



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a great week in school, most children have coped so well coming in each morning; but it can be so hard for some of them. Please rest assured, we will be taking great care of your child, reassuring them and comforting them until they feel settled and secure. If you are worried, please phone the office and we can let you know how things are going and how quickly they have felt better.

Celebrations in School

Rosaleigh was awarded a certificate in Gymnastics Club this week for doing a cartwheel (which is very hard to do) ~ well done Rosaleigh!





Are you entitled?

All the children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, so often parents do not check to see if their child is eligible for Free School Meals until they join a junior school. However, there are benefits for children who are eligible for Free School Meals before Year 3! Children who are entitled to a Free School Meal are also entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, which can be used to support them in school (please see the benefits below). They are also entitled to free holiday clubs [Holiday activities and food programme 2025 to 2026 financial year - GOV.UK](#)

From September 2026, changes have been put in place for working parents:
What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

From September 2026, there will be two types of free school meal eligibility:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covers pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM, a new category covers pupils who are in households receiving Universal Credit, earning above £7,400.

- Children eligible for Targeted FSM will be entitled to other educational entitlements such as the [HAF programme](#) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance. Pupil Premium funding will be provided to schools based on children eligible for Targeted FSM.
- Children eligible for Expanded FSM will receive free school meals but will not be eligible for the additional support that children eligible for Targeted FSM are entitled to and will not attract pupil premium funding.

Universal Infant Free School meal policy

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to be entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meals policy regardless of family circumstances. Schools should continue to encourage the parents of children in reception, year 1 and 2 to apply for free school meals. If they are eligible for Targeted FSM, the children can benefit from the HAF programme and school travel assistance, and the school receives pupil premium funding.

End of transition protections

Since 2018, some children have continued to receive free school meals, even if their family circumstances changed during the rollout of Universal Credit. Now that entitlement for free school meals is being expanded to all families on Universal Credit, these protections will end.

This means:

Some children may no longer be eligible from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year if their family does not receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit. Eligibility will now be based on current benefit status.

Pupil Premium

From September 2026, children who received free school meals during the transitional protection period will be considered an 'Ever6' child and will attract pupil premium funding for their school. This includes pupils who are no longer eligible for free school meals under the new system, or who are eligible for Expanded FSM.

These pupils will remain part of the 'Ever6' cohort for 6 years.

From the 26/27 academic year, only children eligible for Targeted FSM will be included in the 'Ever6' category in future years. This means that children eligible for Expanded FSM who cease to be eligible in future years will not be considered 'Ever6' and will not attract pupil premium funding for their school.

New FSM claims

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM criteria. To ensure that those families can receive free meals from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, schools should:

- **promote awareness of the new FSM entitlement so families, including families using early years provision, know about support they might be able to receive**
- **begin accepting new FSM applications as soon as possible.**

This is the link for the form: <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/sites/schoolshub/files/2026-09/Free-school-meals-claim-form.pdf> Mrs Janes will be very happy to support any applications.

For more information, please follow this link: [Free school meals](#)

Jeans for Genes Day

It is Jeans for Genes day next Friday (18/09/2026); this is one of the National Charities that we support as part of our Character Education Provision: **How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?** Our children learn that some children have greater daily challenges because of how they have been born...because of the genes, or their individual recipes. Our children learn that we all belong, that we are all different and that we are all important. They learn to be good citizens because they are doing something to help improve what is happening for children less fortunate than they are.



Please follow this link to donate £2 per pair of jeans or you can donate cash on Friday 18th September. All donations will make a difference to a young child and their family. [Donate - Thank you for making a difference! - JustGiving](#)

Belonging

It is important for all our children to feel that they belong in our school; I am working hard to make sure I know all the names of the new children as quickly as I can so that hopefully they will feel noticed and valued. There are many things that we like to do to ensure that the children feel that they belong, that they feel safe and secure, that they feel brave enough to speak up, to share their worries or their thoughts and ideas, that they feel confident enough to have a go, relaxed enough to feel calm. We want them to feel happy at school, a very welcome member of a big group, where they can talk about their similarities and differences. One of the things that really help our children to feel that they belong are our shared school values: Respect, Kindness, Honesty, Respect and Resilience.

We have been agreeing our expectations for behaviour in the classroom; this is an excellent opportunity for our children to feel that they have a voice and will be heard.

We do not have School Rules, but we do have high expectations for behaviour so that everyone has a good understanding of how to behave at school:

- **Treat each other with respect**
- **Be kind and polite to everyone**
- **Tell the truth**
- **Look after the school and the things in it**
- **Move around the school sensibly**
- **Always try your best**

These are shared regularly with the children and displayed in every classroom and around the school. This morning we had an assembly on belonging when we talked about our values and expectations. Perhaps you could ask your Year 1 or Year 2 child if they can remember anything about belonging at Walter!



I am attaching a flyer on Belonging for Parents and Carers:



SEND Voices



Local Offer Live 2026

Family Information Day for those in Wokingham Borough with a child or young person 0-25 years with any Special Educational Needs &/or Disability

Saturday 10th October
10.30 – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3pm

St Crispin's School Sports Hub,
London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1SR

- Information & Advice Stalls
- Berkshire Reptile Encounters
- Face Painting • Circus Skills
- Tea/coffee/squash/cake

Book your FREE ticket
Scan QR code or visit Ticketsource:
<https://www.ticketsource.com/send-voices-wokingham>





More information on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
or email: info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

Many thanks to St Crispin's School for supporting this event
Helped by Steve Smith

SEND Coffee Morning

A relaxed space to chat, connect & get support



Free tea & coffee



Chat with other SEND parents or get individual advice & support from a SENDIASS advisor



SEND Voices Wokingham & SENDIASS available



NEW VENUE! FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North
Finchampstead, Wokingham RG40 4ES



12.00 – 2.00pm **September:** 8 & 22 September
Tuesday's **October:** 6 & 20 October
 November: 3 & 17 November
 December: 1 & 15 December

No booking needed – just pop in!



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SENDIASS Parent Training Courses

SEND Voices Wokingham are hosting these FREE training courses online via Teams with the Wokingham SENDIASS Team to support you with clear, practical guidance.

EHCP Annual Reviews – A Parent's Guide

Learn what should happen at an annual review and how to take part confidently.

 Tuesday 29th September |  10.00 – 11.30am

EHCPs – A Parent's Guide

For parents going through the EHCP process for the first time. Learn what to expect throughout the application process.

 Tuesday 20th October |  7.00 – 8.30pm

Preparing for Adulthood

From Year 9 onwards, explore how to plan and support your young person's future, focusing on their strengths and aspirations.

 Tuesday 10th November |  7.00–8.30pm

SEND Support in School – A Parent's Guide

Understand what to expect from school and how to build a positive working relationship to meet your child's needs.

 Thursday 26th November |  10.00–11.30am

-  All sessions delivered by Wokingham SENDIASS online via Teams
-  Free for parent carers living in the Wokingham Borough

 To book your place email: info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

 More information on our website: www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/events



Best Start Family Hubs in Wokingham

Wokingham Family Hubs offer one stop access to local services, supporting families from pregnancy to early adulthood (up to age 25 for young people with SEND)

At our centres, out in the community or online, you can find the right help when you need it most



Free Drop-in Activities

Early Years Advisors

Antenatal Support

Learning through play

Outreach Support

Financial Advice

Spaces for young people

Volunteering

SEND Advice

Parent Support Programmes

Health Visiting Services

Support for Every Family

Wokingham Family Hubs

☎ 0118 908 8050

@ familyhubs@wokingham.gov.uk

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BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Find your local Family Hub

Ambleside Family Hub
Ambleside Close
Woodley
RG5 4JJ

Winnersh Family Hub
Rainbow Park
Winnersh
RG41 5SG

Brambles Family Hub
Budges Gardens
RG40 1PX

Starlings Family Hub
Colleton Drive
Twyford
RG10 0AX

The Red Kite Family Hub
Chestnut Crescent
Shinfield
RG2 9EJ

Finchampstead Family Hub
Gorse Ride North
Finchampstead
RG40 4ES



Find us online

To find Family Hub and timetable information online, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera

Visit our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/wokinghamfamilyhubs



Before and After School Clubs this Term

There are still lots of spaces available in all our clubs; there has not been much of a take up for dance or gymnastics. These are amazing clubs, which the children really enjoy. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, we are able to provide an extra-curricular free of charge.



WALTER INFANT SCHOOL: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DIARY - Autumn Term 2026



ACTIVITY	DATES		DURATION	COST	YEAR	TIME	SESSION LENGTH	PROVIDER
RISE & SHINE CLUB	Monday - Friday for the whole term	TBC	As per Term dates	£7.00	FS, Y1 & Y2	7.30am-8.40am		Lynnette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
UNTASTIC AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	Monday - Friday for the whole term	Hall	As per Term dates		FS, Y1 & Y2	3.15pm - 6pm		bookings@funstastickids.co.uk
MONDAY								
Spanish	Monday 7th September 2026 to Monday 7th December 2026	TBC	13 weeks	£78	Yr1 & Y2	3.30pm - 4pm	30 mins	cari@bilinguasing.com
Tennis	Monday 7th September 2026 to Monday 7th December 2026	Astroturf	13 weeks	£91	Yr1 & Yr2	3.30pm - 4.30pm	60 mins	office.mattreidprocoaching@gmail.com
TUESDAY								
Dance	Tuesday 15th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Hall	12 weeks	£96	F2 Y1/Y2	3.15pm to 4.15pm	60 mins	https://avenuedancecompany.classforkids.io/info/260
Basketball	Tuesday 8th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Astroturf	13 weeks		Y1/Y2	3.20pm - 4pm	40 mins	nkoraycaglar@gmail.com
Stageability	Tuesday 8th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Hall	13 weeks		5-18 years			jackie@berkshire.stageability.co.uk
WEDNESDAY								
French	Wednesday 16th September 2026 to Wednesday 9th December 2026	TBC	12 Weeks	£72	F2 Y1/Y2	3.30pm - 4.00pm	30 mins	laurencethonon@yahoo.com
Multi-skills	Wednesday 9th September 2026 to Wednesday 9th December 2026	Astroturf	13 Weeks	£117	Year 1 & 2	3.30pm - 4.30pm	60 mins	info@justplaysports.co.uk

Day	Clubs and Times
Monday	Spanish 3:30 - 4:00 pm Tennis 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday	Dance 3.15 – 4:15 pm
Wednesday	French 3:30 – 4:00 pm Multi-skills 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday	Gymnastics 7:45 – 8:30 am Football (Year 2) 3:30 – 4:30 pm Football (Year 1) 3:30 – 4:15 pm
Friday	iRock 12.30 – 3.00 pm (1/2 an hour sessions) Tennis 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Wraparound Care at Walter Infant School and Nursery

All the children from Robin to Willow can come to our Amazing Rise and Shine Breakfast Club; as well as older brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.



All our Rise and Shine staff have completed the relevant training in food safety so we are now able to provide breakfast for the children. We will be offering a variety of cereals, toast, crumpets, pancakes with a variety of different toppings. We will provide milk to drink and fresh fruit.

The menus will vary from day to day so that we can find out how popular the different options are. There will be no nut products.

The cost is £8.00 per session and will need to be booked at least one day prior to the day you require your child to attend. We will apply sibling reduction: 2 for £15.00 and 3 for £21.00.

Bookings are made via the school gateway

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> using your preferred email address and mobile telephone number.

Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provide after school care for all children from Nursery (Robin) until Year 4 (the children at St Paul's do not have to have a sibling in our school to attend Funtastic Kids). We are however, happy to have older siblings in Year 5 and Year 6. If you book a junior child onto Funtastic Kids, please can you inform the class teacher that they may sometimes be collected by Walter or Funtastic Kids staff members.



After School Club: Full Session

From 3:15pm – 6pm

£14.50 First child

£13.05 Extra siblings

Book

After School Club: Short Session (Early)

From 3:15pm – 4:30pm

£8.10 First child

£7.29 Extra siblings

Book

After School Club: Short Session (Late)

4:15pm – 6pm

£9.10 First child

£8.19 Extra siblings

Book

Additional Info

10% Sibling Discount!

Want to save another 20%? Sign up for Tax-Free Childcare. Check if you are eligible at: beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker

View FAQs

To book follow this link bookings@funtastickids.co.uk

Please do not use your mobile phones on our school site!

We would like you to greet your child with a smile, not a mobile. But we would also like to remind you that for safeguarding reasons, mobile phones must not be used on the school playground. If you are seen using your phone, staff will politely ask you to stop immediately.



WARNING: The Amazing Digital Circus



Concerns have been raised regarding a series called *The Amazing Digital Circus*, which is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix. At first glance, the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. However, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents may find unsuitable for primary-aged children. The show carries a 12 rating on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format.

Please be aware that this series is rated 12+ and is not suitable for younger viewers.

Stars of the Week!

Here are Key Stage One Stars of the Week; well done everyone, we are all so proud of you!



NHS Togetherness Programme for Wokingham Families

Togetherness is an NHS emotional health team provides online learning for parents, carers, families, and young people to support emotional wellbeing and preventative mental health in the UK.

More details can be found here – [Home - Togetherness](#) and here: [Free learning for wellbeing and relationships](#)

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/>

And Finally,

We are very proud to be a healthy school: if you are sending a snack into school with your child, please only send **one healthy snack**, for example:



Please do not send crisps, chocolate or anything with nuts in, including nut flour.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 13 th September	Foundation Stage Picnic – All Foundation Stage families invited to bring a picnic and a blanket	11am – 1pm
Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes Day (Non-Uniform)	
Monday 21 st September	Year 1 Reading Meeting	2.45pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Individual Photographs	
Wednesday 30 th September	'WOW! Wednesday'	8.40am – 9.00am
Monday 5 th October – Monday 30 th October	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October – Tuesday 1 st December	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Foundation Stage – Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 9 th October	Wear something YELLOW to support World Mental Health Day	
Thursday 15 th October	Year 2 Legoland	
Thursday 15 th October	Foundation Stage 2 Reading Meeting for Parents	2.45pm
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival	
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Friday 23 rd October	Non-uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair	
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2 nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11 th November	'WOW! Wednesday'	3pm – 3.15pm
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'	
Friday 20 th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24 th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm

Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9am -10am
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11 th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4 th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Tuesday 2 nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22 nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16 th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18 th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7 th June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 8 th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 6 th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	

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