



# Walter Infant School and Nursery

## Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

It is so good to be back at my desk watching all your amazing children playing so happily in the sunshine. Unfortunately, I was unable to come to work for a couple of days, but I have been able to catch up with everything that happened on Wednesday and Thursday. Walter certainly missed coming into school but he looked after me very well.

### **Help Shape Support Available in Family Hubs**

Wokingham Borough Council are inviting parents and carers to have their say on the services and support they'd like to see in our family hubs. It follows the re-launch of our children's centres as Best Start Family Hubs. Best Start Family Hubs are part of a national programme and are designed to make it easier for families to find the right help at the right time, in places that feel welcoming and familiar.

As part of this, we hope to understand what matters most to families in Wokingham Borough. We want to hear directly from parents, carers and families about the services and support they would like our Best Start Family Hubs to provide, so that they reflect real local needs.

Feedback from the survey will help shape how Family Hubs develop across the borough and how support is offered in the future.

If you are a parent or carer, or work with families, please take a few minutes to complete the survey or share it with others who may be interested.

Take part in the survey by 3 May

here: <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/projects/best-start-family-hubs-shaping-support-for-families-in-wokingham-borough/>



## Equity vs Equality

This week our theme has been equity; so many children (especially in Year 2) could explain what equity means and what it looks like in our school. I felt like I was teaching Ethics at University. If you would like to know more...I have placed the power point I made on the website for children to talk about with their families.



**Equity does not  
mean equal?**





Perhaps you could ask you child to explain this image to you?

### Snacks in School

So, the introduction of snacks into school has been a big success! We have already noticed that there have been fewer altercations on the playground! Some parents packed a little too much to begin with, just one additional food item is sufficient. It is important to cut grapes in to halves or quarters length ways and to ensure the snack you provide is healthy. I have seen lots of snack types that I have never seen before (which has made me feel very old and very curious!)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A **'NO NUTS SCHOOL'**.

Here are some suggestions of what a healthy snack could be:



The children will keep their snacks in their trays, but it would be a good idea to write their name on the packages with a permanent marker, just in case there is a problem!

### Summer Uniform at Walter Infant School and Nursery

Some children are already wearing summer dresses and shorts; for the summer term we recommend shorts and polo shirts, or dresses, skirts or play suits. Many of our children wear cycling shorts under their dresses. Please choose gingham fabric in light blue (not navy). Here are some examples:





They also wear shorts on PE days. If you are struggling to afford a summer uniform, please contact me on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) Also remember, the PTA have lots of pre-loved uniform for the summer.

### 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](#)



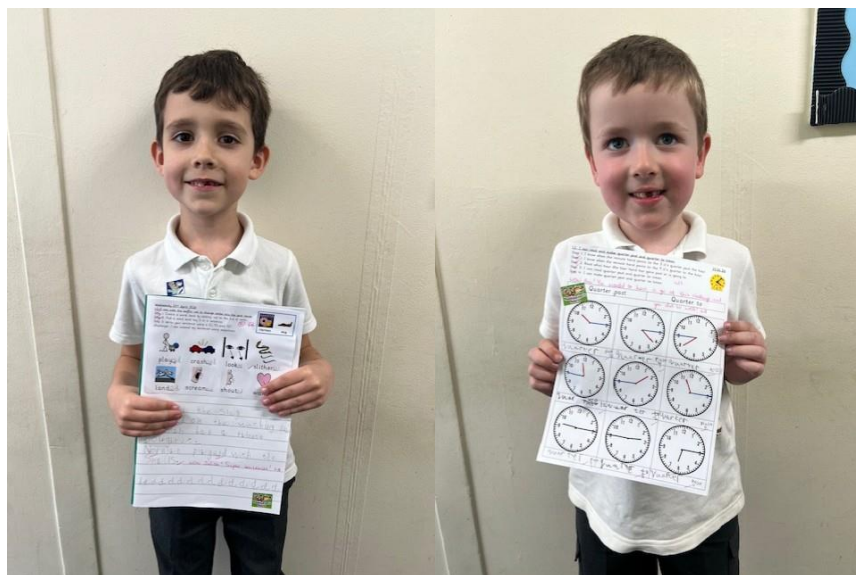
The Year 2 children brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Woolley Firs, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Download the Woolley Firs Programme.pdf](#)



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](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

### Celebrations from the Classrooms

Julian has done the best writing he has ever done! Ben has been so successful at learning to tell the time. I missed this work, so I was so glad to be sent the photographs by Mrs Bell!



### 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 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,**

Have a fabulous weekend.

**Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary



### Calendar Dates for Parents 2026

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

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

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