

Walter Infant School and Nursery

The Tuesday Times

Dear Walter Families,

Wednesday is approaching so quickly; it will very soon be time to bid a very fond farewell to our Year 2 children as they venture forward to Junior School. Lots of the children will be joining St. Paul's Junior School, but some children are going to schools closer to where they live. We wish them all the best of luck; they are all extremely well prepared.

On Wednesday we will have our Year 2 Leaver's Assembly: we plan for these to take place in the playground, but that will of course be dependent on the weather forecast which looks like this:



So, fingers crossed; we should be okay! Pine Class is at 9:30 am ~ 10:00 am

Sycamore Class is at 10:15 am ~ 10:45 am Willow Class is at 11:00 am ~ 11:30 am

School will finish one hour early; 2:15 pm for Foundation Stage 2, 2:20 pm for Key Stage 1 and 2:30 pm for Robin children.

The Bee Musical

The Bee Musical was truly sensational; the children in Year 2 had worked so hard to learn their lines, their stage directions, the songs, the dances and of course all the scientific information held within the story. Thank you to all of you who provided a costume; the children looked fantastic. Mrs McDonough and her team did a truly amazing job; the props and the costumes made in school, including Queen Bee's beautiful crown, were spectacular. My staff always make sure that the children are really valued; it makes me so proud to work with them. I know the audience enjoyed the performances and they all asked for an encore!



Year 2 Leavers Disco

The Year 2 Leavers Disco was a wonderful celebration of all the Year 2 children; almost every single child came and they all had so much fun! Ella came to me and said "I think all the children look so good in their clothes for the disco!" which was such a kind and thoughtful remark. I have awarded her a Values badge this morning for being so kind and caring and complimentary. Ciaran opted for a very unique way to limbo!!!! But he did miss the pole!









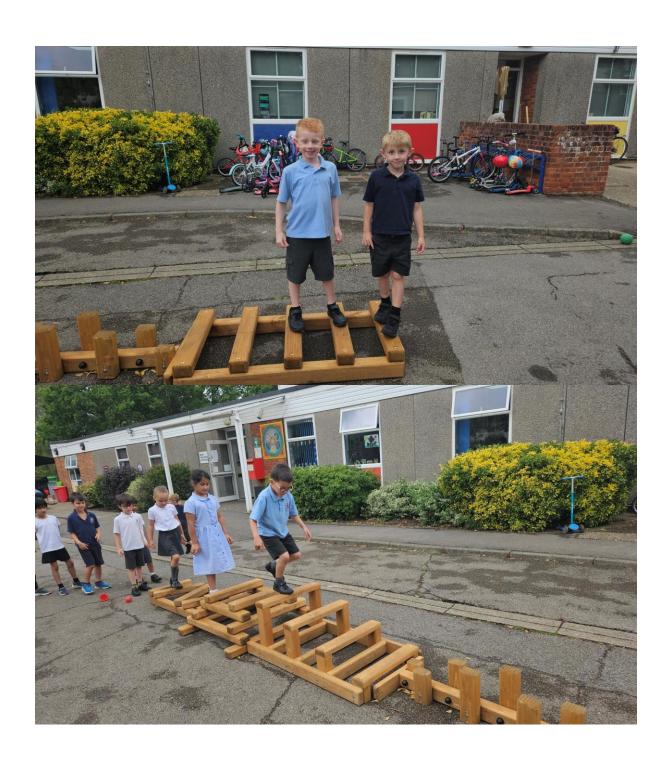
I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who organised the Disco and to all the parents who stayed to help make it such a success.

I would also like to thank the teachers who stayed and had a really good time with the children!



Our New Obstacle Course

We have our wonderful new obstacle course which will take it's permanent position during the school holidays; the children love it!





It is very challenging as you can see, but very good fun!

Amazing Success in School



Kani earned a headteacher's award for her amazing work in mathematics; Well done Kani and thank you for trying so hard.

Walter

I entered Walter into the National School Dog Alliance's 'School Dog of the Year' award' 2025. He didn't win but he did get Highly Commended. I can't help being a little surprised that he didn't win as he is a TV star and the most perfect dog! Well done Walter, better luck next year!



Amazing success in outside of school!



Madeleine has recently been in a wonderful play about the African Jungle called 'Jumble Rumble' with her Perform Group: she played Zella the Zebra, one of the main characters. Well done Madeleine.



Aadya's parents have emailed in to say: We would like to share this very special and proud news of Aadya in Beech Class being selected as a finalist in BYITC inspire award for her Exceptional Talent in mental maths category. Winners will be announced at an award night on 3rd September to be held at the Scottish Parliament.

Wow Aadya; what an amazing achievement; I cannot wait to find out how you got on in September.

Pretty Muddy!

Some of our staff members took part in the the Cancer Research Race for Life Pretty Muddy on Saturday 12th July – as you will agree, they did get pretty muddy! Well done ladies!



School Attendance (Our Final Figure of the Year 2024 2025)

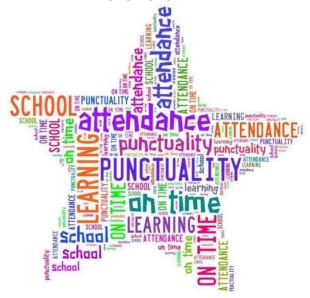
We got so close to our target of 95% but we didn't quite make it: I am blaming those pesky Chickenpox! Our final percentage is 94.7%, 0.2% above the national average of 94.5% and 0.3% below our target of 95%.

Year 2 Boys have the highest attendance at 96.98% ~ Well done Year 2 Boys!

Year 2 Girls had the second highest at 95.9%

Year 1 Girls had the second highest attendance at 95.48%

Let's all aim for 95% or above for 2025 2026!



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

You may have seen that we are hoping to recruit new members to our PTA; we are so grateful to all the committee members who have raised so much money and provided so much fun for the children of Walter Infant School and Nursery. However, many of the members are resigning and it would be a great shame if we are unable to recruit a new team. If you are interested in helping the school and the children to be the best that we can all be, please follow the link included in the request below:

We're looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to join our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), including several key roles: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Uniform Coordinator.

The PTA plays a vital role in supporting the school, organising fun events, and raising valuable funds that benefit all our children. Taking on a PTA role is a fantastic way to get involved, meet other parents, and make a real difference in our school community.

Here's a little more about the roles we're looking to fill:

- Chair: Leads PTA meetings, works with the school and committee to plan activities, and helps guide the overall direction of the PTA.
- Secretary: Keeps minutes at meetings, manages communications, and helps keep everything running smoothly.
- Treasurer: Manages the PTA's finances, including tracking income and expenses and reporting on the budget.

• Uniform Coordinator: Oversees the sale and organisation of secondhand uniform, helping families and raising funds.

No experience is needed—just a little time, some enthusiasm, and a willingness to get involved!

And remember, the more PTA members we have, the better! Even if you're not ready to take on a named role, we'd still love to have you on board. Whether you can help regularly or just now and then, every bit of support counts If you're interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with us via walterinfantspa@gmail.com or feel free to talk to us in the playground.



Wokingham Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Wokingham Libraries have their annual reading challenge as well as many exciting activity sessions all over Wokingham; follow this link to find out more. Summer Events Programme-wokinghamboroughlibraries

Eating Out Offers for Children in the Summer Holidays

Mr Lee has sent me this information about restaurants who have special offers for children over the summer break.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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Wokingham Buses: Children ride for £1

Wokingham Borough Council has published this information in Wokingham's Education News:

We're funding a discount to let children and young people get around by bus more cheaply during the holidays. Anyone aged **five to 18 will be able to buy a £1 single or £2 return ticket** at any stop in Wokingham Borough, regardless of journey length, on any date in August.

This applies to all local bus services provided by <u>Reading Buses</u>, <u>Thames Valley Buses</u> and <u>Carousel Buses</u>.

We're funding the discount as part of our <u>Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)</u>, with the money coming from the Department for Transport.

Please note that young people won't be able to change buses using this offer, nor buy discounted tickets from bus stops that aren't in the borough.

Stars of the Week

Here are our 10 final Stars of the Week; although most of the certificates are for whole classes as all the children are stars in our eyes!





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/

Children who receive Pupil Premium Funding in school can attend an after school or morning club (excluding Junior Adventures), free of charge. Please speak with Mrs Hemmings in the office to see what is available.

And finally,

See you on **Thursday 4th September** for the first day of the new term; have a fantastic summer break and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves ~ Headteacher