



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

Dressing the Tree

William and Alice were amazing representatives for Walter Infant School and Nursery on Monday evening when the Mayor and the Mini Mayor held the Dressing the Tree concert. We were one of a few Wokingham Schools who had been selected to take part in the celebration. If you go into the town centre look out for a huge penguin made of flower pots and a stunning Christmas tree made from a bottle! I was so proud of our children.



Year One Nativity Plays

The Year 1 children performed their nativity plays this week and they were outstanding; Mrs Bell and I were so proud we could have burst. The children spoke so clearly, sang so sweetly (some extremely loudly) and danced as if they were on Strictly. All the parents shared how much they had enjoyed it. One of our Governors, Mr Kennedy came to Beech Class and he was very glad he did.

Larch



Oak





Beech





Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

It was lovely to see all the children in their festive jumpers today; there was so much glitter, sequins and sparkle it felt like Christmas had already arrived. We have talked about the meaning of Christmas (and that it is not just for presents). Why not ask your child how they can be kind at Christmas, they have some excellent ideas! The children weren't the only ones wearing Christmas jumpers!





We have raised **£166.36** so far...for Save the Children!



Thank you so very much!

The School Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our School Fair; it was so well attended and we have raised:

£3293.16!!

Smashing our target of £2000 out of the park!
Soon we will be at our goal of £4,400 for our outdoor gym equipment!



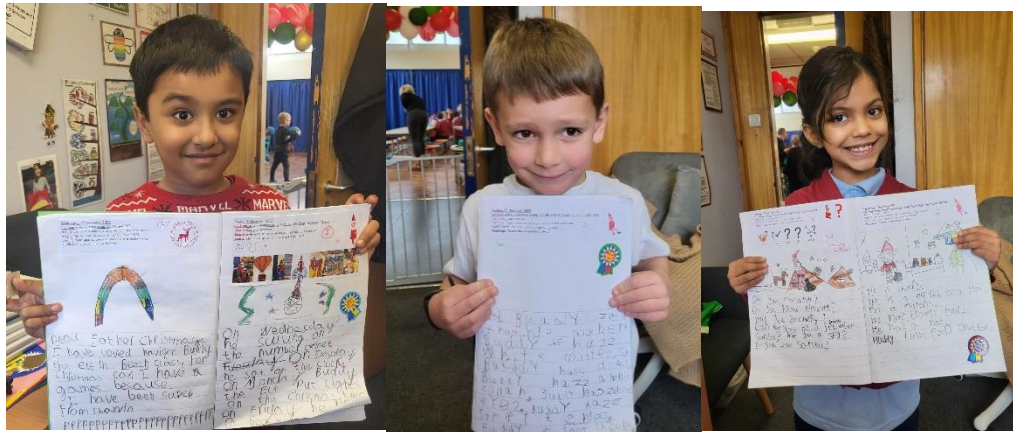
In School today ...

It is so Christmassy in school at the moment and it is only going to get even more Christmassy. I can't wait. I had a stroll around some of the classrooms and here are a few of the Christmas things I found!



Brilliant Writing in Year 1

Year One have been writing about all the cheeky antics the Elves have been getting up to in school! These Elves have inspired the children to be the very best writers they can be! Here are just three examples of 90 brilliant writers!



Final Dance Show with Miss Joanna's Street Dance Crew

Sadly, Tuesday was the last ever Street Dance Class as Miss Joanna has to follow her first love of Twinkle Sticks her other adventurous Career! We will miss her very much. We will have a final day of Wiggle Waggle in Foundation Stage on Tuesday. Here are some photos of the amazing show. The children were incredible and Linda was even the Choreographer!





Christmas Boxes for Children at Walter

Today the Christmas Boxes arrived in school; thank you so much to all of you who donated them. They are AMAZING. We are delighted to receive them and we know they will be so much appreciated by our carefully selected recipients.



Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 14th December** ~ Christmas School Lunch (information will follow)
- **Wednesday 14th December** ~ **Foundation Stage Christmas Shows 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Two guests per child.**
- **Thursday 15th December** ~ **Christmas Parties for ALL classes**
- **Friday 16th December** ~ **I Rock Concert in the afternoon** ~ information will go directly to the parents of the children taking part
- **Monday 19th December @ 2:30 pm** ~ **Year 2 Christmas Singing Extravaganza, all year 2 parents welcome**
- **Tuesday 20th December** ~ **Last Day of Term! (Finishing 1 hour early).**
- **Thursday 5th January 2023** ~ **First Day back to School.**

Star of the Week

Some wonderful stars from a wonderful week! Well done all of you!



Information from Wokingham Borough Council

I have received this information from Wokingham Borough Council for residents. Please follow the links to find out more.

Cost of living help and support

The [cost of living help hub](#) has been updated with new schemes and projects to help you this winter.

There's nine top tips for you to access help if you need it. And if none of these apply to you, check more than [90 ways to save from Martin Lewis](#).

We know Christmas can be expensive so save this email in case you want to access any of this support in the new year.

£400 energy payments

Make sure your energy provider is making [Energy Bill Support Scheme payments](#), £400 between October and March. Contact your supplier if you've not received your payments.

Pension credits

Check if you or anyone you support is [eligible for pension credit](#) and how much you could get if they are pension age.

More income and planning spending

Wokingham Citizens Advice has tools to help you [maximise your income and planning your spending](#) if you're struggling.

Where to go to stay warm

[Warm spaces are up and running across the borough](#) organised by community groups. Earley, Shinfield, Spencers Wood and Wokingham have support in place, we'll be adding more as they open up. All libraries are open to provide support this winter too.

If you want to be added to the list or are looking to [run a warm space contact our team](#).

Making Christmas special if you're struggling

If you're struggling and worried about marking Christmas for your family, local organisations can help you. We've pulled together [help at Christmas with organisations who may be able to support you](#).

Warmer winters

The [partnership winter warmers project](#) is providing items to those who need them to help reduce bills at home.

Low energy items like slow cookers, air fryers and heated blankets, along with warm clothes, blankets and more. The project is run alongside SHARE Wokingham, First Days Children's Charity and our Hardship Alliance partners.

Apply through First Days or a charity you already work with.

Grants for essentials

Our Hardship Alliance partners Wokingham United Charities have its [Essential Item Grant](#) open for the winter. This is eligible to Wokingham Borough residents to help with items like furniture or white goods if you're in hardship, services to reduce distress or fees associated with debts.

£120 Household Support Fund grants

If you're struggling to pay bills or buy food this winter our [Household Support Fund](#) can help you with £120 towards costs. There's specific money put aside for all families with children who receive means-tested free school meals. [How to apply can be found on our website](#).

Loan sharks

Watch out for loan sharks in the run up to Christmas

Lenders are looking to cash in as people struggling to cope with rising costs of food, fuel and energy, as well as the costs of the festive period

[Advice is available from Stop Loan Sharks](#) if you have borrowed from a loan shark or are worried about someone else.

Walter's Pantry

We have a fully stocked pantry for our children and their families; if you come to school (at any time) you are welcome to take the items you need to provide healthy (easy to prepare) meals for your children (at no cost). You can come as often as you need to. Bring a bag and fill it up. If you forget your bag we have those too. Please feel able to come during the school day for privacy if you prefer.



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 sessions, 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/>

Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

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