



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a truly fantastic week we have had at WSL, celebrating the remarkable talents of our learners, along with their creativity and teamwork!

On Wednesday this week, we held a **Rock Academy Music Concert**, where children who have been taking instrumental lessons with Mr Hender proudly shared what they have learned with the whole school. The children showcased not only their growing musical skills but also their dedication. Whether strumming chords on the electric guitar or playing melodies on the ukulele, each performance was a celebration of progress and passion. The children, staff, and parents, listened with great enjoyment and engagement, responding with warm applause and beaming smiles. It was wonderful to see how music brought everyone together, creating such a positive, uplifting atmosphere. A huge well done to all our talented performers, and a big thank you to Mr Hendri, the music teacher for his teaching, guidance and encouragement. We look forward to hearing even more musical magic in the future!



The highlight of the week, and indeed the term, was undoubtedly the KS2 End of the Year Production – **A-la-la-la-laddin**. Children from Years 3 to 6 came together to stage a truly magical and memorable performance of this musical twist on the classic tale of *Aladdin*. Across three dazzling performances, our talented children wowed audiences of parents, friends and relatives with their energy, humour and heart. The hall was filled with laughter, applause, and even a few happy tears as the children brought the enchanted kingdom to life with vibrant costumes, catchy songs, and confident acting.

Our incredible Year 6 pupils performed the lead roles brilliantly, with flair and professionalism. Alexandra shone as Aladdin, delivering a charismatic and heartfelt performance, while Aaron brought the Genie to life with boundless energy and comic timing, Chloe was a graceful and strong Princess Zahra, and Cara made a wonderfully villainous Musharraf, complete with dramatic flair, to name but a few.

The children gave fantastic vocals and sang their hearts out to all the songs. The soloists were superb. The dancing, acting, and stage presence were simply outstanding. We are immensely proud of all the children for their efforts and success. It has been wonderful to witness the children's enthusiasm, energy, joy and growing confidence throughout the rehearsal process.

Behind the scenes, the production was a true team effort. From the stunning set design and props to the seamless lighting and sound, every detail was thoughtfully and creatively carefully crafted.

I would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all our KS2 staff, in particular, Mr Errington, Miss Hill, Mrs Wiseman, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Macaulay-Brown and our wonderful TAs who supported the children every step of the way, and to the families for your encouragement and applause. We are extremely grateful to Twyford Drama Group for generously loaning us costumes and props, which added an extra touch of magic to our production. A huge 'WELL DONE' to all the children for their amazing performance. Thank you to everyone who made this such an amazing and memorable production. What a fantastic way to end the year!



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



What have we been learning in school?

This week the children in Owls Class have been learning about Pirates! They have listened to lots of stories to get their imaginations going and they have worked in teams to create boats! The children have also been looking at capacity by exploring the water tray and focusing on vocabulary "full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty and half full." They have also learnt about famous Pirates such as Zheng Yi Sao, a famous Chinese woman pirate! They then made pirate crowns and learnt some pirate slang. Shiver me timbers! Here are some photos for you to enjoy.



Annula Reports Information

We have great pleasure in sending your child's End of Year Report today. Two copies are enclosed with the cover letter. One coloured copy is for you to keep. **The other black and white copy must be signed and returned to school by Friday 18th July 2025.** Teachers have spent many hours writing these reports, we would welcome and appreciate your comments in the appropriate box.

Reminder and Upcoming Event

The busy weeks continue as we are approaching the end of term / year. Here are some key dates for your diary:

Friday 18 th July	PTA Class of 2025 – Campout in the Playing field	5.00pm onwards
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Party	4.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Term 6 – School finishes	1.00pm



Meet Your Child's New Teacher Meetings for Parents will take place on **Thursday 11th September 2025**. We will run the meetings twice to enable parents with children in different year groups to attend at **3.20pm – 4.00pm and repeated at 4.05pm-4.45pm**. These meetings will set out the expectations for the year ahead and provide you with important information about what your child will be learning etc. and also for you to meet your child's Class Teacher and see their new learning environment. You may of course ask any questions. There will be a creche organised for the children in school during the meetings.

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	George O	Eleanor B
Nightingales	Jay E	Abdullah J
Robins	Henry M	Eila B
Skylarks	Riley W	Jenson G
Red Kites	Ajooni T	Carter T-S
Kestrels	Ellie T	Aaron H

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	200	2900
Galileo (Green)	195	2540
Redgrave (Red)	208	2835
Yeats (Yellow)	374	2853

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: 07-07-25 to 11-07-25

Owls 87.5% **Skylarks 100%**
Nightingales 93.2% Red Kites 94.0%
Robins 98.0% Kestrels 96.9%
Whole School 94.6%



Habit of the Month

In July children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Stay positive and embrace challenges**. The children are expected to have a positive mindset, and use strategies to tackle any challenges during this transition period. Please help and encourage your children to think, say positive things and build positive relationships. We appreciate your continued support in helping our children form good habits.

After School Clubs

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.

Sun Protection

With the good weather 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**.

Contact Details Update

If you have changed your email address or phone numbers recently, please make sure that you inform the School Office ASAP, so we can make any changes we need to ensure the data we collect is accurate and up to date.

Transition Week

Next 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.

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 **Wednesday 16th July at 11.05am in the School Hall**. Followed by Second Hand School Uniform Sale organised by our PTA in the school playground.

Reading Books

ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Thursday 17th 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

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/.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns for your child or for any other pupils from the school during the Summer holiday, please email MASH@achievingforchildren.org.uk Please remind your children to keep safe when they are in or beside water during the Summer holidays and to not play near railway lines.

Spaces at the School Next Year

As we look forward to next year, I would like to give you an update on our school places for September. We are FULL in most year groups, but we still have 2 places available in Year 1, 5 places available in Year 3 and 1 place in Year 5. We will be very happy to talk to any parents who might be interested in their child starting in WSL in September, for example if they are moving into the area. Please contact RBWM Admissions Team or the School Office for more details.

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)

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
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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

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 23 rd	Start of Pupil Term
March	Fri 27 th	End of Pupil Term:

Spring Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026
(Good Friday is 3rd April 2026 and Easter Monday is 6th April 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:

Annual Reports with Cover Letter to all

Aladdin Performance Arrangements and Reminders to KS2

Year 1 Phonics Screening check Result to Year 1 and 2

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Results to Year 4

Year 6 SATs Results and Information Letter to Year 6