



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly Newsletter Number 06

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy and successful week. Yesterday morning we held our second Open Morning to prospective parents and many prospective parents took the opportunity to visit our school and see teaching and learning in action. Visitors thoroughly enjoyed the tour and presentation. They were very impressed by the children’s learning behaviour, the daily mile routine and our facilities. They commented on the lovely, calm and purposeful learning atmosphere throughout the school.



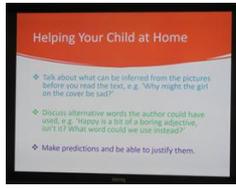
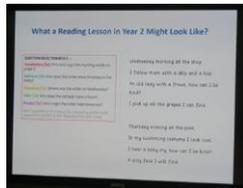
**Parents Evenings** will be taking place next week:

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm-5.30pm	KS2 Classes only
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	5.00pm – 7.00pm	All Classes
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.30pm – 5.30pm	All Classes

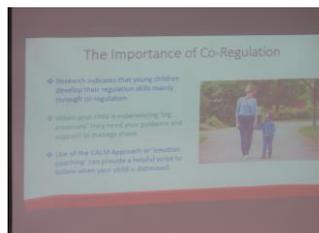
Please book your appointment via our online booking system if you have not done so yet. We would encourage children to join in the meeting with you. You can view your child/ren’s books outside their classrooms. Parents in Nightingales Class will have the meetings in the School Hall and can view your children’s work in the Library area. We have sent the Guide to Successful Parents Evenings last week. We hope you find it useful. Mrs Whyte, Inclusion Coordinator will be available to meet with parents on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 5.30pm to 6.50pm** if you so wish. We look forward to meeting with you then.

**Please note during the week of Parents Evenings** only the following paid Clubs are running as normal: **Sewing Club, Football Club, Dance Club and After School CARE Club, all other teacher led Clubs are cancelled.**

It was wonderful to see many **Year 2 parents** join us for the **Reading Comprehension Workshop** last Friday. During the session, Mrs Brancato shared a range of practical strategies we use in school to help children develop their reading fluency, deepen their understanding, and grow in confidence. Parents had the opportunity to see how we support children in making sense of what they read through questioning, discussing vocabulary, predicting, and making connections. Thank you to everyone who attended the session and shared such positive feedback. We hope you found the session informative and useful in supporting your child’s reading at home. If you were unable to attend, please do come to see Mrs Brancato for more information.



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Workshop - **Supporting Children’s Emotional Literacy through Zones of Regulation**. It was wonderful to see such strong engagement and interest in supporting children’s emotional development. The workshop explored how the Zones of Regulation framework helps children recognise and manage their emotions, build self-regulation skills, and develop strategies to navigate everyday challenges. By using the same approach at home, parents can reinforce these skills and create a consistent, supportive environment that empowers children to express themselves and thrive emotionally. We encourage families to continue using the Zones language at home—whether it’s identifying which “zone” a child is in, talking through calming strategies, or celebrating moments of emotional growth. Thank you to Mrs Whyte, our Inclusion Coordinator for delivering such an insightful and practical session. Together, we can continue to nurture emotionally literate, resilient learners. Please refer to the presentation slides for the list of books and online resources shared during the session.



### What have we been learning in school? – Learning Highlights

This week, the children in **Owls Class** have been exploring the theme of **Diwali**. They learned about the Festival of Diwali and the story behind its celebration. The children made Coconut Barfi, a traditional sweet treat made with desiccated coconut and condensed milk, which they thoroughly enjoyed making and tasting.

In **Maths**, they applied their understanding of repeating patterns to decorate their clay Diya Lamps. The children also had the opportunity to see a sari, identifying the repeating patterns within its design, and watch a demonstration of how it is worn. It has been a joyful and enriching week, filled with creativity, cultural learning, and hands-on experiences that helped bring the Diwali celebrations to life. Here are some photos for you to enjoy. Thank you to Mrs Sharma for your support.



This week, **Skylarks Class** had a wonderful time 'baking' a cake filled with joy! As part of our Values Theme on **Joy** and celebration of World Values Day, the children discussed what makes them feel joyful and added their favourite ingredients to create a joyful imaginary cake, beautifully topped with glitter sprinkles.

Our children take great pride in upholding the WSL values, and this activity on the World Values Day was both incredibly enjoyable and heartwarming. We warmly invite you to take a look at their PSHE book during the upcoming Parents Evenings.

### Upcoming Events Reminder:



Nightingales – After School Cake Sale Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

This very popular **Fancy Dress Halloween Disco** will be held in the School Hall on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** from **5.00pm to 7.00pm**. Tickets for the Halloween Disco are now available on PTA-Events! [\(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Waltham St Lawrence PTA (pta-events.co.uk)) Tickets include a hot dog (pork, chicken or vegetarian), veg sticks, popcorn and a biscuit. Please bring named school water bottles. Please add a note in your booking if your child has any dietary requirements or allergies. Please note that **children should be dropped at 5.00pm and collected at 7.00pm**.

### Arrangements for the Night:

- **EYFS and KS1** will be in the School Hall for the Halloween Disco from 5.00-6.00pm. They will then be in the Dining Hall 6.00-7.00pm having dinner and doing some crafts.
- **KS2** will be in the Dining Hall from 5.00-6.00pm having dinner and a Quiz session. They will then be in the Hall from 6.00-7.00pm for the Halloween Disco.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes** will be given to the best dressed in each year group!

### Health and Safety

- Please Note that there will be flashing lights at the disco. Ear muffs will be available for children who may find the music loud.
- Due to **safety** reasons, only children attending the school are allowed to take part in this event, no pre-school children or ex-pupils are allowed on this occasion.

If you can spare any time to help set up from 2.00-5.00pm or during the event 5.00-7.00pm, please let the PTA Committee Members, Marie- Francoise and Vicky Lomas, know via email [wsl.pta@gmail.com](mailto:wsl.pta@gmail.com) Thank you for your support!

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	Elodie S	William P
Nightingales	Clementine P	Nelson B-C
Robins	Freya H	Hunter H
Skylarks	Finley A	Ava-Grace A
Red Kites	William E	Riley W
Kestrels	Harry M	James H

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	328	1866
Galileo (Green)	275	1498
Redgrave (Red)	295	1652
Yeats (Yellow)	271	1673

The Winning House for this week is **Brunel**. Well done.

## Attendance for the Week

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

**Class Attendance:** 13-10-25 to 17-10-25

Owls 100%	Skylarks 97.4%
Nightingales 95.2%	Red Kites 99.3%
Robins 96.1%	Kestrels 93.8%
Whole School 96.6%	



## Habit of the Month

In **October**, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Showing Appreciation**. 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. Thank you.

## Reading at Home



We expect the children to read to an adult or older brother or sister at home **every day**. It is important that an adult signs the Reading Record each time. Thank you for your support. Confident readers have reached the stage where they sometimes want to read silently to themselves. The interaction between the parent and child may change at this stage. To ensure that your child's reading development continues to move forward, we would encourage you to question your child about what they are reading, at an appropriate time, to extend their reading and share their enjoyment of the book.

## RWI Phonics Workshop for Parents in Owls

**RWI Phonics Workshop** will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.40pm** in Swallows Learning Space. Mrs Sharma will explain how we teach early reading at WSL and share some strategies on how best to support your children's early stage reading and writing at home.

## My First Class Photo

'My First-Class Photo' for Owls Class are now available online and will be printed in The Maidenhead Advertiser on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Parents in Owls Class can view the photos on the Maidenhead Advertiser website through the link sent to you earlier this week.

## PTA Pre-Loved Halloween Costume Sale

**Pre-Loved Halloween Costume Sale** will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025** after school on Playground. These costumes will be resold for a small profit to support families and our school.

## Parents Evenings

The online booking for Parents Evenings will be set up next week and go live. You will be receiving an online notification. Please refer to the letter with more details.

Parents Evenings will take place on:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-5.30pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 5.00pm – 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

## Nasal Flu Vaccinations for All Year Groups

Please ensure the e-Consent form is completed online as soon as possible, indicating whether you wish your child(ren) to receive the vaccination or not. This vaccination will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** in school.

## PTA Cookbook



Waltham St Lawrence PTA is creating our very own school cookbook - all recipes are welcome! If you would like to contribute, please share them, including a photo of the dish or of your family cooking together, adding a personal touch to each page. You can **send your recipe (and optional photo) to [wsl.pta@gmail.com](mailto:wsl.pta@gmail.com) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

The finished cookbooks will be available to order via the PTA Events website and will be ready by the end of November – just in time for Christmas! If you are interested in **purchasing copies of the cookbook**, please place your order as soon as the link is available (an alert will be sent). This will help the PTA estimate how many to print and keep costs and waste as low as possible.

## PTA Upcoming Events

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 5:00pm-7:00pm

**-Halloween Fancy Dressing Disco** (tickets are available on PTA-events) at school.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 6:00pm-7:00pm – **PTA AGM** with Governors and School Updates at school.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.00- 3.00pm - **Christmas Fair** at school.

## Open Mornings for Prospective Parents Year R Sept 2026

This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action and learn more about what makes our community so special. Please do help spread the word to friends, neighbours, and anyone who may be looking for a place for their child - whether for Reception next September or an in-year transfer, as we currently have spaces available in certain year groups. We would love to welcome them to our school family! Parents will also have a chance to ask any questions they may have. These will take place from 9.45-10.45am on

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



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 Fiona Edwards (Parent Governor)

**Dates for Your Diary**

**The Academic Year 2024-2025**

**Term 1 (39 days)**

<b>October</b>	<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pre-Loved Halloween Costume Sale on the playground</b>	<b>3.10-3.45pm</b>
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nightingales Cake Sale	
	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes ONLY	3.30-5.30pm
	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	3.30-5.30pm
		Flu Immunisation Vaccination for all children in school	8.30-10.30am
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Course	
	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Disco / Movie	5.00-7.00pm
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm

**October Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**Term 2 (35 days)**

<b>November</b>	<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Staff Inset Day</b>	
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	RWI Phonics Workshop for EYFS Parents in Swallows	2.40pm
	10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme ‘Choose Respect’	
	28 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	
	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Robins Cake Sale	
<b>December</b>	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Swimming Lesson for Robins Class	
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Cake Sale	
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to whole school	2.00pm
	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents in the School Hall	2.15pm
	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents in the School Hall	2.15pm
	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair in School	1.00-3.00pm
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

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

**Term 3 (30 days)**

<b>January</b>	<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Staff Inset Day</b>	
	<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Staff Inset Day</b>	
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>February</b>	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	
		Owls Cake Sale	

**February Holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

- Thank you and Farewell Letter to all
- Supporting Children’s Emotional Literacy through Zones of Regulation Reminder and Presentation Slides to all
- School Nurse Information on Head Lice
- PGL Deposit Reminder to Year 6
- Parents Evening Reminder to all