

Christmas is coming...



Walter Infant School and Nursery Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

And so, the autumn term of 2025 has come to an end as we finish for the winter holidays and festive celebrations! What a final week we have had culminating today in a Christmas Jamboree for the whole school this morning, with singing and dancing galore! The children have hulaed to Agadoo, flown like Superman, and of course, it wouldn't be the end of term without a Christmas Chu Chu Wa!

Tisha drew a festive gingerbread person for me to display in my office.



Year 2 School Christmas Choir

Our Year 2 Choir visited West Oak Nursing Home, to sing a selection of Christmas Songs, old and new. The residents were delighted and enjoyed singing along to Jingle Bells and We Wish you a Merry Christmas! Mrs McDonough, Mr Dale, Miss Veale and I were all so proud of the children's beautiful singing and their impeccable behaviour.





Year 2 Christmas Extravaganza

The Year 2 Extravaganza was even better than ever this year; Christmas jumpers, Christmas Stories and Christmas Songs and dances! It was truly magical!







Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch was great fun; Mrs Bell and I served the food and all the teachers waited on the tables. The children loved their golden crowns and really enjoyed the fabulous lunch, especially the gingerbread men!





Class Christmas Presents

Every class teacher chose a present for their class, considering what their children would really enjoy playing with. Here are some of the toys the children received. We were able to buy the presents with the generous sponsorship from Michael Hardy, the Wokingham Estate Agents. All the children were so excited and delighted!



A vet's surgery and pets for Sycamore Class!



An ice cream parlour for Woodpecker Class and Larch Class!



Magnetic Tiles for Beech Class!



A doctor's kit for Willow Class!



A pizza oven and a cookie set for Robin Class!



Train tracks, Unicorns and Construction Site vehicles for Dove Class!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to PlayStation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

Meet Our Expert

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Spring Term Clubs

Here is a list of the clubs that will be available to all children apart from Robins.

Monday

Spanish for Year 1 and Year 2 for 11 weeks: 5th January 2026 to 23rd March 2026 for £66.00

Tennis for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 5th January 2026 to 23rd March 2026 for £77.00

Tuesday

Street Dance for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026 for £83.00

Basketballers for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026 for £88.00

'Stageability': Age 5 to 18 years starting on Tuesday 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026

Wednesday

Multi-skills for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 7th January 2026 to 25th March 2026

Thursday

Gymnastics for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 weeks: 15th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £80

Football for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 Weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £92.40

Sports Club for F2 for 11 Weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £92.40

French for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 26 for £66.00

Friday

iRock for Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 Weeks for a Monthly payment from 9th January 2026 to 20th March 2026

Tennis for F2 Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 weeks: 9th January 2026 to 20th March 2026 for £70.00

The two Friday clubs along with Gymnastics will run for 10 weeks and not 11 weeks.

We also have our Rise and Shine Club from 7:30 am until school starts and our afterschool club, with JAG until 13th February and then with Funtastic Kids.



Wrap Around Care at Walter Infants!

Funtastic Kids is excited to be providing
nurturing and dependable childcare at
Walter Infant School.

Opening February 2026!



After School Club
Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 4:30pm
£7.80, includes a healthy snack.
Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 6pm
£14, includes a healthy snack plus
a light afternoon tea.
Monday - Friday, 4:15pm - 6pm
£8.75, includes a light afternoon tea

Open to all children who attend
Walter Infant School from Nursery
(age 3) to Year 2.

We are an Ofsted Early Years Childcare
Provider and accept Childcare Vouchers.

Activities provided include arts, crafts,
sports, games, and outdoor play!

10% Sibling Discount.



Follow us on social media for updates of what we get up to at our clubs!

 @FuntasticKidsWrapAroundCare  @funtastickidsuk  @funtastic_kids

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If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding we will be more than happy to fund an extra-curricular club for them.

Stars of the week!

All of the Foundation Stage children were awarded the star of the week certificates because of their incredible performances for their families this week; Jesse collected the certificate for Dove Class, Annabelle collected the certificate for Woodpecker Class and Elliot collected the certificate for Robin Class. The other wonderful stars were awarded their certificates and badges for showing the most amazing resilience in English, Mathematics and Design and Technology. I am so proud of each and every one of them.



We are sadly saying a very fond farewell to Akina, who is leaving Walter today to join a different school. We wish her the very best of luck and know that her new school will welcome her with open arms. They are very lucky to have her coming to them. She says she is still going to be wearing her Walter Values badges.

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

We have a very well-stocked pantry and a Recipe Book with healthy recipes to follow using ingredients from our pantry. You can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal; we have rice, pasta, tinned tomatoes, beans, spaghetti hoops and much, much more. You can also pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. Bring a bag and fill it up! 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.

There is a new round of hardship alliance funding available: follow this link to see if you are eligible: [Hardship Alliance launches next phase of Household Support Fund | Wokingham](#)

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/>

Have a very enjoyable holiday season and a very happy new year.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025

Date	Event	Time
Dates for 2026		
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1	
Tuesday 13 th January	New Parent Tour	9.15am
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 1 Scooter Training	
Tuesday 3 rd February	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Thursday 5 th February	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day – Children to dress number related!	
Friday 6 th February	PTA Cinema Night (TBC)	4-5.30pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February	Parent Consultations	More information to follow
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February	Mental Health & Well-being Week – ‘This is My Place’	
Wednesday 11 th February	‘WOW’ Wednesday!	8.40am – 9am
Wednesday 11 th February	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 12 th February	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 13 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	Start of Spring Term 2	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Bedtime Stories	Children invited to wear their pyjamas
Tuesday 10 th March	Governor Day	
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day in return for Chocolate Donations for the School Council Chocolate Tombola	
Thursday 19 th March	Drama4all Workshop Day	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day	
Wednesday 25 th March	‘WOW’ Wednesday	3.00pm – 3.20pm
Thursday 26 th March	School Council: Chocolate Tombola	
Friday 27 th March	PTA Break the rules day	
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday	
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	
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm

Tuesday 19 th May	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Tuesday 19 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
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	
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Tuesday 7 th July	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
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	

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