



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Newsletter Number 10

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### STEPS

Smile  
Thank you  
Excuse me  
Please  
Sorry



What a wonderful week it has been - full of surprises and highlights, most notably the **ENORMOUS** flakes of snow that drifted from the sky on Wednesday morning. Sadly, for all, the snow didn't settle and we will have to wait until next time before we get to build a snowman! In the warmth of the school, it has been another

extremely busy and successful week, starting with a rainbow of colour for [World Prematurity Day](#) on Monday and culminating in a whole school [PTA Plant Out](#) on Friday afternoon.

Throughout the week, the book fair has been in full swing with everything from [Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr. Fox](#) to [Ultimate Football 2026](#) on sale. Wednesday afternoon saw a wonderfully informative presentation by Mrs. Brancato about reading and writing development in Key Stage 1. It is also pleasing to see the new lining up routine at the end of the day working well. **Christmas** is approaching rapidly and it is lovely to hear the sounds of little angels and adventurous donkeys filling the school hall.



This week, I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Arthur, Toby and Felix for showing outstanding presentational skills and confidence when sharing their experiences on [World Prematurity Day](#).



A heartfelt thank you also goes out to Mrs. Lomas, Mrs Martin and all members of the P.T.A. for providing the children with a fantastic Plant Out opportunity. It would not have been possible without generous donations from the following people:

- Ken Evans from Plants2Garens sent over 1000 spring bulbs
- George Clowes from De Jager donated over 1k of bulbs
- David Ponton from Hayloft also donated bulbs
- Joe smith from The Grumpy Gardener donating tools for the children to use!! 5 bulb planters and 5 mini shovels
- ANB Alistair Brooker of WSL has also supplied bulbs.
- Mr Bream who has offered some compost

**FINALLY**, the biggest **THANK YOU** of all goes to all of our amazing children for working so hard to follow our **"STEPS"** and **"STARS"** routines.

Habit of the month... KEEP SMILING!

Mr. D. Errington  
Headteacher



# What have we been learning in school?

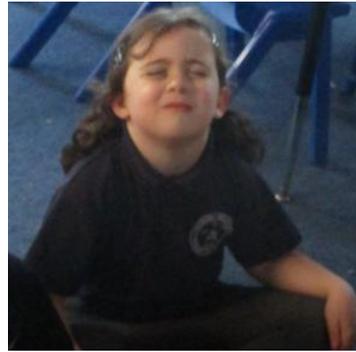
**Working hard with Owls Class**



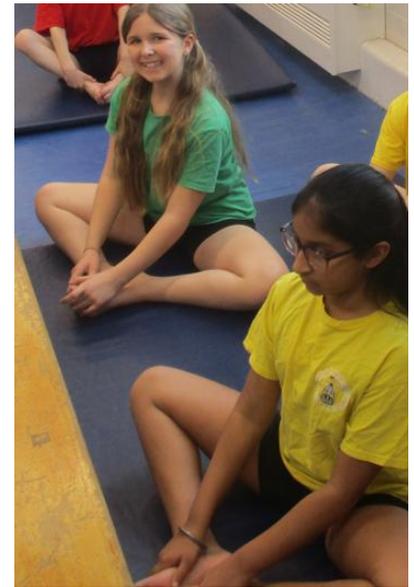
**Silent Sitting**



**Handwriting with Red Kites**



**Stretching with Kestrels**



**Story Writing with Nightingales**



**Dance with Skylarks**

**Nativity with Robins**



## 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	Arthur B	Celeste C
Nightingales	Eleanor B	Olivia J
Robins	Sienna C	Reggie D
Skylarks	Theo P	Nicolas C
Red Kites	Kaden K	Hermione H
Kestrels	Oliver R	Lottie L

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	351	3153
Galileo (Green)	221	2405
Redgrave (Red)	236	2545
Yeats (Yellow)	221	2784

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

## Attendance for the Week

Nightingales 100%    Red Kites 100%  
Robins 95.2%        Skylarks 98.4%  
Owls 100%           Kestrels 94.2%  
Whole School 97.7%



**Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! Every minute counts.**

## Habit of the Month

In **November**, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Smiling**. It is so important to “pass on” a smile to others. Did you know... it is almost impossible not to smile back if someone smiles at you! Go on.... Pass on a smile today!



## Open Mornings

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

**9.45am-10.45am**

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

**9.45am -10.45am**



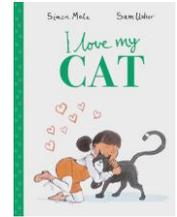
This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action and learn more about what makes our community so special. **Please do help spread the word** to friends, neighbours, and anyone who may be looking for a place for their child - whether for Reception next September or an in-year transfer, as we currently have spaces available in certain year groups. We would love to welcome them to our school family!

## Poet In Residence – Simon Mole

We are so excited to have secured an **exciting Poetry in Residence Week** for all children from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

This wonderful week, will be led by published poet **Simon Mole**. He will collect ideas from the children before producing individual, group and whole class poems.

For this amazing opportunity, including all provided resources, there is a charge of **£4.00 per child for Owls, Nightingales and Robins children**, and **£8.00 per child, for children in Skylarks, Red kites and Kestrels**. We kindly ask that you make the payment by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** via SCOPAY, which has been set up for you.

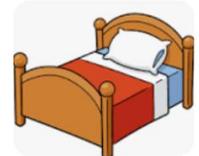


This will be a truly memorable way for our children to learn about poetry. We are all looking forward to a brilliant week!

## Importance of Sleep

**When sleep is abundant, minds flourish.** We often notice some of our children are just so tired. The impact that poor sleeping patterns can have on a child's (and adult's) ability to concentrate and learn is remarkable.

Please make sure your child goes to bed at an appropriate time. If you are having difficulties establishing these good patterns of sleeping with your child, please come to see us.



## The Book Fair



Hooray – It's the book fair!  
**From Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November until Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** you will be able to purchase books every day in the School Hall. Come along and browse or buy an early Christmas present that will last a lifetime.

## School Uniform

Due to the change in weather please can we remind all parent/carers that children should be bringing a coat into school every day. We also request that long hair is tied back and **only plain/blue hair accessories** are worn if necessary. The only jewellery that is allowed in school are small plain earring studs and they must be removed for PE and games lessons. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings it would be advisable for them not to be worn to school on PE days.

## PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

There is a lot of lost property left behind every day **WITHOUT NAMES!** In order to reduce the amount of property your child misplaces in school; we ask parents to ensure that **all children's belongings are clearly NAMED** so that lost property can be returned to their owners easily. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children**

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Katie White (Inclusion Coordinator)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Fiona Edwards (Parent Governor)

**Dates for Your Diary****Term 2 (35 days)**

<b>November</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45am-10.45am
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	RWI Phonics Workshop for EYFS Parents in Swallows	2.40pm
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme ‘Choose Respect’	
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA AGM	6.00pm
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Headteacher	8.45am
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	World Prematurity Day: Non–Uniform - Wear purple or blue	
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Arrives	
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	SPaG Strategies Workshop for Robins Parents in Swallows	2.40pm
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Leaves	
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45am-10.45am
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Robins Cake Sale	3.10pm
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Mole, Poet in Residence Arrives	9.00am
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Swimming Lesson for Robins Class	
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Simon Mole, Poet in Residence Leaves	3.00pm
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Cake Sale	3.10pm
	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	2.00pm
	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents in the School Hall	2.00pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair in School	1.00pm-3.00pm	
Friday 12	Owls Christmas Concert	2.40pm	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle at Waltham St. Lawrence Parish Church	2.00pm-3.00pm	
Friday 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>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
<b>February</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm
	<b>February Holiday: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>		

**Term 4 (25 days)**

<b>February</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>March</b>	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm
<b>Spring Holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026)</b>			

**Term 5 (29 days)**

<b>April</b>	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>May</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday	
	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm
<b>May Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>			

**Term 6 (38 days)**

<b>June</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>July</b>	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm
<b>Summer Holiday: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026</b>			

Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change. Please do not book family holidays during term time.

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)

**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**