



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I feel very honoured to serve a school community who are so respectful and understanding of the industrial action and the decisions taken by our wonderful teaching team. It was so lovely to have all the children back in school today and we have just heard that the talks around the table have begun! The Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan, is now in discussion with the teaching unions.

Thank you for your donations of chocolate; we will try very hard not to eat it all before the 30th March!!!!

Please continue to bring in your donations; the children love the Chocolate Tombola and the School Councillors from Year 2 will really enjoy running it.

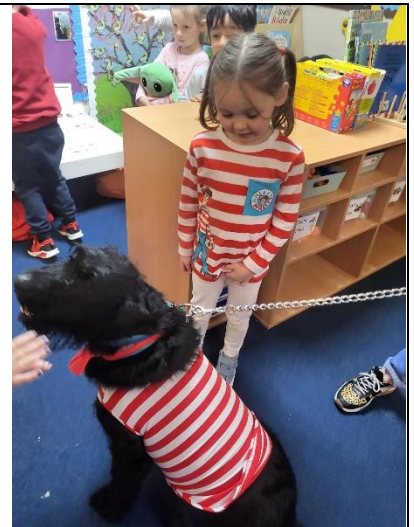
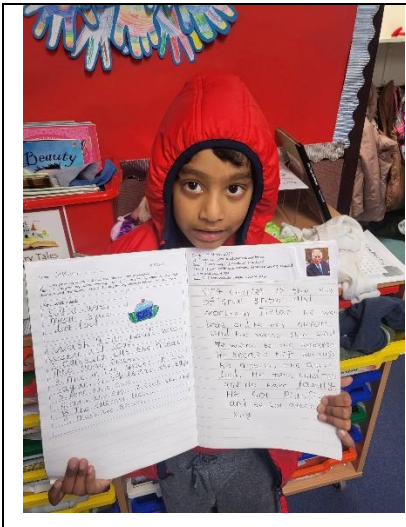
We will have our non-uniform day on Monday 27th March in return for the donations; what an amazingly busy time we are having.



Red Nose Day!

The children LOVE being dressed in red today and they are all extremely excited! We had a hysterical time in assembly listening to the best joke from each class! The winning joke was from Jack Shepherd...so Pine Class will have an extra playtime. However, it is raining at the moment, so it may have to be on Monday!!! We have raised £211 already!!!!





The Winning Joke!!!



What is the difference between mashed potatoes and pea soup?



Anyone can mash potatoes but nobody can pea soup!!

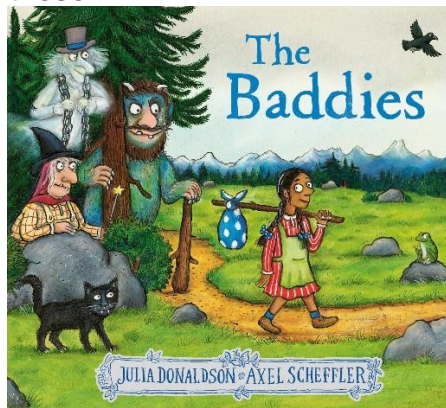
School Fleeces

Goodies are now providing school fleeces; these are very smart and warm. They are navy with a white school logo. Please visit the school uniform page on our website for more information. The fleeces will be a useful garment during this cold spell and a great jacket for dry, warmer days.

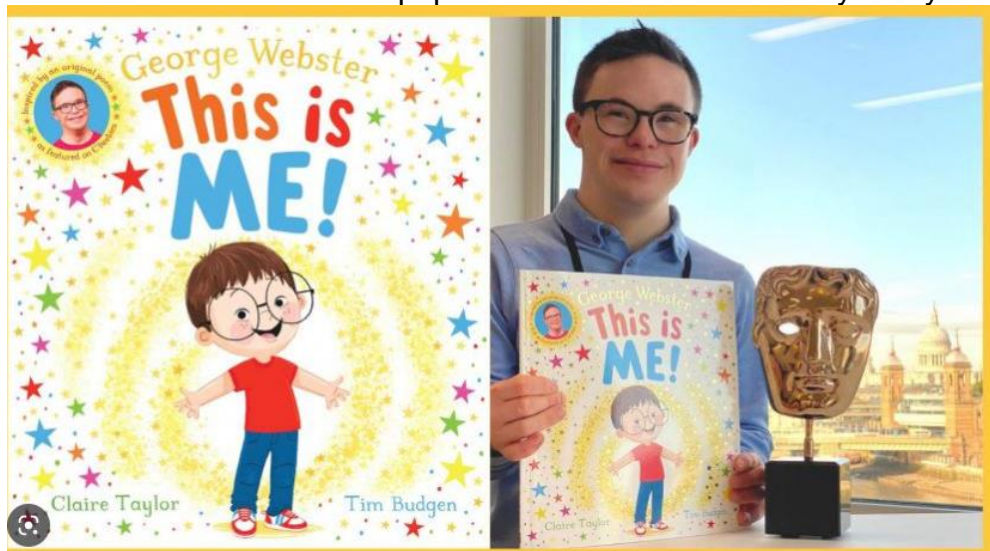


The Travelling Book Fair

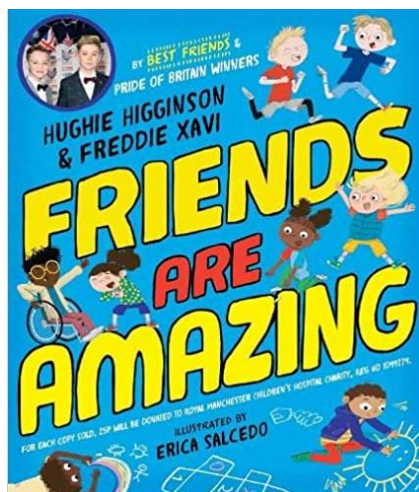
We sold £702 which means that we can choose lots more books for school out of the commission we make (which is usually about 50%) we will be able to buy lots more books; so far, I have chosen these...



As Julia Donaldson is such a popular author and this is a very funny book!



To help us celebrate our differences...



So we can learn all about the strength of true friendship, are your friends all of these words and more?



Roxby is Fundraising, this is a message from his mummy:

Hello! My amazing 7-year-old son Roxby and I will be running [2wp-97](#) on the 2nd of April 2023 and we'd like to raise some money for [Speech and Language UK](#).

Roxby was born in 2015 and had several hearing challenges. Hearing loss often affects a child's ability to develop speech, language, and social skills. The earlier children with hearing loss start getting services, the more likely they are to reach their full potential. Our family were very lucky because we had brilliant support from 2 speech and language therapists without whom Roxby would not be the happy, confident superstar that he is.

Unfortunately, in the UK, a growing number of children don't have access to the same level of care that we did and we'd love to do something small to help. Speech and Language UK is a registered UK charity that does lots of wonderful things, namely:

- Design innovative tools and training for nursery staff and teachers
- Give families the confidence and skills to help their child
- Put pressure on politicians to prioritise support for children

We would be so very appreciative of any donation to help towards the cause - we promise we'll do our speediest running on the day!

Go fund me page here: <https://gofund.me/5763577a>

BREAK THE RULES DAY 24TH MARCH 2023

On Friday 24th March we will host our Break the Rules day: more information will follow soon; all proceeds from the event will go to the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey in partnership with St Pauls. Lots more information will follow!!!!
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WALTER INFANTS SCHOOL AND NURSERY

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023

Rules to be broken:

- **wear school uniform**
- **no trainers**
- **no odd or crazy socks**
- **no chocolates in packed lunches**
- **no crazy hair or accessories**
- **no nail varnish**
- **no temporary tattoos**
- **only water in water bottles**

Pay 50p for every rule you break, you can break as few or as many as you want. There will be buckets at the gate.

Thank you for your continued support

Funny Bunny Competition run by our PTA

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Drop any coin in the bucket to vote for the staff member you'd like to see dressed as the Easter bunny on the last day of term! The person with the most coins on Thursday wins! You can vote as many times as you like and use any coins. There will be a bucket for each staff member, look for their photo!

WHO WILL IT BE?

Buckets will be at the gate Monday-Thursday

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,

Please see the dates for your diaries below.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher



Dates and Information for Parents and Carers for March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Terms are always the shortest in the school year; and often some of the busiest weeks as so much happens in January, February and March!

As some of you have noticed; we have some events clashing so I am going to try to sort everything out into a planner with all the information you need between now and the end of term.

Tuesday 21st March: Year 1 Scooter Training

Friday 24th March: Break the Rules Day for the Victims of the Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Monday 27th March: Please bring in Easter Chocolate for the School Councils Chocolate Tombola; Easter Eggs, Chocolate Bunnies, Mini-eggs etc in exchange for wearing their own clothes as a Spring Non-Uniform Day!

Wednesday 29th March: Parent Consultations from 3:30pm in the school hall (please make sure you have an appointment)

Thursday 30th March: Funny Bunny Day! You will be able to donate to see which member of staff gets to be the Funny Easter Bunny ALL DAY! The Chocolate Tombola will be from 2:15 pm (1:45 pm for JAG children). Please support the School Council. We will finish one hour early as it is the end of term.

Friday 31st March: Parent Consultations from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

We come back to school on Monday 17th April 2023.

If you have any questions; please do not hesitate to contact me on:
head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk.