



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Mrs Bell applied for a grant from Wellington College; 55 schools applied and we were one of the five successful schools because Mrs Bell made such an impressive bid. So, we will soon have a traversing wall along the fence between our school and Meadow Nursery, which will look like this:



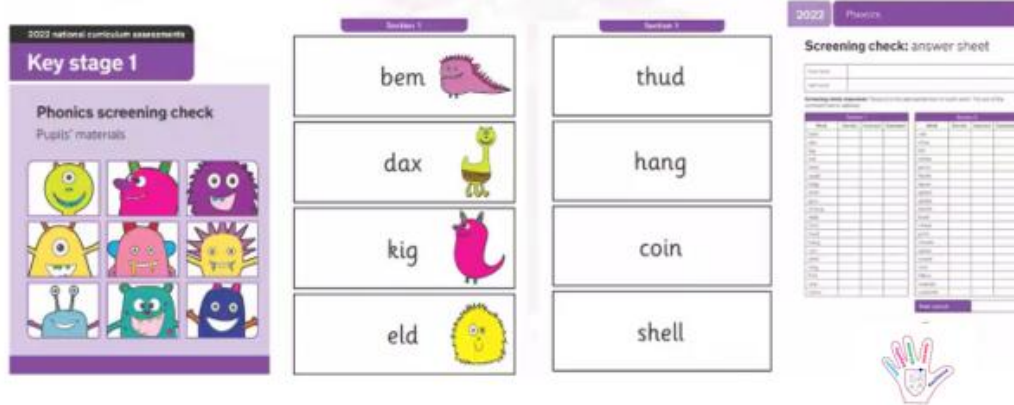
There will be 10 metres to climb up and down and left and right; the children love the climbing wall we have on the pitch, but this one will be even more exciting and it will also provide some privacy from the playground next door. The wall will cost £12,000 so was not achievable from the school budget. It will hopefully be installed in June. We will be writing to Wellington College to thank them for the help and kindness.

Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Parents

In the next few weeks will receive the Phonics Screening Check materials as the check takes place in the month of June. We will be having a meeting to explain what will happen, show you some resources and share with you how you can help your child to feel ready. The meeting is on Monday 11th May at 2:45 pm. If you have been before, with an older child, the information will be very similar, but it is still good to refresh your memory and your phonics skills. You can find out more about pseudo words (or alien words) by following this link: [phonics screening 2026 - Search](#)

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify pupils who need extra help to improve their decoding skills. The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words that pupils read aloud to the check administrator.



Celebrations from the Classrooms

The Year 2 children have been learning all about Vincent Van Gogh, why not test the knowledge of the very famous artist and his troubled life. They have also produced a painting inspired by *Starry Night* and a pastel drawing inspired by *Sunflowers*. The children from Pine Class have this exhibition in the corridor. I am sure you will agree that they are beautiful.





Success outside School

Jesse, Freddie, Levison and Raffy all took part in a football presentation on Sunday and all received an end of season trophy!

They were all very happy with their hard work over the last months! Well done boys!



Kindness Leaves

9 children received Kindness Leaves today in our kindness assembly. Their teachers wrote such wonderful messages about these kind and caring children. Can you spot your child on our tree?



Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids is our new after school club and it is definitely FUNTASTIC! Since coming back after the holidays, they have been taking care of caterpillars and then cocoons and now they have a butterfly. Hopefully there will be a couple more soon. The club provides really excellent care for the children that come along and it is such good value for money as they get a healthy and delicious snack soon after arising, and then they have their tea! If you want to know more...follow this link: [Contact Us - Funtastic Kids](#)



School Trips

The children in Foundation Stage 2 brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Wellington Country Park, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Wellington Country Park | An Award-Winning Family Day Out in Berkshire](#)



The Year 1 children brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Beale Park, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Beale Wildlife Park | Family Fun & Conservation in Berkshire](#)



The Year 2 children brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Woolley Firs, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Download the Woolley Firs Programme.pdf](#)



The cost of trips has risen quite steeply this year; we do rely on the voluntary contributions made by our families to enable the trips to happen. If you do not feel able to pay for your child to go on a trip, please contact me directly on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Stars of the Week

Here are the Stars of the Week; all these children have been awarded their stars because of their amazingly positive behaviours for learning. They have all shown incredible resilience and each on has surpassed our expectations!



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.

Walter's Pantry

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

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 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/>

And Finally,

As the weather starts to get warmer and sunnier, you may want to consider applying sun cream on your children before they come to school. You may also want to send your child with a sun hat and sunglasses as we do play outside a lot!

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 4 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	
Wednesday 6 th May	Story Suitcase – Foundation Stage	
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 2 – ‘Change’ day with Gabriel’s Education	
Monday 11 th May	Year 1 Phonic Screen Parent Meeting	2.45pm
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Monday 18 th May	FS2 Trip to Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 19 th May	FS2 Trip to Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 19 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 20 th May	‘WOW’ Wednesday	8.40am – 9am
Thursday 21 st May	Oak Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 22 nd May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	May Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Thursday 4 th June	Police Visit – Foundation Stage	
Friday 5 th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Morning Held at St Paul’s Junior School	9 – 11.30am
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 2 Trip to Woolley Firs	
Thursday 11 th June	Year 2 Trip to Woolley Firs	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 2 Leavers Photo	10-11am
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 30 th June	Fire Fighter Visit – Foundation Stage	
Friday 3 rd July	Foundation Stage sports Afternoon	1.45 – 3pm
Monday 6 th July	Year 2 – Dress Rehearsal to the rest of the school	9.30am
Tuesday 7 th July	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	‘WOW’ Wednesday	3pm
Thursday 9 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Friday 10 th July	Pickle Ball Workshops – Key Stage 1	
Tuesday 14 th July	PTA Year 2 Leavers Disco	4-6pm
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	

Tuesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Closed – INSET	

Dates for 2026 - 2027		
Tuesday 1 st September	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 2 nd September	School Closed – INSET	
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of Term for Year 1 and Year 2 only	
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2 nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4 th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22 nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7 th June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 8 th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	

Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.

