



## Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

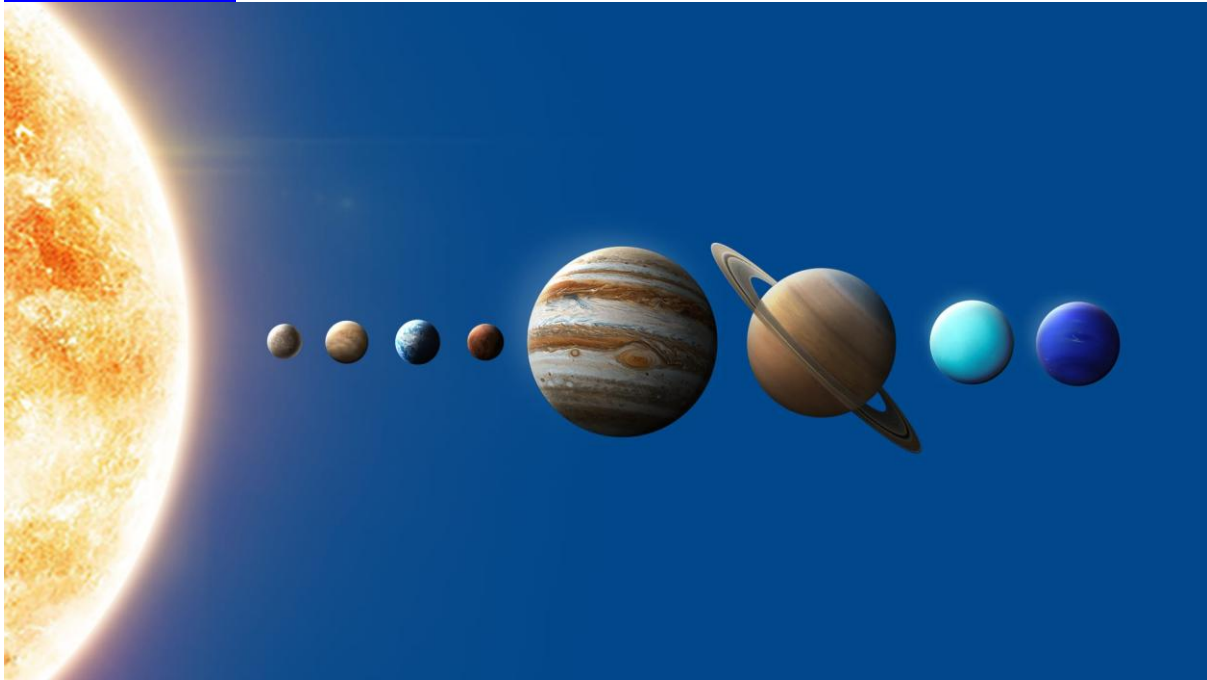
Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring Term; unbelievably we are now half way through the school year! We have had a wonderful first week although you may have noticed that there is quite a lot of illness in school, unfortunately including members of staff! I myself was too unwell to attend school on Monday. We are happy for children to come to school with coughs and colds as long as they do not have a temperature but please remember not to bring a child to school who has been sick or had diarrhoea until they are well and have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours. Sickiness and tummy bugs spread so quickly between young children as they are sometimes not as vigilant as they could be when toileting and washing their hands!



[Bing Videos](#) Please share this **NHS** video with your children.

## Planets

This evening there will be a planet alignment: <https://starwalk.space/en/news/what-is-planet-parade>



If you follow the link, you will be able to read all the information you need to view some or all 7 planets!

## Chesney Hawkes

As many of you already know, we shared our video of the children singing “I am the one and only” with Chesney Hawkes and although he was not able to visit he sent us the most wonderful video message; if you missed the link, here it is!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/19B1lh3dqstyOVYA2xxwL2kJf10wDS\\_bc/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19B1lh3dqstyOVYA2xxwL2kJf10wDS_bc/view)

I love that Chesney thinks I am the best headteacher in the world!



**World Book Day 2025 (and World Book Week at Walter)**

## **WORLD BOOK WEEK @ WALTER 2025**

So, our World Book Week begins on Monday when we will all be sharing books written by Michelle Robinson. The Book Fair will be open from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we are not sure where it will be located, but if the weather is good it will be outside the main reception area! If you haven't spent your vouchers, which came home today, you can use them at the Book Fair, which will be here until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. All the sales of books will enable us to buy more books for the library and the classrooms. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March, we would love the children to come to school in the night clothes, ready for a bedtime story! The teachers have chosen their favourite stories to read throughout the day and will of course, be wearing their pyjamas! I have several 'serious headteacher meetings' that day, so that will be amusing!

### **Red Nose Day**

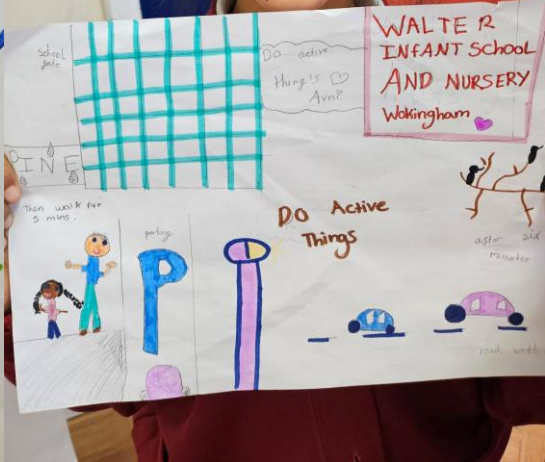
Red Nose Day this year is happening on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March; we would like to invite the children to come to school wearing something red! Anything from a hair band to a complete outfit! Please do not buy anything new, anything that has red on is great! They do not need to wear any items of school uniform, they can come in whatever they like, that is suitable for the weather! The Year 2 School Councillors will be selling red noses, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the end of the school day. We have three boxes, not enough for all the children, so it will be first come first served. Sorry, but we can't risk having more noses than we can sell as we have to buy them in advance!!!! We will not be collecting money in school, we will share our JustGiving

page with you closer to the event. There is, as always, no need to make a donation, but please do send your children to school with something red, or they will feel left out!



### Maps and Activity

Some children completed the challenge for half-term and here are the first four entries, we will extend the opportunity for another week and there will be a prize for the best entries!



## Zachary

Zachary took part in the Wokingham Half Marathon Mini Mile on Sunday, and for the 2nd year in a row he received a trophy! This year he came 2nd in the Boys 6-7 age group. Everyone is very proud of him and his continued dedication to running! He also has 87 Junior Park-runs under his belt!

Hopefully Zachary will bring his medal and trophy in to show his friends in Oak Class. Well done Zachary!



## Jayden

Jayden took part in the Wokingham Half Marathon's children's race (the mini mile). Jayden finished 1st in the Boys 6-7 age category and got presented a trophy from the Mayor. He ran a mile in 6.2 minutes. This is the 2nd time Jayden's won this race. He also won the Boys 4-5 age category in 2023. Jayden doesn't usually run. He's a football boy! Clearly, he has a hidden talent! We're very proud of him.



### Silas's visit to Peru

Silas went to Peru; his mum showed me this fantastic photograph and I asked her to share it with me as it is so amazing!



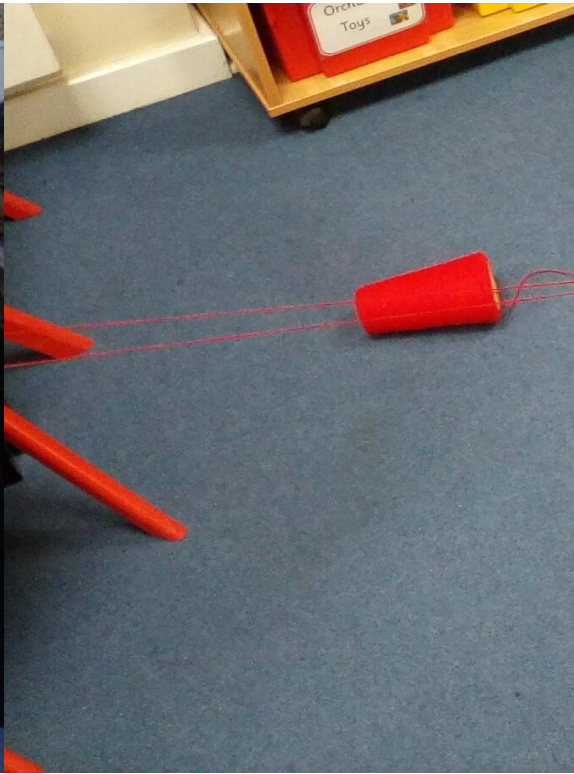
### An Unwelcome Visitor Came to Our School!

I received an emergency telephone call informing me that we had had an intruder in school who had left the Year 1 Classrooms in a terrible mess, there was writing on the windows, jelly on the teacher's chairs, porridge everywhere! There was paint all over the tables, the dolls hair had been cut...it was a terrible shock! However, the culprit left a lot of clues and the children realised that the intruder was ...Goldilocks! They have made some amazing **WANTED** posters! **KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!**









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## Goldilocks



Have you seen the cheeky girl? She came  
 our class room and made a big  
 mess. She spilt red paint on to the  
 table. Then she put orange jelly on Miss  
 Palmer's blue chair. She wrote messages on  
 the windows. Next she made a baby  
 trap and tripped up Miss Palmer.  
 Warning she might come to your class  
 room again!



Next  
 After  
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Have you seen Goldilocks?  
 At school she spilt paint on  
 the table. Next she made  
 a baby trap and I tripped  
 over it. Next she put jelly  
 on Miss Palmer's chair. Next she  
 cut her hair. She wrote  
 Goldilocks rules on the window.  
 Warning she might come to  
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### Household Support Fund can help you

There's more than **£500,000** available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

**The Household Support Fund** has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be

paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply. Apply now:  
<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>

### Would you like to be a School Governor?

We will have our Governor Day in School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March when our amazing governors will come into school to see us in action. If this is a role that interests you, please contact our admin team for more information on [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

This link will tell you more about the role or we can arrange for you to meet with one of our governors in person for an insight into the role and the commitment you would need to be able to make to our OUTSTANDING School!

<https://governorsforschools.org.uk/become-a-school-governor/the-role-of-a-school-governor/>



### Stars of the Week

Here are our fantastic stars of the week!





**If you are struggling to provide all you need to at the moment; we can provide Food Vouchers for the Foodbank and fuel vouchers.**

**We can help!**

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us

as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask.

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

Children who receive Pupil Premium Funding in school can attend an after school or morning club (excluding Junior Adventures), free of charge. Please speak with Mrs Hemmings in the office to see what is available. Unfortunately, we do not have any more spaces for I-Rock at the moment.

### **Songs for this term**

This term we are learning 'Morning has Broken' and 'He's Got the Whole World in his Hands' (along with Makaton Signing) to celebrate Spring and the beautiful world around us! We are also listening to Vivaldi's Spring Concerto from The Four Seasons.

### **Dates for your Diary**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
W/C Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Book Fair (Books available to buy at the end of the school day)	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Week	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Y1 Scooter Training	

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Class Photographs	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Red Nose Day: Homelessness	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	School Council – Chocolate Tombola	3.25pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations	9.00am – 1pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term (Finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Easter Bunny & Easter Cake Sale	2.15pm

**Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.**

**And finally,**

If you would like to share any news, please contact me on...

[admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves  
Headteacher

Here is the link to watch our school on television as some parents have asked for it to be forwarded again: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/what-has-black-hair-four-legs-a-tail-and-is-proving-to-be-a-hit-at-a-berkshire-school/qg1nbqm>