



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This has been a very busy week in school; on Monday we held a moment's silence for Remembrance Day. As our children are so young, our teachers shared a video, which the children engaged with to encourage them to show respect and empathy for the people who gave their lives and limbs during past and current conflicts.





Here is the link if you would like to watch it too.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other remembrance items, we do not know how much we raised for the Royal British Legion, but we will notify you as soon as we do know.

Anti-Bullying Week

On Tuesday 12th November, the children and staff came to school in odd socks to symbolize that we are all different and that we all need to be respected. The children have spent the week learning what bullying behaviour looks like, how we know it is bullying behaviour and what to do if we see bullying behaviour or feel that we are being bullied. In our assembly today, I was so impressed with how much the children have learnt and at how articulate they are when explaining their feelings and understanding. We will not tolerate bullying behaviour of any sort and the children have shared that they know what to do and that we choose RESPECT! Many members of our staff have completed Anti-Bullying Training through the Anti-bullying Alliance and have demonstrated that they know how to say NO! I am thankful that we have not had to report any bullying behaviour to the local authority for 5 years, and I am hopeful that we never will. Children will always have disagreements and sadly experience falling out with their friends, we carefully observe and monitor the children's behaviour and try to be as proactive as we can to avoid any children feeling hurt emotionally or physically. Please contact our admin team, or speak directly to a member of staff if you feel that your child is suffering from breakdowns in friendships or is subject to bullying behaviour.

Today we sang along to the Odd Socks, the theme this year has been respect and we think we will try hard to learn this song in our singing lessons this term (it is very tricky)! But, good fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5CxXz662Y>



I will post our assembly on our school website so that you can share in our children's learning.

Children in Need 2024

Today we took part in Children in Need, a national charity, driven by the BBC. The children were SPOTACULAR! Thank you for your contributions; we have raised a whopping £138.43! Well done everyone.



Very Important Dates for Your Diaries

Reindeer in school!!!!!! Monday 25th November

Every child will be able to meet and greet real life reindeer in school, they will go in classes and have an opportunity to engage with the Reindeer from Riverways Farm and learn so much about them!

Year 1 Nativities

Beech Class - 10th December at 2.20pm

Larch Class - 11th December at 2.20pm

Oak Class - 12th December at 2.20pm

Year 2 Annual Christmas Extravaganza!

18th December 2.15pm start

Foundation Stage Christmas Presentations

Friday 13th December at 9.10am

On the 17th November, 30 Year 2 children, will represent the school as a choir at Westoak Care Home, across the road, where they will sing the songs they have learnt for Christmas!

I-Rock Christmas Festival

If your child is a member of I-Rock, the rock festival to celebrate their achievements, will take place on Friday 6th December in the school hall at 2:30 pm.

School Governors

We need to appoint a parent governor and a co-opted governor to our Board of Governors.

What do school governors do?

Governors give strategic guidance to school leaders. They don't get involved in the operational running of schools. They help schools achieve the highest possible standards of educational achievement.

Their role

- work with other governors to plan the school's strategic direction
- oversee the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent
- hold school leaders to account

When they work well, governors collectively create huge strength, helping school leaders cope with challenges and handle change.

Governors should be

- fully committed to the role
- discreet, open minded and fair
- open to new ideas and ready to learn
- able to discuss issues calmly, challenge constructively and decide collectively
- honest, reliable and willing to account for their decisions
- willing to attend meetings and training
- happy to take part in the life of the school

Governors should keep to the [Nolan Principles](#), ethical standards for people involved in delivering public services.

What governors don't do

Governors don't get involved in the day-to-day running of schools. They don't get involved in what and how children learn.

They leave school leaders to decide on how to spend the schools' money.

Governors are not involved in deciding which pupils will get into the school.

The powers and legal rights of governing bodies are collective. Governors do not have power as individuals.

If you are interested please contact our Clerk to the Governors for more information via our admin team admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Governors



Christmas is Coming!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We are all very busy getting ready for our Christmas Fair! This is one of our biggest fund-raising events and takes place two weeks from now! On Friday 29th November 2024 at 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

We will begin our **Countdown** on Monday 18th November! Watch out for each daily bulletin! We have received so many donations for raffle prizes and cannot thank the donators enough. Mrs Janes has shared with me the list of prizes that we have to win!

- A Brand New Fitbit!
- £25 Station Fish Bar Voucher x 2
- £25 Chinese Takeaway Voucher x 2
- Afternoon Tea for Two
- Boishakhi Restaurant Voucher
- Honey B Beauty Voucher
- Birdworld Voucher
- Therapycise Voucher
- Yoga Class x 2 Voucher
- Art Hamper (donated by ex-pupil Daniel Hemmings)
- JAG Voucher
- I-Rock Voucher
- Stageability Voucher
- Spanish Bilinguasing Voucher
- Tennis Club Voucher

- Earrings from Strange the Jewellers
- £20 Henry Street Voucher
- Christmas Treats Hamper
- Movie Night Hamper
- Family Games Night Hamper
- Disney Encanto Deluxe Figurine Playset
- £100 Car Garage Voucher (Wokingham Tyres/Edmunds Exhaust)
- And much, much more!!!! Including an enormous Groot and an enormous Simba!



PLEASE SELL AS MANY TICKETS AS YOU CAN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY! REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT. Tickets cost £1 and the draw will take place at 5:00pm at the fair. Please put the tickets and the money in the school post box as soon as you can as we need to ensure every ticket is included in the draw.

Letters to Father Christmas

We will be placing a posting box for Elf Mail next week; please include £3.00 postage in your envelope as postage to the North Pole is required. All children writing to Father Christmas will receive a personalised reply. The elves have been booked to collect the letters on the 6th of December! They come in the middle of the night BUT the post box will close at the end of the school day!

How do we pay?

Cash is the easiest way; most games will cost 50p. Tombola tokens are 20p each or 6 for a £1. Nothing will be expensive! But, we are of course fundraising to enhance your children's experiences in school.

For the first time ever, we will have **scratch cards**, to win a family game; there will be 6 games available to win and each scratch card will cost £1.

We will have a photo booth (not an actual booth) opportunity for children to use props and for parents/carers to take a picture, this will be for a chosen donation into the honesty bucket!

There will be lots of games to play, as well as hot dogs and soft drinks, Christmas Tattoos, Guess the Name of the Toy, a Cake sale run by the PTA, Candy Floss and Sweet Treats, a Lucky Dip, **PRESENTS FOR PARENTS** priced at £3.00, a mystery gift for mums, dads, uncles, aunts, grandparents, the presents will already be wrapped for the children to buy and take home for Christmas Day. We will have Christmas Book Stall selling Christmas themed books, brand new, for £2.00, they are great stocking fillers! Or wonderful gifts to give to your children or other members of your family.

Rumble in the Jumble

We know that your children will have many soft toys and teddies that they no longer love; if these are in mint condition, we would love you to donate them to our school councillors, who will be running a **Rumble in the Jumble** stall to raise money for playground toys. Please do not send over loved toys, as we will not be able to sell them! We will have three very special Christmas Elves from the School Council to help us sell the toys and to continue our position as the most sustainable school in Wokingham. The toys will be priced according to size from £1 to £3.



There will be no entry fee to the fair!

We will also have some stalls run by private contributors, which might help you with Christmas Shopping List!

All face painting and visits with Father Christmas are already sold out! Thank you so much for your support.

How can you help?

Firstly, by coming along, it is great fun and will help our school so much. Please donate as much as you are able to. We are having a non-uniform day, when the children can come to school in their favourite clothes, on **Friday 22nd November** in exchange for a donation to our famous Tombolas! Don't worry we will remind you in our **COUNT DOWN!**

What is a Tombola I here you ask!

Players pay for a chance to pick a lucky number, if the number they pick is allocated to a prize, they win the prize! But remember it is a game of chance...not everybody wins!

TOMBOLAS

We are expert at Tombolas, all due to the support we get from our families and friends!

We will have 3 tombolas (as we all love a tombola)! Please could:

- **Foundation Stage bring in Christmas Chocolates**
- **Year 1 bring in Candles and Diffusers**
- **Year 2 bring in a bottle (it could be alcohol, or something else like bubble bath)**

Please can you take your tombola prizes to your child's classroom.
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We would also be so grateful for any brand new, unwanted gifts you may have that we can recycle for our presents stall, which is being run by our wonderful **School Council** for the first time ever! As mentioned above, the presents will be beautifully wrapped, with a blank gift tag and organised into gifts for female, male or any gender categories, ready to be placed under the tree for Christmas Day.

Vacancies

We have two upcoming or already advertised vacancies within our school.

Clerk to the Governors

It is with regret that I have to announce that our amazing Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Joanna Robertson (who joined the school team on the same day as me, 1st September 2015), is moving on to pastures new in 2025. Being a clerk is very much an administrative role, and involves working in the evenings, not too often, when most children have gone to bed. There is a requirement to be able to organise meeting agendas, record minutes and to share information via emails, but if you are experienced in administration and computer literate, it is an opportunity to work without requiring child care, to support our school and to make a difference to our children's lives. We will be advertising this role in the next couple of weeks, so please look out for the advert.

Breakfast Club Lead

Mrs Prickett (our retired Deputy Head), has been running our Rise and Shine Club since retiring in 2022. We will miss her so much, but she has many exciting plans for the future, including, as many of you know, becoming a grandmother for the first time. We wish her every happiness in the future, as I am sure you all do too. This means that we will be recruiting for a Breakfast Club Lead, the role does not need to be filled by an educator, but by someone who likes an early start to the day and likes the company of children. Our Breakfast Club, Rise and Shine, is extremely successful and we are planning to extend our provision as it is so popular. It is calm,

fun filled and a wonderful place to start the day. We are looking for someone who will be able to work from 7:15 am until 8:45 am in the morning, providing fun activities for the children to enjoy in a relaxed and calm environment. There is no food preparation as the children bring their own snacks, but eating is supervised by our amazing, existing team. Mrs Ullah, Mrs Hemmings and Mr Fennell are part of our team, so the successful applicant would be joining an established and happy group of people. All of our children behave exceptionally well, and lots of fun is had by all. Our club is well-resources and we are always open to new ideas.

If you have children of your own, they will be able to attend the club, free of charge. If they attend St. Paul's, Mrs Wynne will be able to take them to school on time each day. Please look out for the advert, or feel free to express your interest to the school office. The job will begin in the new year and there will be many opportunities to visit and see our club in action.

Stars of the Week

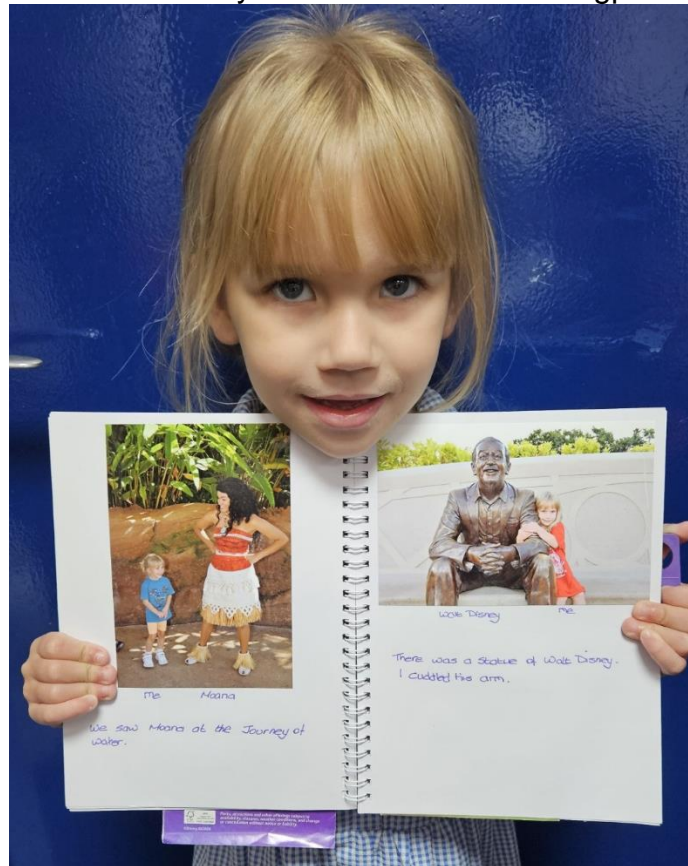
So many amazing stars to share with you this week; it was particularly wonderful today as the children were SO delighted to receive their certificates.



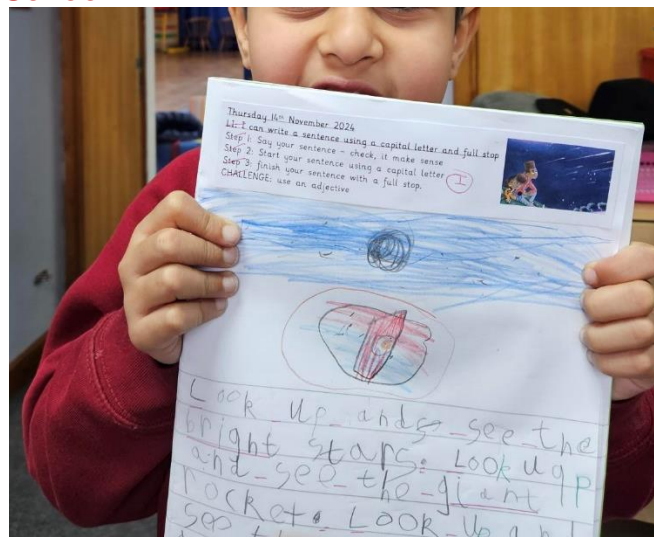


Rosaleigh in Magpie

Rosaleigh had a wonderful holiday in Florida over half-term and kept a diary of her visit which she kindly shared with me and Magpie Class.



Amazing Work in School



Ismail did the most amazing writing all by himself, based on our book of the week, Look Up!



River has been busy making a rocket landing on the moon and also collected some leaves and made a hedgehog with them! Well done River!

Mr Ditchburn, one of our parents, has again made the most amazing donation to our classes from Robin to Willow; the teachers have chosen some beautiful resources to enhance the children's learning. Robin Class now have the most wonderful child-initiated section in their classroom which they can access to make their self-initiated learning opportunities even better. We are so grateful!



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 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 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/>

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2024

22 nd November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair donations	
25 th November	Reindeer visit	All Day
29 th November 2024	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
6 th December 2024	iRock Concert	2.30pm
10 th December 2024	Beech Class Nativity – For Parents	2.20pm
11 th December 2024	Larch Nativity – For Parents	2.20pm
12 th December 2024	Oak Nativity – For Parents	2.20pm
13 th December 2024	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.10am
18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
18 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
18 th December 2024	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2.15pm
20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	

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