



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

KS2 SATs will take place next week. Our Year 6 children and staff have been working incredibly hard throughout the year to prepare for this important moment. We are so proud of their efforts and would like to wish all our young learners the very best luck! As part of our tradition, all Year 6 children are invited to a **FREE Breakfast** during SATs week. If you would like your child to take up the offer, please email the School Office with the days your child will attend, so we can plan accordingly.

A few key reminders - these really do make a difference:

- Make sure your child has early nights and gets plenty of sleep.
- Ensure your child has healthy, tasty breakfast and stays well hydrated.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time every day, feeling calm and ready - the day will start with the usual registration routines.
- If your child is unwell, please contact the school from 8.00am onwards. We will make arrangements for your child to take the test away from others and also agree a collection time.

For all parents, please avoid booking holidays or appointments during this on-going assessment period. If unavoidable, try to **make doctor or dentist appointments outside of school hours as much as possible**. Daily attendance is essential so children do not miss important learning, assessments or tests. Thank you for your continued support.



Yesterday, the children and staff gathered on the playground to join the nation in observing a two-minute silence at 12:00 noon. This was in honour of the 80th anniversary of **VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)**. During this solemn moment, we paused to remember and express our gratitude to those who fought for our peace and



freedom during World War II. VE Day is a significant occasion that reminds us of the bravery, resilience and sacrifices made by so many. Children are reminded to appreciate what we have and to be kind and thoughtful to one another. By showing kindness and understanding, we can continue to honour the legacy of those who fought for a better world.



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Thursday 8th May. The **EYFS and KS1 children** had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Jungle Rumble](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. **Perform** focuses on developing the 4C's which are: Confidence, Communication, Concentration and Coordination. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the drama workshop. Please read on to see what the children had to say about their experience...

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Jungle Rumble*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#)

to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Jungle Rumble* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Waltham St Lawrence Primary if you come along for a free trial session before Friday 27th June. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **WALT270625** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.



It was funny and I really enjoyed it.
Hunter

It was great and I really want to do drama now.
Emilie



I thought the banana language bit was the best bit. It was really funny. – Sebby
It was really good and the banana language was really funny. – Amber
I liked doing snakes on the floor and being cheetahs. – Mia
I liked the story. I liked talking to banana – Tino
I liked acting like a monkey and talking banana. It was fun! Freya
I liked the part when we had to freeze as a tree in the swamp. – Noah

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

What have we been learning in school?

In Art this week, the children in Nightingales Class explored an exciting new technique: creating 3D sculptures using paper. They studied the works of contemporary artist Samantha Stephenson and used her innovative artwork to inspire their paper sculptures. The children used paper, scissors and PVA glue to craft enthusiastically their own unique versions. The classroom buzzed with creativity and joy as they explored this hands-on art project!



Core Value – Community: Next week, we continue focus on the value of **Kindness to Animals**. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'How do you show kindness to animals? How might you support the welfare of animals? You may want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote *'The question is not, 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?' but 'Can they suffer?'* — Jeremy Bentham, English philosopher (1748-1832) What might he mean?



Reminder and Upcoming Event

- Monday 12th May Year 4 Mathemagical Competition will take place at Cookham Dean C of E Primary School. Good luck and best wishes for a team of 3 Year 4 children representing WSL.
- 21st May Health Screening for EYFS children (height and weight) in school** – please send in your consent as soon you can.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

**“We must find time
to stop and thank
the people who
make a difference in
our lives.”**

JOHN F. KENNEDY

**"Building resilience in
children is not about
making them tough.
Resilience is the ability
to recover from
difficulties and manage
how you feel."**

**Don't rescue
your child
from a
challenge.
Teach them
how to
face it.**

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	Demi-Marie G	Clayton C
Nightingales	Jay E	Abdullah J
Robins	Mia P	Oliver B
Skylarks	Isabella O-S	Bailey H
Red Kites	Oscar B-C	Harlow L
Kestrels	Maya B	Keira E

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	201	675
Galileo (Green)	229	661
Redgrave (Red)	262	824
Yeats (Yellow)	300	918

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

Attendance for the Week

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

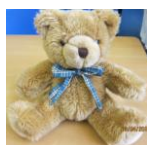
Class Attendance: 05-05-25 to 09-05-25

Owls 100% Skylarks 95.6%

Nightingales 98.5% Red Kites 92.3%

Robins 91.2% Kestrels 94.0%

Whole School 95.2%



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.

Expectation for Morning Drop-Off

As we enter the final terms of this academic year, **we would expect ALL of the children from Reception to Year 6 to come to school independently**. Please say good bye to your child at the entrance gate or use Stop and Drop Zone and let your child/ren walk into the school by themselves. This will encourage children to **develop self-help skills and independence** and settle in quickly to the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

School Censor Day

The **School Census Day** is **Thursday 15th May 2025**. We will swap the menu for Thursday and Friday and have Fish and Chips on Thursday 15th May instead to increase the take up rate. **Please support the school by ordering the FREE School Meal for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 and any KS2 children who are entitled to FSM on this day.** this will ensure we will get funding and there will be no shortfall. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

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

Parking Reminder – Please Be Considerate

Please can we remind all parents and carers:

- **Do not park on the verge opposite houses on Brook Lane**
- **Avoid turning around in driveways** – this has resulted in damage to posts and fences
- **Ensure your vehicle is not blocking the road**, as this can prevent access for emergency services

Let's work together to be respectful of our neighbours, be more considerate and courteous when parking on the road after school and help keep everyone safe.

Please follow the Highway Code:

- **NO PARKING** on the Double Yellow Lines at the junctions of Brook Lane and Baileys Road
- **NO PARKING** on 'Keep Clear' markings
- The entrance must be kept clear of stationary vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation

Dog-Free Zone Reminder

We kindly ask all parents to ensure **their dogs are tied away from the school entrance**. Some children are frightened by dogs, and keeping them at a distance helps create a safe and comfortable environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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.

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

Mon 12 th	Year 4 Mathematical Competition (Team of 3)	4.30-6.00pm
12 th -15 th	KS2 SATs Week	
Thurs 15 th	School Summer Census Day	
Wed 21 st	EYFS Health Screening (Height and Weight) in School	9.30am
Thurs 22 nd	Young Apprentice Competition	1.00-2.30pm
Fri 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm

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

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

The Academic Year 2025-2026

Term 1 (38 days)

September

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

October

Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term
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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:

Drama4All Leaflets to all

Free Breakfast to Year 6 During KS2 SATs Week Offer to Year 6

NHS Headlice guidance to Skylarks and Kestrels