



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another successful week of learning across the school, with children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in their lessons.

Yesterday afternoon, we proudly hosted **the Year 2 Inter-School Mighty Maths Competition** for the third time, sponsored by Maidenhead Rotary Club. Teams of 3 pupils from nine participating schools came together to put their mathematical skills to the test by answering a series of challenging questions. Although our school team did not win this time, they demonstrated good teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are proud of Oliver, William and Nael, who represented our school. Each of them was presented a Certificate for their participation in this year's competition. This event was attended by several special guests, including Rotary President Mark Loader, The Deputy Mayor, Siân Martin, her Consort, Mr Tim Martin and Stephan Stephen from Rotary Club. The Deputy Mayor congratulated the children on their participation, highlighting the teamwork, confidence, and joy they demonstrated throughout the event. She also expressed gratitude to the teachers, the Rotary Club, and everyone involved in making the event a success. Mr Mark Loader, President of the Rotary Club expressed the delight of the Rotary Club in providing a platform for our school children to showcase their talents and presented certificates and shield to winning schools. Many congratulations to our Year 2 Team for their efforts. Thank you to Maidenhead Rotary Club for providing this opportunity and to teachers and parents for their ongoing support.



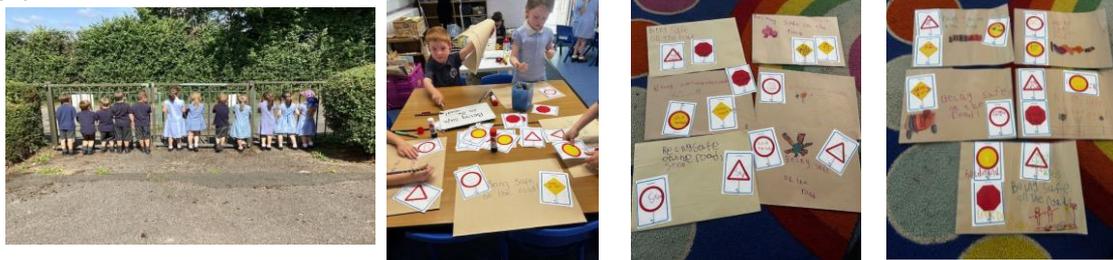
As their final session of the term, the children in **Chinese Club** put on a short performance for parents, showcasing what they have learned this term with Miss Yang. Dressed in traditional Hanfu costumes, the children sang two songs in Mandarin with actions: 《小星星》 *Xiǎo Xīngxīng* (Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Stars) and 《春晓》 *Chūn Xiǎo* (Spring Morning) — a classic Tang Dynasty poem by **Meng Haoran**. It was wonderful to see children so engaged and proud. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful singing. Thank you, parents, for your continued support!



We would like to extend our thanks to **Miss Yang** for running such an enriching after school club during her time at WSL. Miss Yang has shown incredible dedication - from supporting our MFL curriculum to leading engaging activities such as Chinese calligraphy, arts and crafts, music, singing, games and tea tasting. She has brought language learning to life in a truly memorable way. Thank you, Miss Yang, for your amazing support — you will be missed!

### What have we been learning in school?

This week, children in **Owls Class** have been learning about transport and road safety. They explored different types of transport and discussed where each is commonly used. The class then went outside to observe the road near school and noted that it is usually quiet, becoming busier only during drop-off and pick-up times. The children talked about how to keep safe on the road, including holding hands with an adult, looking both ways before crossing and listening out for cars. The children then came back to class and created posters showing how to keep safe on the road. Well done, Owls! Here are some of their fantastic posters for you to enjoy.



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

This week in **Science**, children in **Nightingales Class** have been learning all about **plants** and the different parts that make them up – roots, stems, leaves and flowers. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored what plants need to grow and stay healthy. The children then planted their own cress seeds using cotton wool instead of soil. The children carefully placed the seeds on damp cotton wool, making sure they had enough light and water. There was a real sense of excitement as they took responsibility for looking after their seeds, and they are now eagerly watching and waiting for the first green shoots to appear. Well done, Year 1 — you are becoming fantastic young scientists!



As part of their **Science** topic **Living Things and Their Habitats**, Year 2 children in **Robins Class** learned that a **microhabitat** is a very small habitat within a larger one, which meets the basic needs of the minibeasts living there. The children visited our Vegetable Garden, a local habitat, and carried out an enquiry into microhabitats. Through hands-on learning, they identified and named various microhabitats and the minibeasts found in them, using scientific language as appropriate. They also applied their knowledge of data collection and representation. The children will continue to explore microhabitats and investigate whether the same living things can be found in different types of microhabitats in different seasons.



**Core Value - Community.** We will be focusing on the related value of **Conservation: Clean Air** during the next two weeks. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about ‘What actions would YOU take to help improve the quality of the air around you?’ If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our climate.

Perhaps you can ask your child/ren to think of a few small things that they can do at home that might help to clean our air. You may also want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote **“There is no such thing as away. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere.”** – Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Green Peace USA (1964 - ) What might he mean?

### Governance

If you are interested in applying for the vacant Parent Governor position, please submit your application **by noon on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. In the event of a ballot, notice of election will be given to parents on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Please refer to the letter and job description for governors sent home for more details.

### Reminder and Upcoming Event

- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Today is the final day of the Book Fair! If you would like to purchase any books for your children, please come along. The more you spend, the more free books we receive for our school / children. Thank you for your support.
- **Rock Academy Music Concert** - Parents of participating children are warmly invited to join us for this special event and celebrate the musical achievements of our children on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm** in the School Hall.
- **Sports Day** will be taking place next **Thursday afternoon from 13.15p,-15.00pm**. All parents are welcome to this event. PTA will provide refreshments. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday for more details.
- **Red Kites Class fundraiser - Ice Lolly / Ice Cream Sale** will take place after Sports Day next week on the Playground.
- **The Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo** will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please refer to the letter sent home for details.

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	Henrietta B	Nelson B-C
Nightingales	Poppy L-W	Freddie N
Robins	Finley A	Nael A
Skylarks	Cooper G	Kaden K
Red Kites	Jojo B	Toby H
Kestrels	Indie H	Alex S-L

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	227	2196
Galileo (Green)	244	2002
Redgrave (Red)	255	2253
Yeats (Yellow)	367	2083

The Winning House's 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:** 16-06-25 to 20-06-25

Owls 97.7% Skylarks 97.5%

Nightingales 99.4% Red Kites 95.3%

Robins 90.8% Kestrels 97.3%

Whole School 96.56%



## Habit of the Month

In **June** children will focus on **Only My Best Will Do – Using our hands in kind, respectful, and helpful ways.**

This reminds us that **our hands should be used to help, not to hurt.** This includes:

- Using gentle hands during play and teamwork
- Helping others when they need support
- Taking care of our belongings and classroom materials
- Keeping our hands to ourselves

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.

## Whole School Trip Payment

Thank you for the payment received so far for the Whole School trip to **Marwell Zoo on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.** Thank you for those who have paid, if you have not done so yet, please can you make the payment via SCOPAY ASAP. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office via email. Thank you for your understanding.

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## Sun Protection



With the good weather hopefully set for the next few weeks, it is important that our children come prepared. Please can we ask that the children come to school prepared for the weather including:

- Wearing sun cream each day.
- Ensuring your child comes to school with their school water bottle, **clearly labelled.**
- Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat they can wear when they are outside. Please make sure hats are **clearly labelled with their names.**

## National Writing Day – Whole School Event

We are excited to announce that the whole school will be taking part in **National Writing Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June next week** as part of our ongoing commitment to raising standards in writing, which remains a key focus on our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Throughout the day, children across all year groups will engage in a variety of creative and inspiring writing activities designed to promote a love of writing, build confidence, and celebrate their writing as young authors. Look out for some wonderful examples of their work on display around the school! Let's get writing!



## Sports Day

**Our Annual Sports Day** will be taking place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 13.15- to 15.00.** Children will have their lunch early that day. All parents are invited to attend this annual event. Please make sure your children come to school in their PE kits on the day. Thank you.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure program for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for **free** at their local library or online. The theme for this year is '**Story Garden**'. From bugs to plants, there's something for everyone. **The challenge will start from 12<sup>th</sup> July to Mid-September.** Children can visit the library and borrow books over the summer holidays. They will collect stickers along the way and get a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge – reading at least 6 books.

## PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out

**Class of 2025 Campout** will be held on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 5.00pm.** Please join us to celebrate another wonderful year at WSL, say farewell to our beloved Kestrels class as they head onto their next adventure, and give a warm welcome to some of our new Owls. Evening and camping tickets are available at [www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/).

## CaterLink Parent Survey

Caterlink invite all parents/carers to complete a **Parent survey** on the meal provision they provide. If you would like to be part of this survey, please complete the survey using the link below. The survey will close on **31<sup>st</sup> July 2025** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

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 6 (38 days)

June	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 followed by performance to parents	3.40pm
	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	National Writing Day	
	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	1.30pm
	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo	8.30am-3.10pm
July	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Reserve	
	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures	All Day
	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Party in the School Playing Field	5.30pm to late
	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>	Rock Academy Music Concert for Parents	2.30pm
		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
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Transition morning for new children in Owls Class	9.00am-12.00pm
		Information Meeting for New Parents	11.00am-12.00pm
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out	5.00pm onwards
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am	
	Year 6 Leaving Party	4.00-6.00pm	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm	

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

##### Term 2 (35 days)

November	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term
December	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

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:

Governors Letter to Parents and carers

Whole School Trip Final Arrangements Letter to all

Sports Day Letter to all

Behaviour Expectation Letter to all

PTA Class of '25 Campout Leaflet to all

Music Party in the Parish Leaflet to all

Chicken Pox NHS Guidance to Robins class