



# Walter Infant School and Nursery

## Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

It has been so wonderful to watch the children (finally) playing out in the sunshine...then the rain fell again! The school grounds are looking beautiful as the garden and planters are really coming into bloom.

### International Dance Day

On Monday it was International Dance day. Over the last couple of weeks, the children (and their adults) have been busy learning a dance. In assembly this morning, the children performed their dances with such passion and enthusiasm. The smiles on their faces were magical. The children were dancing to 'Superman', 'The Birdie Song', 'Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)', 'The Macarena', 'Can't Stop the Feeling' and many more. The Endorphins have been flying around the school all day.

### Head Lice in School

We have quite a few cases of headlice and nits in school; headlice can spread very quickly through a class of children but can also be quickly eliminated if everyone works together to get rid of them! Please follow this link for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If everyone checks their children for headlice and nits today and treats the problem straight away we should be a lice free school on Monday. So, let's all get Bug Busting!



## Keeping safe

Foundation Stage have continued their learning on adults who help keep us safe. On Monday, we had a visit from the Fire Fighters based at Wokingham Station. It was very exciting when the fire engine parked up on the playground. The children found out about what Fire Fighters do to help keep people safe in accidents and fires. They learnt all about the fire suit. Mrs MacLeod was able to put the Fire suit on and told the children how heavy it was. We were very impressed with the questions asked to the Fire Fighters. After the talk, all the children were given a chance to sit inside the fire engine and Mrs Bennette was very strong and sprayed the hose!



On Tuesday, we had a different visitor. Meet Henri (Aww!). Henri is a Guide Dog and lives with Mr & Mrs Goddard. The children found out about how Henri became a Guide Dog and that he went to Guide Dog School every day for a year. We were so proud of the empathy shown by the children in understanding Henri's job and how he supports someone who is visually impaired. The children also got to give Henri a stroke. As a well done, Henri gave the Children a sticker and a Book Mark from the Guide Dogs for the Blind.



## Sports Day 2024

Earlier this week, we were able to share our Sports Day dates.

Foundation stage (including Robin) will be held in the afternoon of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be in the Morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Please note St Paul's very kindly let us use their school field for this event,



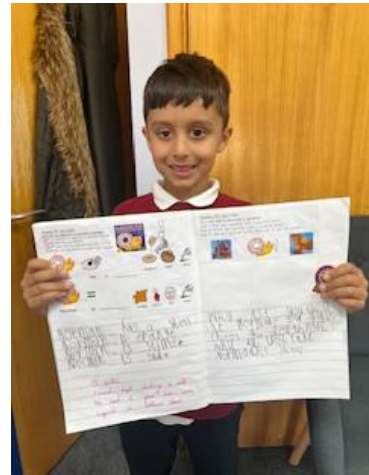
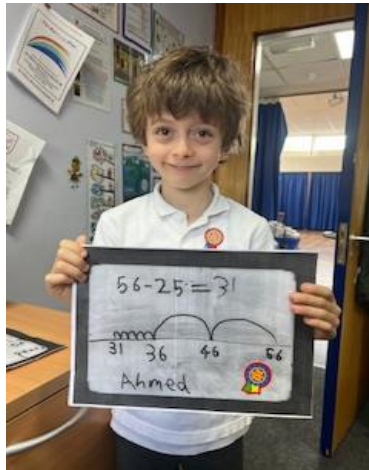
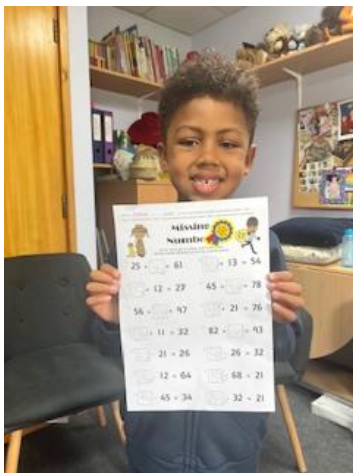
This year the theme will be 'The Olympics'. Letters will be sent home in the coming weeks to let you know which team your child will be in. We hope as many of our families are able to join us in supporting the children take part.

## Year 1 Parent Meeting – Phonics Screen 2024

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2.30pm Mr Lee and Miss Palmer will be leading a meeting for our Year 1 parents to discuss the Phonic Screen that will take place week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The meeting will be held in the school hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the presentation will be uploaded to the website.

## Wonderful Work to celebrate

I have been inundated with visitors this week. Teachers and children have come to show me their amazing work. It is wonderful to see how proud the children were. We have amazing writers, master mathematicians



## Success and Celebrations Outside of School!

### Sebbie Scales Snowdon!

Sebastian in Larch Class had a very busy weekend. After school last Friday, he headed to North Wales. Sebbie woke up at 5am on Saturday Morning to get ready to start the climb at 6.30am. Showing huge enthusiasm and one of the Walter Values of Resilience, Sebbie was very determined and made it up to the summit in just over two and a half hours (often pulling his parents up the mountain!). Sebbie said "it was hard work, very windy and it was really high!" We are all extremely proud of Sebastian, What an amazing achievement.



### Children's Day

Rosa, Tuna, Zeynep and their friends celebrated Children's Day together and they wanted to share it with their Walter friends and teachers!

National Sovereignty and Children's Day is a public holiday in Turkey that is celebrated on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Turkey became the first country in the world to celebrate an official Children's Day. We are so glad you had such a wonderful time!



### Wokingham Walk

Ben in Sycamore was really proud to have completed the 5-mile Wokingham Walk at the weekend. It is the furthest he has ever walked and it was extremely wet and muddy so made it even more difficult! Despite the conditions he really enjoyed the route around the Wokingham countryside and is hoping to do the 10-mile route next year! Well done Ben!



## Star 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 provided 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 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/>

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

If you have anything you need to send/discuss with any member of staff, please email [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) and this will be sent to the relevant person for a response.

I hope you have a lovely (long) weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

**Stephanie Bell: Deputy Headteacher**