

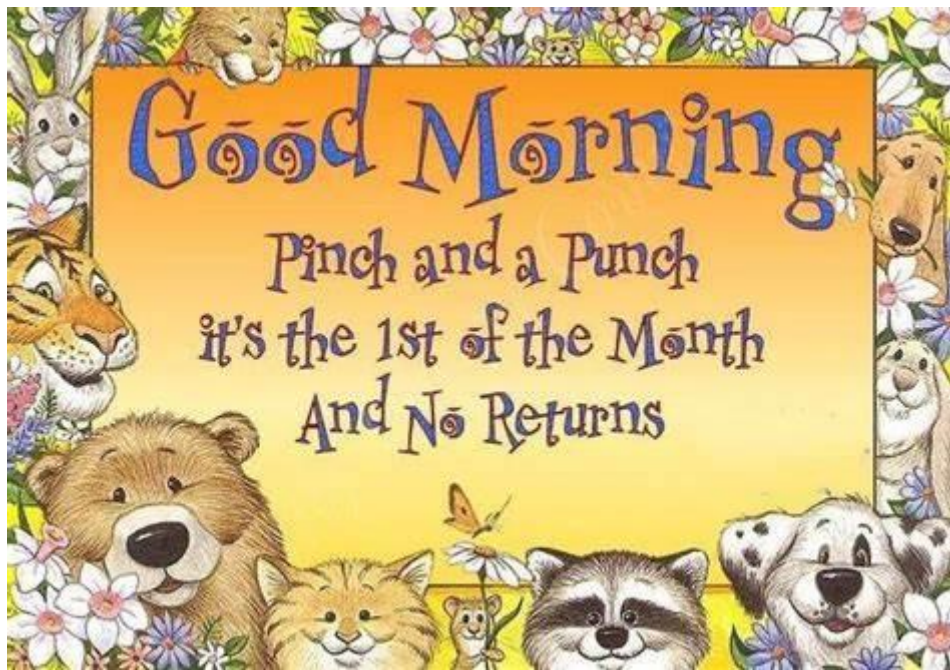


Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Pinch, punch 1st of the month! It is hard to believe that it is already March and that we will be breaking up for Easter on Thursday 28th March 2024, one hour earlier than usual.



Robins know they are amazing! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

We have made it to the papers. We are so proud!



Democrat-led Council that there are no detailed plans for any changes to on street parking at present.
"Now we find the truth.

businesses.
"These plans have now been set out in the Liberal Democrats' budget before residents have been considered.

may have some spaces for general use, which may incur a charge. We are currently doing some work on this aspect of the scheme may not go ahead.

On Network director,

EMPOWERING: Children in Robin class, aged three and four display their affirmation boards, funded for all the children in the school by the PTA, for their wellbeing week

Robins know they're amazing

CHILDREN at a borough school understand how valuable they are thanks to a week of positivity.

During Walter Infants School's Wellbeing Week, youngsters were able to take part in self affirming activities that included workshops, songs, and artwork.

Deputy headteacher Stephanie Bell said: "Our wellbeing week was wonderful for all our children, and great for the staff too."

Youngsters learnt that every voice matters, including their own.

"It was very empowering for them," continued Ms Bell.

"We read a book by children's mental health charity Place2Be, and the youngsters took part in

wellbeing workshops where they learnt how to speak out, and also how to remain calm.

"Naomi from Gabriels Education worked with all 303 of our pupils, including the very youngest in our nursery."

The whole school learnt a song by Emelie Sandé called, Your Voice Matters, and every child received a wooden board that they were able to cover with positive words about themselves.

"Our PTA kindly funded these boards, and the children loved them," said Ms Bell.

"They painted and decorated them, and then they covered them with phrases like: 'I am strong', 'I am worthy', 'I am amazing', before

taking them home."

Ms Bell says that the school has already seen how positively the week has affected the children.

"We've seen a big difference," she said. "These children all experienced the pandemic.

"They weren't able to go to toddler groups, or birthday parties, and it can be hard for them when they start nursery or school.

"Emotions are big for them, and for their parents too, so we're focusing on ways to support the whole school's wellbeing.

"We're aiming for the Wellbeing Award for Schools, which we hope we may achieve in the summer."

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March it is red nose day; we would like the children to come into school wearing something red! Last year we had a joke competition and the children brought in a very funny joke. The funniest joke in the class was chosen and then we had the 10 funniest jokes in school in our Friday assembly. If you child would like to take part, they will need to bring in a joke by Thursday 14th March.



Teacher: What is the shortest month?

Student: May, it only has 3 letters!



Teacher: You missed school yesterday didn't you?

Student: Not really.



We will not be collecting money in school!

PantoSaurus

This week all the staff at our school who work in the classroom have completed training from the NSPCC. I found some really useful resources for parents on the website and thought I would share them with you all. We use the Pantosaurus resources to teach our very young children about keeping their private parts private and a Pantosuarus has just arrived in the post!



Support for parents

Whatever family life brings, we're here to help



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/?source=ppc-brand>

Managing family life



Talking about difficult topics

Tips and advice for starting conversations

[Get support](#)



Talk PANTS

Help keep your child safe from sexual abuse

[Find out more](#)



Separation and divorce

Checking in with your family as things change

[Read our advice](#)

World Book Day

We are celebrating all week next week because it is World Book Day. On Monday 4th March all our children will bring home a book token which can be used to spend at our book fair, which arrives on Tuesday 5th March or in a book shop. There will be books available in book shops that cost £1.



Remember that we are all coming to school in our pyjamas on Thursday!

Drama4All

On Thursday we were joined again by the Drama4All Company; the children in some of our classes had the best time ever learning all about the Wild West! The actor delivers the workshops free of charge in exchange for us handing out these leaflet; if you have not received one, please contact the office if you would like to.

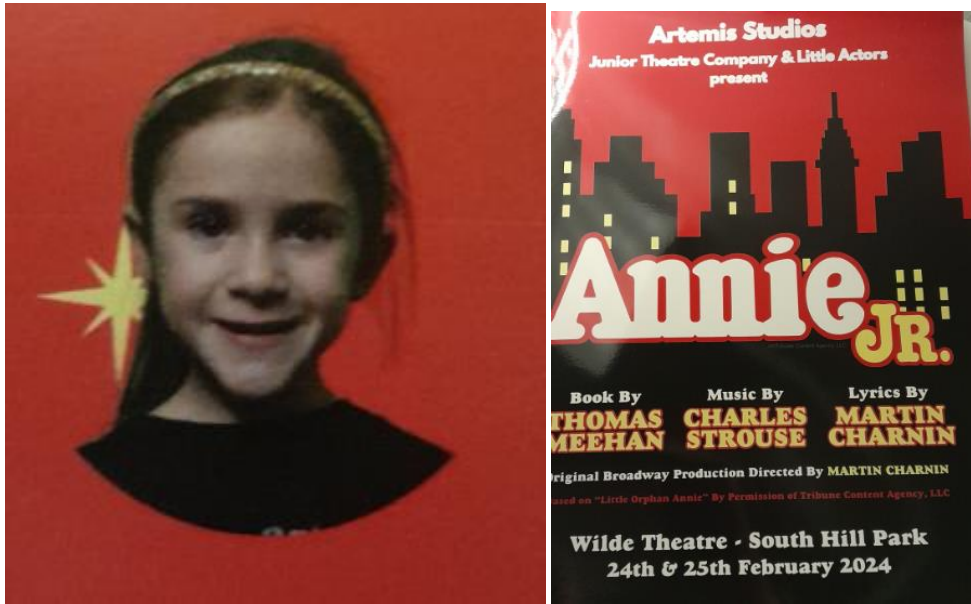


Wokingham Half Mini Mile

Zachary King from Woodpecker Class took part in the Wokingham Half Mini Mile race for children under the age of 12 and he was the winning boy age 4 or 5!!!! He ran the race in 7 minutes and 32 seconds. Well done Zachary; we are all so proud of you.



Annie



Lottie Chapman has performed at South Hill Park; well done Lottie!

Star of the Week

10 FANTASTIC Shining stars!





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/>

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

7th March	World Book Day
8th March	Governor Day
18th March	Parent Consultations – 3.30pm-6.30pm (more details to follow)
19th March	School Photographer
20th March	Parent Consultations – 3.30pm-6.30pm (more details to follow)
22nd March	i-Rock concert for parents of i-Rock children
28th March	Last day of term (finishing one hour early)

Please note that these dates are subject to change.