



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun was shining, the sky was clear and on a beautiful chilly afternoon the children of Waltham St. Lawrence Primary School planted over 1000 BULBS! Sadly, we will not be able to see the results of this enormous effort until Spring has sprung but I will be looking forward to the glorious colours that will at some point emerge throughout the dark winter months to come. Watching the children from the youngest "Owl" to the oldest "Kestrel" dig, weed and plant with such enthusiasm and enjoyment made me very proud and shows how we "live out" our school values of Community and Responsibility. On behalf of everyone, a special thank you to all parents and helpers who worked so hard to make this wonderful afternoon happen.



This week, I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated money to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025. As a school we raised over £200. What a wonderful way to make such a huge difference to so many lives.

THANK YOU to Mrs Bennett and the School Football Teams for performing so brilliantly in their matches against Oldfield Primary School. The children were amazing and I was so proud of their teamwork, resilience and determination.

THANK YOU to all of our "Stop and Drop" volunteer helpers. You provide such a vital service ensuring that all of our children enter school safely with a smile on their faces.

THANK YOU to Miss Howe and Mrs Bassan in the school office. You are both always there to help children, parents and staff with all their needs, no matter how big or small.

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

STEPS

Smile
Thank you
Excuse me
Please
Sorry



STAR

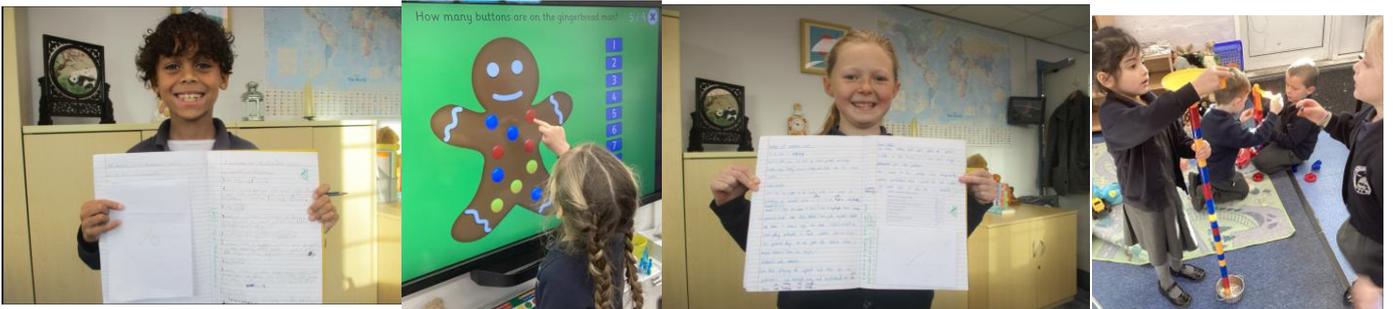
Sit/Stand up straight
Track the speaker
Ask politely
Respond thoughtfully



What have we been learning in school?

Golden Rule number 3: "We work hard and never give up"

Here are just a few examples of the outstanding effort, learning and achievements from the past seven days.



Together We Inspire and Achieve



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	Daisy L-W	Jack L	
Nightingales	Octavia A	Wren G-J	
Robins	Noah G-M	Amber H	
Skylarks	Alice A	Henry M	
Red Kites	Carter T-S	Charlie M	
Kestrels	Toby H	Oscar B-C	Grace O

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	387	3189
Galileo (Green)	225	2409
Redgrave (Red)	264	2573
Yeats (Yellow)	335	2989

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

Attendance for the Week

Nightingales 94.3% **Red Kites 97.2%**
Robins 99.5% **Skylarks 94.5%**
Owls 100% **Kestrels 97.5%**
Whole School 97.1%



**Excellent attendance and punctuality maximises potential!
Every second 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

**Tuesday 13th 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!



Lateness

Please try to be on time to school each day. The school gates open at 8:30am and the bell rings at 8:40am. Lessons begin immediately after registration at 8.40am.

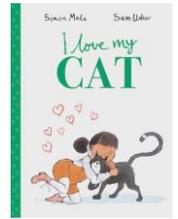


Poet In Residence – Simon Mole

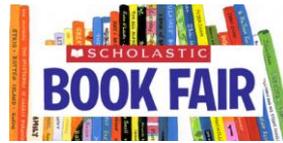
Next week is our **exciting Poetry in Residence Week** for all children from **Mon 1st Dec until Fri 5th Dec**.

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

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 via SCOPAY, if you have not yet done so.



Scholastic Book Fair - THANK YOU



A big thank you to all the parents and families who visited the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Every book you bought from our Book Fair will

help our school get money towards purchasing new books for the School Library! If you haven't yet made your payment, please do so online at your earliest convenience. Your timely payments ensure we can complete the process smoothly. Thank you once again for your support.

KS1 Nativity Play

The Key Stage 1 Nativity Play “Born in a Barn” will be staged at the following times:

- Tuesday 9th December 2:00pm
- Wednesday 10th December 2:00pm

As space is limited for each performance, we would be very grateful if you would kindly book your seats via SCOPAY which has been set up for you. We are setting a limit of two seats per child over two performances. Small children should sit on knees where possible thus freeing up more seats for adults. Any voluntary donations would be greatly received. You can donate £3 or more if you wish via SCOPAY which has been set up for you.

There will be limited seats so we only invite parents who have very young children to join us if you wish, thus free up more seats for performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please let the School Office know if you would like to take up the offer.

Football News



On Thursday 28th November after school our Boys' and Girls' School Football Teams played matches against Oldfield Primary School. In two tremendously hard fought matches both teams played wonderfully well, our boys falling to a valiant 4-3 defeat whilst our girls battled for a 0-0 draw. Watch this space for more photos next week.



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: Mr David Errington (Headteacher)

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

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Fiona Edwards (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

December	Monday 1 st	Simon Mole, Poet in Residence Arrives	9.00am
	Thursday 4 th	Last Swimming Lesson for Robins Class	
	Friday 5 th	Simon Mole, Poet in Residence Leaves	3.00pm
	Friday 5 th	Skylarks Cake Sale	3.10pm
	Mon 8 th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to whole school	2.00pm
	Tues 9 th	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents in the School Hall	2.00pm
	Wed 10 th	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents in the School Hall	2.00pm
	Thurs 11 th	PTA Christmas Fair in School	1.00pm-3.00pm
	Friday 12	Owls Christmas Concert	2.40pm
	Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
	Thursday 18 th	Christingle at Waltham St. Lawrence Parish Church	2.00pm-3.00pm
	Friday 19 th	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

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

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Monday 5 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tuesday 6 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Wednesday 7 th	Start of Pupil Term	
February	Friday 13 th	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm

February Holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4 (25 days)

February	Monday 23 rd	Start of Pupil Term	
March	Fri 27 th	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

**Spring Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026
(Good Friday 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday 6th April 2026)**

Term 5(29 days)

April	Mon 13 th	Start of Pupil Term	
May	Mon 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday	
	Fri 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	3.10pm

May Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6 (38 days)

June	Mon 1 st	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 2 nd	Start of Pupil Term	
July	Wed 22 nd	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

Summer Holiday: Thursday 23rd July 2026 – Monday 31st August 2026

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

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