



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful week packed with fun learning and memorable moments!

What a fantastic **Sports Day** we had yesterday! It was truly wonderful to welcome parents/carers to our school Sports Day. The weather didn't disappoint either, it was just perfect! The children were full of enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see the children enjoy themselves, compete and cheer on their houses. It was a day to showcase our children's skills and talents in sports, especially for those who may struggle with academic subjects but had the opportunity to show that they can race faster than anyone else. We certainly observed a number of talented athletes who have done their personal best! Well done to all the children in Owls Class, they have impressed us all for taking part in their first ever whole school sports Day! They have all made us incredibly proud.

Many thanks to all our parents, relatives and friends for making the time to attend and for supporting your children so well, I am sure you left with many special memories of the day. I would like to thank all the staff who supported and encouraged children with their races and also worked so hard and supported Mr Errington who, in his role as PE Subject Leader, organised and coordinated the event - It is a huge task and I am sure you would all agree it all ran very smoothly! A special thank you goes to Mr Errington and well done for a great team effort!

This year **Redgrave** won the Sports Day House Cup, followed by **Yeats** in the second place, **Brunel** in third place and **Galileo** in fourth place. Well done to you all, children! We were very proud of the great sportsmanship and the way the children cheered each other on. You have been amazing! Special photos from the day will be displayed in school. Do come and have a look. If you have caught some special moments on your cameras, please share with us. On this note may I remind you that the photos and videos you have taken are for your personal use only and should not be published on social media for the safety and protection of our children. Thank you.



What have we been learning in school?

Following last week's report on our **Science** topic, the Year 1 children have been eagerly observing the growth of their cress seeds—and what a transformation! The tiny seeds they planted with such care have now sprouted into healthy green shoots. The children were thrilled to see the results of their hard work and daily watering. Take a look at the photos here to see their

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proud smiles and flourishing plants. It's been a fantastic hands-on learning experience, and we are so proud of their curiosity and care!



Staffing and Class Organisation for 2025-26

We are in the final process of allocating staffing and organising KS2 classes for the 2025-26 academic year. Staff updates, class organisation information will be shared with you on Friday 11th July alongside the Annual Report. In the meanwhile, I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this process.

The busy weeks continue as we are approaching the end of term / year. There are a variety of performances and events to which you are warmly invited. Please refer to the calendar on the last page of this newsletter. Here are a couple of reminders and detailed information will follow next week:

Monday 7 th	KS2 End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal to the Whole School	1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	1.30pm
Wednesday 9 ^h	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	6.00pm
Thursday 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	6.00pm
Wednesday 16 th	Open Evening for Parents – viewing children’s work/ learning	3.00ppm-5.00pm
Monday 21 st	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers’ Party	4.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd	End of Term 6 – School finishes	1.00pm

Reminder and Upcoming Event

- Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures will take place on Friday 4th July 2025.
- **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 9th July at 2.30pm** in the School Hall.

We will feature the Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo and share the learning and some the photos with you next week.

Have an enjoyable weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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	The whole school For all the children being enthusiastic and demonstrating perseverance, stamina, team work and kindness
Nightingales	
Robins	
Skylarks	
Red Kites	
Kestrels	

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: 23-06-25 to 27-06-25

Owls 96.4% Skylarks 97.9%

Nightingales 95.5% Red Kites 97.0%

Robins 84.2% **Kestrels 99.1%**

Whole School 95.5%



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.

After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs will finish in w/c 7th July. Clubs run by other external professionals will finish in w/c 14th July. Children then should be collected at 3.10pm. If you require child care after school, please use our **Woodpeckers Club**. Please book a slot in advance using SCOPAY. Thank you.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are interested in applying for the vacant Parent.

Reading Books

ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Monday 14th July. We need to check our stock and get all books sorted and organised, ready for the new academic year. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed books. Thank you.

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.**

Rock Academy Music Concert

Children who have been attending instrumental classes will take the stage to showcase what they have been learning in their music lessons! Parents of participating children are warmly invited to join us for this special event and celebrate the musical achievements of our children on **Wednesday 9th July at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Transition Week

During the week commencing Monday 14th July, the children will spend a couple of days in their new classrooms with their Class Teacher for the 2025-26 academic year. We hope to make it an exciting transition week and help them move as smoothly as possible. We are in the process of finalising staffing and the class organisation and we will keep you informed once all confirmed next week.

Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2025. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 16th July at 11.05am in the School Hall.** Followed by

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 12th 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 18th 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/.

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 6 (38 days)

June	Wed 25 th	National Writing Day	
	Thurs 26 th	Sports Day	1.30pm
	Fri 27 th	Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo	8.30am-3.10pm
July	Fri 4 th	Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures	All Day
	Sat 5 th	Music Party in the School Playing Field	5.30pm to late
	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	Rock Academy Music Concert for Parents	2.30pm
		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
	Wed 16 th	Transition morning for new children in Owls Class	9.00am-12.00pm
		Information Meeting for New Parents	11.00am-12.00pm
	Fri 18 th	PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out	5.00pm onwards
	Mon 21 st	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 6 Leaving Party	4.00-6.00pm	
Wed 23 rd	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 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
October	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term

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

Term 2 (35 days)

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

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Mon 5 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 6 th	Staff Inset Day
	Wed 7 th	Start of Pupil Term
February	Fri 13 th	End of Pupil Term

February Holiday: Monday 17th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 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

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

Marwell Zoo School Lunch to all

Amber Heat Alert email to all

Parent Governor Ballot Letter to all

Helpers needed Party in the Park to all

Parent Governor Ballot Form to all

Candidates Statement to all

Outstanding payment reminder to selected parents

Parking for Marwell Zoo Information to all to all

Reminder for ordering school photographs to all