



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I would like to say thank you on behalf of myself and my wonderful staff team for your kindness and support on Wednesday; I know that some school had some difficulties but not us! Keep the other dates on your calendar; 2nd March and 15th and 16th March 2023. I do not know if my staff will be taking further action or not but I will do all I can to keep you as well informed as possible.

Happy Number Day! We have had 4 wonderful days all about NUMBERS! The children have really enjoyed their time, especially counting lots of money. We collected a lot of copper coins but we have not counted them all yet! I will let you know as soon as I do!





Well-being Week (Children's Mental Health Week)

We will be having our second Well-being Week beginning **6th February**; the theme is 'Connections'. It was so successful last year! All the children will be sharing the book 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst.



On **Thursday 9th February** we will be have a well-being workshop for all the children. We would really appreciate a donation of £2.25 per child, if you are able to? We will send a link soon for you to pay through.

On Friday 10th February we will be having a 'Dress to Express' day. Follow this link to find out more! [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023**. We would like to the children to come to school in their pyjamas ready for a bed time story. We have done this before; it is great fun and it means no one has to go to the expense of buying or making a costume. The staff will be bringing in their favourite bedtime stories and sharing them with groups of children throughout the day. All the children will receive a £1 Book Token!

[What is World Book Day](#)



Wokingham Library Provision at Half Term

Reading Sparks

Head over to Wokingham Library from 11th February to borrow a Reading Sparks activity boxes and explore the experiments the Reading Agency have put together for you. Reading Sparks brings together science, technology, engineering, and Maths (STEM) themes with creative arts and reading.

<https://readingsparks.org.uk/>

Sand Art

Monday 13 th Feb- 10-12	Lower Earley
Tuesday 14 th Feb- 10-12	Woodley
Wed 15 th Feb- 10-12	Wokingham
Thursday 16 th Feb- 10-12	Spencers Wood

No booking required. Payment of £4 on the day

Crafts

Monday 6 th Feb- 10-11am	Valentines craft	Woodley
Library- £1 per child. Booking required		
Monday Feb 6 th Feb- 3:45-4:30pm	Valentine's craft	Wargrave
Library- £1 per child. Booking required		
Tuesday 14 th Feb- 1am1-12	Valentine's craft	Lower Earley
£1 per child. Booking required		
Friday 17 th Feb- 10:30-11:30am	Get Arty	Wokingham
£1 per child. Booking required		

Online booking form:

<https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/EVENTS?HOMEPRMS=EVSESPARAMS>

Storytime- Free of charge

Tuesday 14th February 2:00 pm ~ [Storytime Wokingham](#)- no booking required.

Friday 17 February- 10:30-11am ~ Storytime [Finchampstead](#)- booking required.

Children's author visit- Gemma Stone

Friday 17th Feb- 2:30pm ~ Children's author visit Wokingham- free of charge. Booking is required.

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Year One Scooter Training



We are pleased to inform you that we are offering scooter training for your child in the week commencing 20th March 2023. The training is open to pupils in Year 1. The main objective is to improve your child's awareness of road safety issues. The training will involve 15 children at a time on the playground for a 45 minute session.

The training is being organised and funded by Wokingham Borough Council and the instructor has DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) clearance. Your child will need to bring with them for the session:

- A scooter (labelled with child's name)
- A helmet (which must be of the correct size and fit properly and labelled with child's name)

Please note that sessions are held outdoors. Please ensure that your child has some wet weather clothing e.g. a shower or waterproof jacket as a minimum. The training will continue in light to moderate rain but will be suspended if there is a heavy downpour.

Please can you email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you are interested in your child taking part by Wednesday 8th February 2023 with their name and class.

Star of the Week

10 fabulous stars who have all excelled in learning this week.





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. Don't forget about Walter's Pantry.

Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. **We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.**

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October this year.

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

You can follow this link for support from Woking Borough Council [Cost of living help - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

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/>

And Finally,

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher