



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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STEPS

Smile
Thank you
Excuse me
Please
Sorry



There once was a small school in Berks,
Where the children all had lots of larks,
Then in came a poet,
And wouldn't you know it,
The children all scored their best marks!

STAR

Sit/S stand up straight
Track the speaker
Ask politely
Respond thoughtfully



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week with English and Maths lessons reaching their climax for the term and **Nativity** and **Christingle** preparations in full swing. The children also had a wonderful time listening to the poetry of published author **Simon Mole** and then using his images and ideas as inspiration for their own creative masterpieces. We even had time to squeeze in some super Art, DT and "stop-motion" computing activities whilst also searching for a number of **magical elves** who have appeared around the building. We welcomed **Mrs. Pitt** into school to deliver an inspirational assembly about running 106km in two days across a desert and the **PTA wreath making** evening at Neville Hall was a super success. Thank you all for your amazing support as we head towards the End of Term 2. I am looking forward to the exciting events still to come!

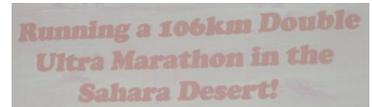


This week, I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to **Vicky Lomas and the PTA**, the families who foraged in the woods for materials (invited by a lovely local farmer) and all who attended the fantastic wreath making event at Neville Hall. Also thank you to **The Bell Pub** for the dehydrated oranges and **WSL parent Tom Bream** for proving the wreath decorations. The evening raised an unbelievable £729.42 and if you would like to see one of the beautiful wreaths just look by the School front door!

THANK YOU to **Simon Mole**. You have inspired a whole new generation of poets. So many children who have previously found writing challenging have loved sharing their imagination and creativity to produce some outstanding pieces of poetry.



THANK YOU to **Mrs. Pitt**. A remarkable achievement shared with us all in a brilliant assembly. It was great to see Wilf wearing your kit although I think the safety blanket was a bit big for him.



THANK YOU to all our wonderful **Teaching Assistants**. You are always there to support children, staff and parents and your caring professionalism is simply irreplaceable.

FINALLY, the biggest **THANK YOU** is for our **brilliant children** who are working so hard to learn their songs and words for the Nativity and Christingle Celebrations.

ALL NEW Habit of the month for **December** ... **Respect at Mealtimes**.

Mr. D. Errington
Headteacher

Golden Rule number 2: "We listen attentively and follow instructions straight away."

Simon Mole – Here's what the children said...

"I loved Simon Mole's sense of humour. When he put expression into his poems it made them funny" by Riley.

"I like Simon Mole because he rolls and he sometimes goes to the North Pole, to get some words for his soul. He is the BEST" by Dixie.

"I loved making my own poem and I enjoyed being creative in the rock, paper, anything game" by Charlie".

"I liked it when we did the "Breaking News" activity" by Forrest.

"It was funny when Mr. Mole pretended to be a news person talking about pictures on the board" by William.



There's a ruler in my poem and it's blocking the words I'm trying to write! I was trying to write about a Christmas poem but this silly ruler is stopping me from doing that.

This ruler is really annoying me now. I might write a new poem actually. How about I try to get the ruler to leave that's a good idea! I'll bring it some paper so it will leave and underline it. Oh wait! Noooooo

Mrs Morgan is in my poem

I was trying to write a poem about chocolate then Mrs Morgan came and knocked on one of my words "that doesn't need a capital letter. that needs a full stop!" I tried ignoring her and writing more but then she said "ADD a full stop!"

I guess my poem is better with her helping me. (but it still is quite annoying)

I even added a full stop but still she just kept going on and on and on... but then she said my poem was really good and she went away.

There's a ghost in my poem

There's a ghost in my poem and it's being really creepy. I was trying to write about my day but it came along and took it over my day.

Ye Ye Ye

There's a ghost in my poem and it's being really creepy. I'm trying to get it out but it's moving all about.

Ye Ye Ye

I b's making all the letters squiggly and I'm getting kinda mad. I b's making me sad. No is so bad.

Ye Ye Ye

Then I realised this guy really does belong. And he's part of my day so now he's gonna stay.

Ye Ye Ye

There's a snake in my poem and it won't get out! It's taking a long time to get out of my letterhead my paper. I was trying to write a poem about sunset but it would not get out. I tried to tempt it out with every paper. I tried to tempt it out with a dead rat. But then I've realised I've just put a dead rat in my poem about sunset. Then I saw a tube of skin. Was it dead or was it shedding?

There's a dinosaur in my poem and it's blocking everything!

I tried to write about happiness and make when it comes a dinosaur.

...but every time I try to tempt it out with some nice meat, it refuses to follow and just stomps on all the words and

RATS TO THE RESCUE!!!

But then I started to realise the dino wouldn't hurt me so I let it make its life at home in my poem about (now) a dinosaur.

Do you know where this poem is? Well, your reading it with your very own eyes.

There's a caterpillar in my poem. It keeps eating my words. I was trying to write a poem about summer holidays but it wouldn't listen. It kept eating through the page and ending up in my poem! I tried to tempt it out with a fresh leaf. I had done it!

Well, that's what I thought. I suddenly saw a huge cross-stitch and beautiful wings coming out of it. Hmm? maybe it's not that bad, a caterpillar.



There's a mistake in my poem and it won't rub out!

I was trying to write about a last-minute, game-saving goal, an A* exam, all the good things. But every time I try to rub it out I spot another mistake, and I am about to rub that one out when I spot another!

There are spelling mistakes, handwriting mistakes, Grammar mistakes, and just mistakes.

But... At least I know now, it does help me learn. Maybe it has got in in my poem about good things.

The End



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	Birdie B	Ivy D
Nightingales	Valentina C	Baneen J
Robins	Lily S	Fergus G
Skylarks	Elia B	William L
Red Kites	Mustafa A	Penny W
Kestrels	Tilly P	Toby H

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	378	3567
Galileo (Green)	200	2609
Redgrave (Red)	289	2862
Yeats (Yellow)	264	3160

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

Attendance for the Week

Nightingales	93.2%	Red Kites	96.0%
Robins	92.4%	Skylarks	94.0%
Owls	94.3%	Kestrels	96.7%
Whole School	94.6%		



Excellent attendance and punctuality maximises potential!
Every second counts.

Habit of the Month

In December, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Respect at mealtimes**.

Be thankful for the food you have been given.

Be adventurous when trying new things.

Be polite while you are eating.

Be thoughtful when tidying away after your meal.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch



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.**



PTA Fundraiser – School Tea Towels

School Tea Towels will make a perfect Christmas present for family and friends! The product is 100% cotton and is very high quality. You can now order tea towels via the PTA-events website www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/

With this fantastic Tea Towel, even drying the dishes will be fun!

The cost of each single tea towel is £6

Class WhatsApp Groups – Polite Request

May we kindly ask that parents only use the Class WhatsApp groups for information sharing or answering general questions relating to the School. These platforms are not the correct place for resolving concerns which can sometimes lead to misunderstandings or distress. The class WhatsApp groups are set up externally to school and it is therefore not the responsibility of the School to monitor their content. Although they can be convenient, there is no requirement for parents to join a class WhatsApp group as all information is sent directly to parents via the school office. We also have an open-door policy so if you have any School related issues or concerns, please come and talk to us in the first instance. Every minute solving issues that occur online is a minute taken away from the children we are here to support. Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Kung Fu

With a new term approaching **Kung Fu Club** are looking for new members. This fantastic club will give you many new skills and opportunities and well as developing your balance and core strength.



Reminder - After School Clubs

Please make a note of the date of final sessions for After School Extracurricular Clubs for this term.

Mon - Sewing Club – Finished for Term 2

Art Club – Finished for Term 2

Tues - Mad Science – Finishes on Tues 16th Dec

Football Club – Finishes on Tues 9th Dec

Weds Dance Club – Finishes on Weds 10th Dec

Kung Fu Club - Finishes on Weds 10th Dec

Thurs Chinese Club – Finished for Term 2

Football Club – Finished for Term 2

If you need child care, please book your child into Woodpeckers **Club** running from Monday to Thursday.

PTA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Thursday 11th December in the School Hall from 1.00pm to 3.00pm**. There will be lots of great activities. This festive extravaganza is a voluntary donation of just £5 per child, bookable via the link below. www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/



Silent Auction – Ends Monday - Please Place Your Bids

<https://app.galabid.com/wsl-christmas-auctio/items>

There are some **amazing** lots in our first ever online silent auction, and we'd love families to take a look and get bidding! Highlights include:

- Signed **Liverpool** FC & **Chelsea** FC shirts
- A New Thermomix TM6 (massive saving!)
- Headteacher for the Day
- Teacher-led workshops
- **Polo lessons** at Twyford Polo Club
- Tickets for many family days out
- Luxury **physio/beauty** treatments
- Beautiful handmade jewellery
- **Front row** nativity & Christingle seats
- Family photo shoot...

...and lots more!

Christingle Celebration Arrangements 2025

Thursday 11th December - No School Bags

Christingle Rehearsal at WSL Church. Please remember to drop off your child/ren at the WSL Church at 8.30am. (EYFS to be dropped off at School as normal)

Monday 15th December and Tuesday 16th December

Making Christingles – please bring a large orange.

Christingle Celebration – WSL Church - 2:00pm.

Thursday 18th December - No School Bags



We would be grateful to any parents in Owls who are able to take your child/ren to the Church by car in the afternoon at **1.30pm**. Please speak to your child's Class Teacher or let the School Office know if you can help.

Please do not enter the Church until all the children are in position and ready, the Church Warden will invite you in at 1:50pm.

The School Bus will be running as usual and will pick up children at WSL Church, but please inform the bus driver of any changes or arrangements for the day if you are a regular user of this service.

Please note there will be NO WOODPECKERS CLUB on Thursday 17th December

We look forward to seeing you and hope you will enjoy this special **Christmas Celebration**.

KS1 Nativity Play

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

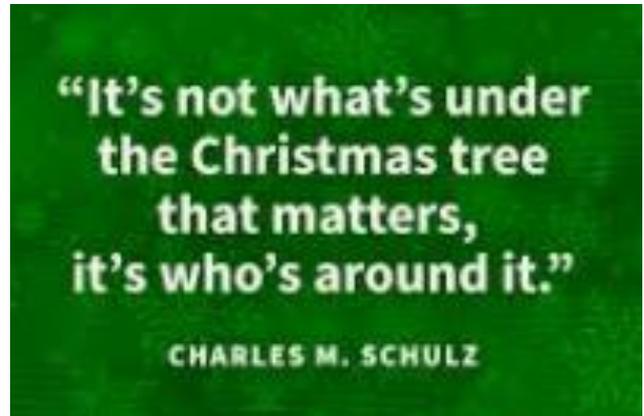
- **Tuesday 9th December 2:00pm**
- **Wednesday 10th December 2:00pm**

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.

Christmas Post Box

The **Christmas Post Box** will be in operation next **Monday 8th December**. It can be found outside the Kestrels class next to the Christmas Tree. The **Christmas Elves** are to deliver children's cards daily and the last delivery day is **Thursday 18th December**. If your children would like to send a card to other children or members of staff, all they need to do is write their **first names** and **surnames** and the **name of the class** on the envelopes. The Postal Elves can only deliver to pupils and staff at WSL Primary School.



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

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	Christingle Rehearsal at WSL Church	8.40am-10.30am
Thurs 11 th	PTA Christmas Fair in School	1.00pm-3.00pm
Friday 12	Owls Christmas Concert	2.40pm
Monday 15 th	Christingle Preparations – Bring an Orange to School	
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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