



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This week I have had to speak with so many children about hurting each other, we have sadly seen hitting, kicking, scratching, pinching and even biting. We are a Therapeutic School, if a child cannot play kindly with the other children, they have to play by themselves when the other children are inside. Usually, one playtime without anyone to play with is enough to enable children to realise that they want to play at the same time as the other children. However, we have children who are Autistic, have a diagnosis for ADHD, some are non-verbal and some children have high emotional needs. We have been training all our staff to support our children when they are dysregulated, but it can take time to help the children change behaviours they have been displaying for some time. Every time a child is hurt on purpose, by another child, both families are informed; the child who is the 'perpetrator' is sanctioned to hopefully remind them that it is better not to hurt others. Please can you help us by reinforcing the following two messages at home:

PLEASE USE YOUR HANDS KINDLY!





IF SOMEONE IS UNKIND TO YOU TELL AN ADULT!



When to Tell an Adult

- It can sometimes be tricky to know when to ask a grown-up for help.
- Sometimes, we face problems that we can solve on our own.
- Other times, we need to ask a trusted adult for help.

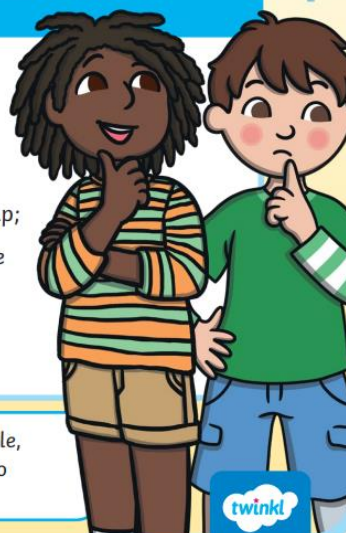
Speak to a trusted adult when:

- something is making you feel uncomfortable;
- you feel you need help;
- someone is doing something that could hurt themselves and others;
- someone is being unkind;
- something is stopping you from learning;
- you feel someone else may need help.

If none of these apply, it may be something that you could try to sort out yourself.

Could you:

- calmly talk about the problem;
- move away;
- ask a friend for help;
- find something else to do;
- solve the problem safely and fairly?



Remember, trusted adults are always here to help.

If something is making you feel uncomfortable, reach out and speak to an adult you trust who can help you to solve the problem.

How Big is My Problem?

- 5 Emergency**
 You need help from an adult e.g. fire, someone needs to go to the hospital, danger etc.
- 4 Gigantic problem**
 You can change this with a lot of help e.g. someone hurting you, hitting, bullying etc.
- 3 Medium problem**
 You can change with some help e.g. having to work with someone you don't like, someone takes something of yours, you have to do something you don't want to do etc.
- 2 Little problem**
 You can change with a little reminder e.g. not being first in line, not taking turns, not winning a game etc.
- 1 Glitch**
 You can fix this yourself e.g. getting changed for PE, forgetting a favourite toy, cleaning up etc.



Parenting in the Digital World

Mrs Bell has organised a live online safety presentation for parents and carers to join from home. More information will follow soon.

Parenting in the Digital World



To allow you to help your young people navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on 19.11.25 at 7pm (On Zoom).

World Mental Health Day

I love it when we have colour days and non-uniform days as the children's personalities really shine, especially when they are wearing **YELLOW!** Sola and Sahara's mummy made Miss Palmer a beautiful golden, yellow gown and matching dresses for the girls. I have been calling them the Golden Girls all day. I think you will agree that they all look as pretty as a picture.



Mind you, we have had a lion on the loose all day!



Rosaleigh had a very impressive t-shirt! I am going to look to if I can find a poster for our classrooms with the same pictures!



To find out more, follow this link [Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | 10 October | YoungMinds](#)

Parent and Carer Consultations on Line

Lots of appointments have already taken place; we had a couple of hiccups that we can learn from for next time. I would be very interested in finding out your opinions so will be sending a questionnaire before half term. You will have received a link and joining instructions for our new online system for Parent and Carer Consultations. . <https://waltoninfantschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> There are no appointments available on Friday 17th October. If you are experiencing difficulties, please speak with your class teacher or our admin team.

WOW Wednesday!

As you know, we have changed from having face to face consultations to on line consultations but we still want you all to be able to see your children's work and classrooms! So, we are going to have a WOW Wednesday every half term this year; on Wednesday 22nd October we are having our first WOW Wednesday at 2:45 pm. Parents and Carers (no more than two per child) can come into school, visit their child's classroom and look at their work (with them) for half an hour until it is the end of the school day. Our second WOW Wednesday will be on Wednesday 26th November 8:40 am for half an hour.



Harvest Festival Food Bank

We will have our Harvest Festival in school on Friday 17th October 2025; the children will learn about Harvest during the week and why we celebrate harvest in school! We

will be collecting for Wokingham Foodbank and our own Walter's Pantry! We would be very grateful to receive tins of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish. Pasta, tea bags, rice, coffee, cereal, soup, biscuits, crisps, toothpaste, baby wipes, jam, pasta sauce and long-life milk.

At the foodbank they are specifically asking for:

- **Soup**
- **Tinned tomatoes**
- **Tinned meals (eg. curry, chilli, casserole)**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Hotdogs**
- **Coffee**
- **Tinned pies**
- **Snacks (eg. cereal bars, crisps, noodles)**
- **Long life fruit juice**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Antibacterial cleaning spray**



Our New Snug

As you know, we now have only 2 classes in Foundation Stage 2, we have adapted the Magpie Classroom into our new safe space for children who are neuro-diverse or have Special Educational Needs. We are calling it The Snug and it is lovely. We have used some of the money donated to us by the PTA. Children from all our year groups can visit throughout the day to access the resources in a calmer, quieter area!









The Villain Kid's Spooky Day

Half-term Drama Workshop
10am-3pm



<https://stageability.classforkids.io/camps>

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The Villain Kid's Spooky Day

10am-3pm, £32

Tuesday 28th October: TILEHURST
Tuesday 28th October: WOKINGHAM
Wednesday 29th October: MORTIMER



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Tesco Stronger Starts in Wokingham

Please do all your shopping at TESCO! And get all your friends and family to as well! If you can, please get as many blue tokens as possible so that we receive the first prize of £1500! This would make such a difference to our school as finances are not as good as they used to be. **LOOK WE ARE WINNING AT THE MOMENT!**



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

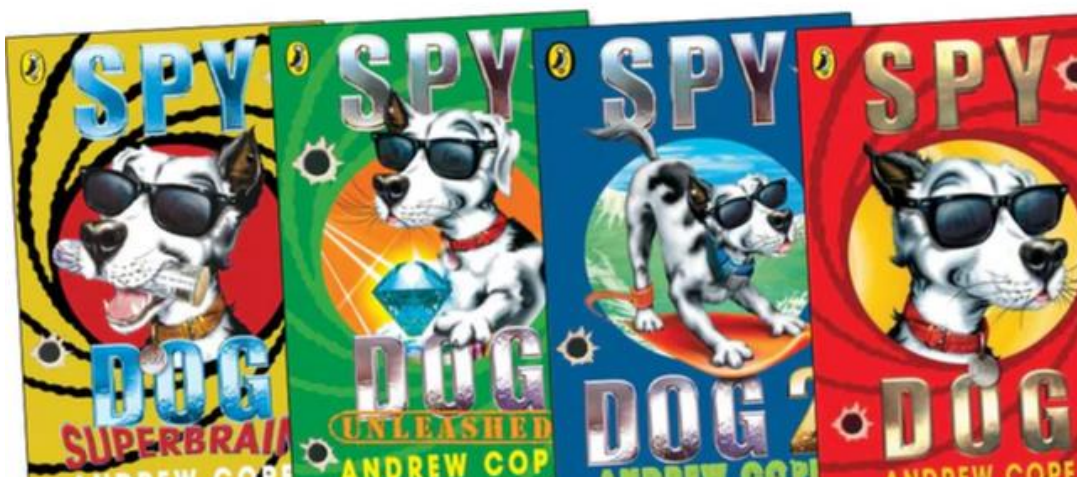
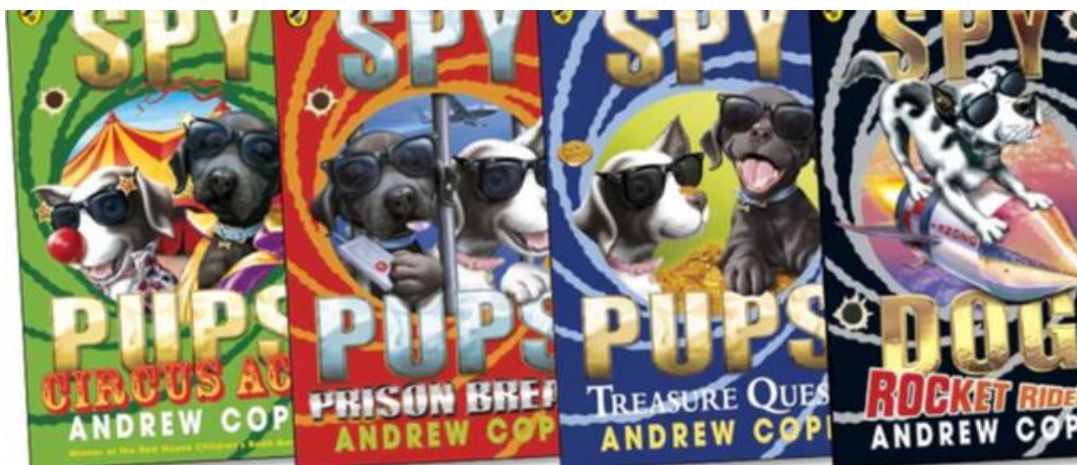
The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



Raffle Prizes

Thank you so much for the amazing raffle prizes we have already received; it is so exciting. If you or your family, or company can donate a prize, we would be so grateful. We would be very happy to advertise companies who donate in the flyer.

Tombola Donations for the Christmas Fair



Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated Raffle Prizes; you are so kind and we are very appreciative. On Friday 24th October we will be having a

Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle! The children can come to school in their favourite clothes and bring a bottle for our bottle tombola! We would welcome bottles of anything except water! You could donate wine, gin, vodka, whiskey, prosecco, beer, bubble bath, squash, hot sauce, perfume...anything nice that comes in a bottle. Our tombolas are always very popular so we love to have the best bottle tombola ever this year!



If you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair please get in touch with Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Last year we had some very successful stalls from crafty people and businesses.

Walter Infant School and Nursery PTA

The Mid-Autumn Festival was a huge success!

Every single lantern sold; the PTA could not believe they sold out so quickly! Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who showed support.





Stars of the week!

Here are our wonderful well-being super stars of the week; all holding onto our Happy Mood Bear!





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.

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/>

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th October	Parent Consultations	Further information to follow
Monday 13 th October	FS2 Reading Meeting for Parents	2.45pm
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th October	Year 2 trips to Legoland	
Friday 17th October	Harvest	
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 2 – African Drumming Day	
Wednesday 22 nd October	WOW WEDNESDAY!	2.45pm Further information to follow
Friday 24 th October	Non-Uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair	
Friday 24 th October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 27 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term	
Monday 3 rd November	Start of Autumn Term 2	
Friday 7 th November	Governor Day	
Monday 10 th November – Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 10 th November	ODD SOCKS DAY!	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Monday 17 th November	Reindeer visit	
Wednesday 19th November	‘Parenting in the Digital World’. Online Webinar for Parents. Further information and Zoom link to be shared	7pm – 8.30pm
Friday 21 st November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair donations	
Wednesday 26th November	WOW WEDNESDAY!	08.40 – 09.10am
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	Pantomime in School - Scroogical	

Tuesday 9 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Friday 12 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.15am
Friday 12th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2.15pm
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Dates for 2026		
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 5 th February	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
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	
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	
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
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	
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
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.**