



# Walter Infant School and Nursery Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had an excellent week in school! We had a visit from our School Improvement Officer from Wokingham Borough Council which went extremely well. I was so proud of the children and my staff team. The School Improvement Officer was particularly impressed with the progress the children are making, especially in writing; she admired the passion that the teachers shared about the school and our children and she was impressed with how we adapt our curriculum to meet the needs of all our children whatever their needs.

## Lunar New Year 2023 in Wokingham

There is going to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Wokingham this weekend; follow this link to find out what will be going on! [Lunar New Year – Wokingham \(wokingham-tc.gov.uk\)](https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk)

**Celebrate  
Lunar New Year**

Sunday 29 January 2023, 11am to 3pm  
Market Place, Wokingham  
Free Entry

Lion Dance at Midday . Chinese Music  
Food and Drink . Craft activities

Find out more  
[www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk](https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk)

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## Star of the Week

Mrs Bennette presented the Star of the Week Certificates this week as I was next door at St Paul's completing an excellent Paediatric First Aid Course. It was lovely receiving all these smiling stars mid-way through the day. Well done all of you.



## 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 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**