



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

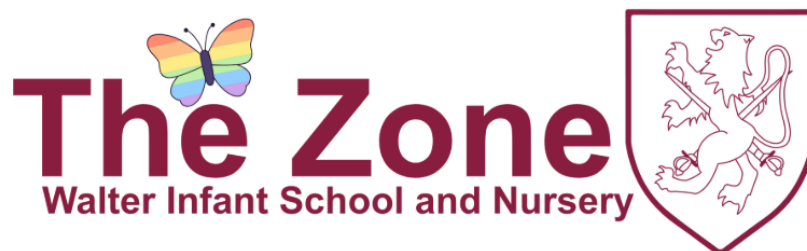
Firstly, please accept my most sincere apologies for being unable to welcome you and bid you farewell each day on the gate. I have been struck down by an excruciatingly painful bout of sciatica (apparently more common in a woman of my age!) So, I am relying on the wonderful Mr Fennell (who also has a bad back but doesn't have to hold on to a big, bouncy dog); I am hoping to be back on the gate as soon as possible because Walter really wants to show off his new haircut!



The Zone!

Many of you will be aware that we were working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council to plan for a Special Educational Needs Unit for young children with Autism to be opened at our school in September 2026. I am now able to confirm that work will begin very soon, planning permission has been sought and we have approved all the architect's drawings. This is a very exciting time. The unit is going to be called The Zone and we will have a brand-new extension at the front of the school which will be called The Transition Zone! We will have two fully equipped classrooms, making use of the Willow and Beech Classrooms, a sensory room, a soft room, a sensory garden, a trim trail, a rainbow covered area and much, much more. The unit

will eventually provide for 12 children, we are starting with 8 in September and the places have already been offered. The 12 children will be in addition to our existing class sizes, so we will continue to have capacity for up to 30 children in each of our main stream classes. The children who are joining us will spend the majority of their time in The Zone, but will also spend time with the children in the mainstream classes in Foundation and Key Stage One.



The Summer Fair

As you know the Summer Fair is coming (Friday 26th June 3:30 until 5:30 pm) we now know that The Mayor of Wokingham is coming to open the fair, which is very exciting. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed with the Mayor, please let our admin team know on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Next Friday 22nd May (unbelievably the last day of this half term!) we will be having a non-uniform day in return for a bottle donation for our famous bottle tombola! This can be a bottle of anything that is new and unopened (we did receive half a bottle of washing up liquid for our Christmas Tombola!) We would appreciate bottles of alcoholic drinks, perfume, reed diffusers, hot sauce, squash, bubble bath, anything nice that comes in a bottle. The children can come to school in any of their favourite clothes, including dressing up clothes. We ask that they wear sensible shoes.

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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 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](#)



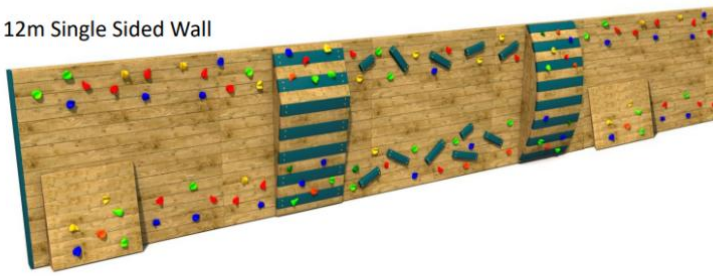
The cost of trips has risen quite steeply this year; we do rely on the voluntary contributions made by our families to enable the trips to happen. If you do not feel able to pay for your child to go on a trip, please contact me directly on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Wellington College Grant

Another very exciting project begins next week; you may recall me telling you about the grant that Mrs Bell applied for from Wellington College. Well, the work to begin the installation commences on Monday and Mrs Bell has organised for even more exciting equipment from what we were originally expecting. Some of the playground will be sectioned off for a few days and the play panels will be following in a few weeks' time. The traversing wall and a gorgeous wooden play shop will be in place before the end of the week. This is the full package that we will be having installed for our amazing children.

Package 1

12m Single Sided Wall



We haven't chosen the panels yet as there are so many to choose from and they have a much longer delivery time as they have to be made to order. The stripes on the wall are going to be rainbow colours.

Key Stage One Sports Day

All Key Stage One Families will have received information about the Key Stage One Sports Day which is being organised as usual by Jack Dillon and his amazing team on the St. Paul's School Field. They will be very well supported by some of our ex-pupils in Year 6! The theme this year is the World Cup 2026. Please check your in boxes soon to find out which team your child will be in! It could be USA, Canada, Mexico or Brazil.



Celebrations Inside and Outside School

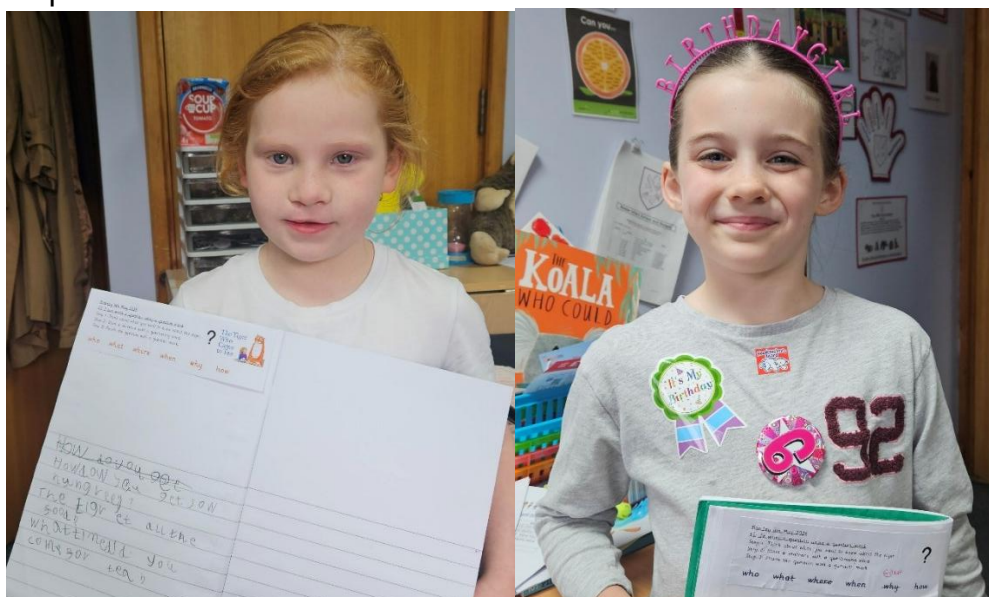
There are lots of football awards to celebrate this week; Tuna's daddy shared this photo of Tuna, Barak and Olly receiving trophies from their football club! Well done boys!



Teddy and Maya also got medals for completing the season from their football club. Well done both of you!



Miya-Leigh and Delilah both produced their best ever independent work this week; we are so proud of them!



Birthdays in School

These lovely children celebrated their birthdays this week, as did Mrs Pugh our School Business Manager! She missed out on a sticker yesterday, but she got one today!



Beech Class Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many parents coming to see the Beech Class Assembly; it was amazing and Miss Veale, Mrs Ullah and I were so very proud of all of them. I awarded a values badge to Thomas, because his performance whilst singing and signing (Makaton) were spectacular. He showed so much resilience and his daddy was almost bursting with pride.



Dance Show from Year 2

Some girls from Year 2 have worked very hard on a very complicated singing and dancing routine (better than anyone on BGT) to a song from K-Pop Demon Hunters, which they practised every lunchtime until it was ready for my own personal performance and they were fantastic!



Stars of the Week

I am delighted to share our stars of the week; especially as Larch, Oak and Beech were awarded class star of the week certificates for their amazing behaviour at Beale Park.





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 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/>

And Finally,

Please do not use your phone on the playground. Thank you 😊

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents 2026

Date	Event	Time
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	Non-Uniform Day in exchange bring a bottle for the Summer Fair!	
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	
Friday 12 th June	Non - Uniform Day in exchange bring some wrapped sweets for the Summer Fair!	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 2 Leavers Photo	10-11am
Thursday 18 th June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's Assembly with Mrs Buchanan – Year 3 Leader @ St Paul's	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's Assembly with Mrs Taylor and treasure hunt	
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Meet the Teacher	9-10am
Friday 26 th June	Non-Uniform Day in exchange please bring £2	

Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 30 th June	Fire Fighter Visit – Foundation Stage	
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Meet the Teacher session 2	9 -10.15am
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Watch the Year 6 dress rehearsal of their end of year production	2pm
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	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.