



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our **Year 2 children in Robins Class** have made a fantastic start to their **optional SATs**, working hard to complete their Reading tests. We are incredibly proud of the focus and effort they have shown. After the May half-term holiday, the children will continue with their assessments, including Maths, Spelling, Grammar, and Punctuation. These tests are an important part of helping us understand each child's progress and support their learning as they move forward.

We kindly ask Year 2 parents to avoid booking any holidays or appointments during this ongoing assessment period. Where possible, please arrange any necessary doctor or dentist visits outside of school hours, as it is essential that children are in school every day to ensure they do not miss any key lessons, assessments, or opportunities to demonstrate what they know.

During the May holiday, you might like to support your child by **revisiting key skills in Reading, Grammar, and basic Maths**, such as number bonds, times tables, and spelling patterns. Please refer to the Home learning Support Information for details. A little practice and encouragement can make a big difference to their confidence and readiness. Thank you for your support.

Our exciting **Young Apprentice House Competition** took place yesterday afternoon on the school playground. The children were absolutely buzzing with excitement as they ran their own stalls, aiming to raise as much money as possible for the school. Congratulations to **Yeats**, this year's Winning House, who raised an impressive **£140.36!** **Brunel: £125.13**, **Redgrave: £119.26** and **Galileo: £67.59**. WELL DONE to everyone and parents, too!

We are thrilled to announce that
children have raised an amazing
£452.34!



Each House Team worked incredibly hard and showed brilliant organisation and creativity. Altogether, there were over 20 stalls, including: *Football, Tattoos and Face Painting, Hairdressing, Custard Pie Throwing, Lucky Dip, Fortune Cookies, Whack-a-Rat, Beanbag Toss, Guess the Mashmallows, Nerf Shoot 'n' Win, Cake Sale. Archery*, and more!

Our **EYFS and KS1 children** had a fantastic time exploring the stalls, carefully choosing how to spend their money and joining in the fun. It was a brilliant way for them to see learning in action – applying their Maths skills, making decisions, and experiencing what it's like to be a customer. The playground was full of laughter, excitement, and real-life learning!

A huge THANK YOU to all our parents for your amazing support – whether it was helping your child prepare for their stall or sending them in with spending money. I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful staff, who got fully involved and joined in the fun with the children – your encouragement and energy helped make the afternoon truly special.

It was a fantastic afternoon full of entrepreneurial spirit. The whole event was a celebration of teamwork, enterprise, creativity and joy – and we are so proud of what the children achieved. Here are some photos and a few comments from the children



I really enjoyed the Young Apprentice. As everyone got a responsibility.



We love getting messy and we have raised lots of money.



This is the best day of my life!



We raised a lot of money and had an AMAZING time!

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

What have we been learning in school?

Over the past few weeks, **Red Kites Class** and the **Year 5 children in Kestrels Class** have been working collaboratively on an **Installation Art Project**. In teams, they developed a central concept for their installation and carefully planned the materials they would need. They transformed large cardboard boxes into mini art galleries, lining the interiors with black or white paper. They then cut stencils and shapes to decorate the gallery walls. Using a variety of paints and glitter, they created stunning visual effects inside their miniature spaces. For the final stage, they added model figures, designed creative lighting, and photographed their finished galleries. The results are truly amazing, and the children have worked incredibly hard to bring their artistic visions to life. Well done to everyone!



Reminder and Upcoming Event

- **Owls Class Ice Cream Sale** will take place after school at **3.10pm today** on the playground.
- **KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June** at **2.15pm** in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.
- **Year 5 Science Outreach Day at Holyport College** will take place on **Thursday afternoon of 5th June**. Please refer to the letter sent home for more details.
- The photographer will be in school on **Monday 9th June** to take the **Whole School and Class Group photographs**.
- **PTA Class of '25 Campout** - Ticket sales have officially opened. You can buy your tickets via www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta



We break up from School today and look forward to welcoming you back for the final Term 6 of this academic year on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. Please remember that **Monday 2nd June** is **INSET Day** and the school is closed.

We wish you all an enjoyable May Holiday!

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

Star Pupils for Term 5

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating our School Values, Growth Mindset and going above and beyond with their learning throughout Term 5. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS: Henry L
Year 1: Poppy L-W
Year 2: William L
Year 3: Emily C
Year 4: Isobella O-S
Year 5: Florentina H
Year 6: Monty W



House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	156	1192
Galileo (Green)	230	1212
Redgrave (Red)	226	1422
Yeats (Yellow)	117	1347

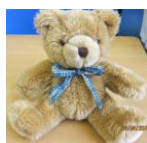
The Winning House's for this week is **Galileo**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 19-05-25 to 23-05-25

Owls 98.9% Skylarks 96.3%
Nightingales 96.6% Red Kites 96.4%
Robins 90.8% Kestrels 91.1%
Whole School 95.1%



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.

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 25th 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 9th June** to take the **Whole School and Class Group photographs**.

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

Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to inform you that we shall be running the second **Scholastic Book Fair** from **Monday 16th to Friday 20th 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

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 9th June 2025**.

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

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

KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting for Parents

This upcoming **KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 3rd 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 7th June 2025 - WSL Village Festival, taking place at the WSL Cricket Club, tickets are available now on

www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 18th July 2025 Class of 2025 Camp Out

Online Safety & Useful Websites

Please make sure your children are kept safe when using the internet at home. Talk to them regularly about the benefits and risks of the online world and give them space to ask questions and talk about anything that worries them. You can set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on. Below are some websites that I hope you will find helpful.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-andcarers/cyberbullying-and-digital-safety/reportingcyberbullying/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/home>



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 5 (23 days)

May Fri 23rd End of Pupil Term Owls Fundraiser 3.10pm

May Holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025

Term 6 (38 days)

June Mon 2nd Staff Inset Day
Tues 3rd Start of Pupil Term
Tues 3rd KS2 Class Organisation Information Meeting for Parents 2.15pm
Thurs 5th Year 5 Science Day at Holyport College 1.00-3.00pm
Fri 6th It's Your Move – Year 6 Transition Talk 1.15pm
Sat 7th Village Festival 1.00-6.00pm
Mon 9th School Photos – Whole School and Class Group 9.00-11.00
9th – 13th Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
2nd – 13th Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 19th Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition (Team of 3) at WSL (Host) 4.30-6.00pm
Thurs 19th Last Chinese Club followed by performance to parents 3.45pm
Thurs 26th Sports Day 1.30pm
Fri 27th Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo 8.30am-3.10pm
Mon 30th Sports Day – Reserve
July Fri 4th Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures – Details to follow All Day
Sat 5th Music Party in the School Playing Field
Mon 7th KS2 End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Tues 8th KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents 1.30pm
Wed 9th KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents 6.00pm
Thurs 10th KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents 6.00pm
Fri 18th PTA Camp Out for Class of 2025 5.00pm onwards
Mon 21st Year 6 Leaving Party 4.00-6.00pm
Wed 23rd End of Pupil Term 1.00pm

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24th July 2025 – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

The Academic Year 2025-2026

Term 1 (38 days)

September Wed 3rd Staff Inset Day
Thurs 4th Start of Pupil Term

October Fri 24th End of Pupil Term

October Holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st 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

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

Staffing Updates Letter to all

Year 6 Activity Day Letter to Year 6

Robins Class Home Learning Support Information to Robins

Young Apprentice Reminder to all