Finally, my sincere thanks go to our hardworking PTA / parents and highly skilled Governors for all their support throughout the Spring Terms filled with success and memorable achievements.

On behalf of all the children and staff, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and Happy Easter Holiday!

Li-Juan Ellerton  
Headteacher





## Star Pupils of Term 4

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

**EYFS: Clementine P**

**Year 1: Emilie W**

**Year 2: Maisie B**

**Year 3: Charlie M**

**Year 4: Beatrice K**

**Year 5: Oliver R**

**Year 6: Zak H**



## Values Gems

We continue with our **Values Nominations** and encourage children to put our values into action in everything they do and say in daily life. Those children who get most nominations will be our **Values Gems**. This Term our **Values Gems are:**

<b>Emily V</b>	<b>Demi G</b>
<b>Sebastian W</b>	<b>Freya H</b>
<b>Eduardo H</b>	<b>Mia P</b>
<b>William D</b>	<b>Riley W</b>
<b>Cater T-S</b>	<b>Ajooni T</b>
<b>Aaron H</b>	<b>Indie H</b>

## House Points

	<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>Rolling Total</b>
<b>Brunel (Blue)</b>	200	<b>2948</b>
<b>Galileo (Green)</b>	174	2048
<b>Redgrave (Red)</b>	<b>237</b>	2410
<b>Yeats (Yellow)</b>	217	2388

The Winning House's for this term is **Redgrave**. Well done.

## Attendance for the Week

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

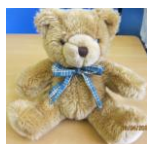
**Class Attendance:** 31-03-25 to 04-04-25

Owls 96.2% Skylarks 95.3%

**Nightingales 96.7%** Red Kites 95.5%

Robins 95.9% Kestrels 95.9%

Whole School 95.9%



## Stop and Drop Zone

We are very grateful to parent volunteers: Mrs Edwards Ms Pullin, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Moore, Mr Lavers, Mr Martin and Mrs Mann and others for helping at the Stop and Drop, ensuring the safety of the children as they leave their car and make their way into school independently. Thank you for your great help!

## Reading, Reading, Reading

Daily reading is vital in supporting our learners to become fluent readers who develop a love of books. Reading is the most crucial skill any child will learn. It is our school's clear expectation that every child reads every night without any distraction. Please support us by ensuring that there is a time set aside every evening to ensure your child can read and, ideally, to be read to by an adult. Happy Reading during the Easter holiday.

## Class Assembly



Owls Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Children will be sharing what they have been learning in school. Family and friends in Nightingales Class are welcome to join us.

## Key Text Books for Term 5 and 6

As part of our English Curriculum, we have key text / story books for each term. we would appreciate it if you could purchase the book for your child:

**'How to Train Your Dragon' Book 1 by Cressida Cowell – Skylarks**

**'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty - Red Kites Class**

**'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K Rowling – Kestrels Class**

Thank you for your support.

## After School Clubs for Term 5 and 6 Reminder

Please remember that we do not run After School Clubs in the first and last weeks of the terms, i.e. **NO Club in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April in Term 5**, unless it is otherwise indicated. If you require any child care, please use our Woodpeckers After School CARE CLUB. Please **book in advance**. Thank you.

## School Meal Cost Increase

From April 2025, the cost of meals will increase by 10p per meal (meal price of **£2.79 from April**). Please note that this increase is due to the level of taxation and is taking place outside the usual annual inflationary increase of the meal price which takes effect from September each year; the annual inflationary price increase will also take place as usual in September.

## 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.**

## All Inclusive Easter Family Fun Day

The local charity **Stand Out For Autism** is launching their sensory bus project with all schools in RBWM on Saturday **12<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. Please refer to the ALL INCLUSIVE Easter Family Fun Day poster for more details.



## Junior Cricket for Children at WSL Cricket Club

In partnership with **Performance Cricket**, WSL Cricket Club is offering children of all abilities an inclusive cricket programme throughout the Summer Term on **Monday evenings, 6.00-7.30pm**, starting **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**. The cost for 15 sessions is **£100 per child**.

Families can register their children directly via their website <https://wsfcc.co.uk/junior-cricket/> and **taster sessions are available** for first-time attendees.

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)

April 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 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Start of Pupil Term  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Football Matches at Holi Trinity Primary 3.30pm  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mini London Marathon fundraising Event – details to follow 1.00-3.00  
 w/c 28<sup>th</sup> All clubs start this week  
 Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection 9.00am  
 Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Owls Class Assembly 2.30pm  
 May Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Performance Workshop for EYFS & KS1 10.30-12.00  
 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Mathematical Competition (Team of 3) – Details to follow 4.30-6.00pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs Week  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> EYFS Health Screening (Height and Weight) in School 9.30am  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Young Apprentice Competition 1.00-2.30pm  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> End of Pupil Term 3.10pm

**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  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Workshop for Kestrels Class 1.15pm  
 Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Science Day at Holyport College – detail to follow 1.00-3.00pm  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> It's Your Move – Year 6 Transition Talk 1.15pm  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Village Festival  
 Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Last Chinese Club  
 Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 1.30pm  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo 8.30am-3.10pm  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sports Day – Reserve  
 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:**

After School Clubs for Term 5 and 6 Letter to all

Formation of PTA letter to all

NHS Headlice Guidance to Nightingales, Skylarks and Red Kites

Year 4 Bikeability and Cycle Training Level 1 Letter to Year 4

Bag2School Reminder and Bags to all

CaterLink Summer Menu to all