



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we are incredibly proud of our **Year 6 learners** who have approached **SATs** week with resilience, focus, and a brilliant attitude. Each and every one of them gave their best effort and demonstrated maturity and determination throughout the week. Their hard work and positivity have truly made us proud! A huge well done and a big congratulations to all our Year 6 learners!

A special thanks to the staff team for their incredible support, with particular recognition to Mrs Wakeling for accommodating additional children at Breakfast Club, coming in early each morning to prepare a delicious breakfast for the children. These morning sessions gave Year 6 a chance to relax, chat with friends, and enjoy a calm and supportive start to the day—helping them feel settled and confident before sitting their tests. Well done again, Year 6—you have shown what you are capable of, and we are all cheering you on!



**Year 2 children** will start their optional **SATs** next week and will continue during the coming weeks. For Year 2 parents, can you please avoid booking holidays or appointments (if necessary, please try to make doctor or dentist appointments out of school time as much as possible) during this on-going assessment period, as it is vital for your children to be in school **EVERYDAY** so that they will not miss out any important lessons and assessments or tests. Thank you for your support.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May this week, a team of three of our talented Year 4 learners, Dorothy, Felix and Toby, proudly represented our school at the **Rotary 2025 RBWM Primary Schools Year 4 Mathemagician Competition**, held at Cookham Dean Primary School.

Working brilliantly as a team, they showcased their mathematical thinking, problem-solving skills, and collaboration—and their hard work paid off! Our team **won first place**, earning the top prize of a £50 book voucher for the school, along with £15 book vouchers and Gold Certificates for each team member.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, rising to the challenge and confidently applying their mathematical skills in a competitive context. Their enthusiasm and teamwork were clear to see throughout the event.



In a special moment, the team was presented with the prestigious **John Stephenson Shield** by the Mayor of RBWM, Councillor Simon Bond, alongside Rotary President Mark Loader. The shield will be proudly displayed in school for a whole year.

We are incredibly proud of our young mathematicians—not only for their achievement but for the way they represented our school with confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Well done, children!



### What have we been learning in school?

As part of their **Art** topic this term, the children in Robins Class have been exploring **Sculpture and 3D design**, with a particular focus on working with clay. They have enjoyed creating their own imaginative figures, using a variety of techniques to shape and decorate their work. They have learned how to flatten and smooth clay, roll it into different forms, and add texture through mark-making. The children have shown increasing control and creativity when using both their hands and specialist tools to manipulate malleable materials. This hands-on experience has helped them build confidence and develop their artistic skills in a fun and engaging way.

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



**Core Value – Community:** For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on the Value of **Celebrating Difference**. Children will be discussing the similarities and differences they have, how they celebrate diversity or how do they feel when celebrating diversity. Perhaps you can spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote: *'I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.'* — Martin Luther King Jr. American Civil Rights Leader (1929 - 1968) What might he mean?



#### Reminder and Upcoming Event

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Health Screening for EYFS children (height and weight) in school** – please send in your consent as soon you can.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Young Apprentice Competition** – please refer to the letter for details.
- **PTA Class of '25 Campout** - Ticket sales have officially opened. You can buy your tickets via [www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta)



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	Emily V	Clemmie P
Nightingales	Noah G-M	Sebby W
Robins	Oliva M	Eduardo H
Skylarks	Mason W-P	Preston M
Red Kites	Toby L	Hermione H
Kestrels	All of Year 6	

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	361	1036
Galileo (Green)	310	971
Redgrave (Red)	372	1196
Yeats (Yellow)	312	1230

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!*

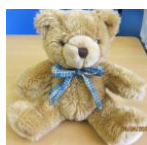
Class Attendance: 12-05-25 to 16-05-25

Owls 99.40% Skylarks 97.5%

Nightingales 95.5% Red Kites 93.8%

Robins 94.7% **Kestrels 100%**

Whole School 96.9%



## Habit of the Month

In **May**, children will continue to focus on **Only My Best Will Do – Being more thoughtful and taking pride in own learning and behaviour**. 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.

## Owls Class Show and Tell Expectation

As part of our ongoing focus on oracy and developing children's public speaking skills, **Show and Tell** sessions will be starting in Owls class next week! This activity will follow the register order, with three children presenting each week until the end of this academic year.

### What to Expect:

- Please work with your child to ensure they can discuss what they have brought, who gave it to them, and when or where it is from.
- Remind your child to be prepared to answer questions and speak clearly in front of the class.
- Ensure that your child keeps their Show and Tell item safe in their tray until it is their turn.

To help structure and organise your child's thoughts, here are some sentence openers:

- I brought this because...
- This was given to me by...
- I got this from...
- This is special to me because...
- One interesting fact about this is...
- I like this because...

Keep an eye on your child's purple book to see when it will be their turn to present.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful items and hearing the stories behind them. Thank you for your support in helping our children develop their language and communication and public speaking skills!

## A Massive THANK YOU for Your Incredible Support!

A *massive thank you* to all our parents and families for your incredible generosity and encouragement during our Mini London Marathon event held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, together, we raised an amazing **£2,620.00!**

This fantastic amount will go directly towards purchasing new equipment and games to make our lunchtime play even more active, inclusive, and fun for everyone. Thank you once again for being such a brilliant school community!

## School Photographs



The photographer will be in school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** to take the **Whole School and Class Group photographs**.

Please make sure your children look smart in their School uniforms.

## Year 6 Writing Assessment

Writing is assessed via moderation within the school, so we will still be compiling evidence to support each child's attainment and progress in this area.

## Primary Assessments Dates 2025

**KS1 Year 2 Optional SATs** will take place throughout **May and June 2025**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** will take place in **w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check** will start in **w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

It is vital that the children are in school during these very important periods

## Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to inform you that we shall be running the second **Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June after school every day in the Dining Hall or Outside if weather permitting from 3.10pm to 3.40pm**. More details will follow. If any parents can help man the store, please contact the School Office

## KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting for Parents

This upcoming KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.15pm** in the School Hall. This session is designed to provide parents with a better understanding of how we organise mixed-year classes at KS2 and the factors we consider in this process. To ensure adequate seating arrangements, Please send an email to the School Office to confirm your attendance.

## PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5 & 6

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - WSL Village Festival**, taking place at the WSL Cricket Club, tickets are available now on [www.wslsrevents.com](http://www.wslsrevents.com)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Class of 2025 Camp Out**



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 5 (23 days)

##### May

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      Owls Fundraiser	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	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting for Parents	2.15pm
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	1.00-6.00pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos – Whole School and Class Group	9.00-11.00
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition (Team of 3) at WSL (Host)	4.30-6.00pm
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	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures – Details to follow	All Day
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Party in the School Playing Field	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	1.30pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Camp Out for Class of 2025	5.00pm onwards
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Leaving Party	4.00-6.00pm
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
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term

##### October

**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:

Young Apprentice Competition Letter to all

Science Outreach Day at Holyport College Letter to Year 5

Show and Tell information to Owls Class

Census Day Lunch Reminder to all

Elite Youth Rugby Leaflet to Red Kites

Choral Festival & Concert Leaflet to all

