



Walter Infant School & Nursery

To be the best I can be



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

We are making preparation for the predicted heatwave: We are going to be following the Guidance from the Department for Education on Monday and Tuesday of next week: please see below.

GOV.UK Guidance: Looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves: for teachers and professionals Updated 13 May 2022

Protecting children outdoors

During periods of high temperature, the following steps should be taken:

- children should not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures are in excess of 30°C
- encourage children playing outdoors to stay in the shade as much as possible
- children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims to avoid sunburn
- use sunscreen (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) to protect skin if children are playing or taking lessons outdoors for more than 20 minutes
- provide children with plenty of water (such as water from a cold tap) and encourage them to drink more than usual when conditions are hot

Protecting children indoors

During periods of high temperature, the following steps should be taken:

- open windows as early as possible in the morning before children arrive, or preferably overnight to allow stored heat to escape from the building – it is important to check insurance conditions and the need for security if windows are to be left open overnight
- almost close windows when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation
- use outdoor sun awnings if available, or close indoor blinds or curtains, but do not let them block window ventilation
- keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum
- switch off all electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers when not in use – equipment should not be left in 'standby mode' as this generates heat
- if possible, use those classrooms or other spaces which are less likely to overheat, and adjust the layout of teaching spaces to avoid direct sunlight on children

- oscillating mechanical fans can be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C – at temperatures above 35°C fans may not prevent heat-related illness and may worsen dehydration
- if necessary, consider rearranging school start, finish, and play times to avoid teaching during very hot conditions
- encourage children to eat normally and drink plenty of cool water

For further information on reducing temperatures within school buildings and grounds see UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA) [Heatwave Plan for England](#).

For more information, please following this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals?utm_source=14%20July%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Please do the following before your child comes to school, ensure:

- 1. They are wearing summer dresses or their PE kits (they do not need to bring a jumper or coat to school)**
- 2. They have a proper sun hat and possibly sun glasses too**
- 3. You have applied long lasting sun cream if your child needs it**
- 4. They have a large water bottle (you could freeze it overnight)**
- 5. They do not have open toed shoes or flip flops**

We have lots of shade outside so we will supervise short burst of play if we think it is safe to do so. We also have open fencing so usually have a breeze blowing through. We will not be using the basket ball pitch as it is in full sun.

We will follow all the guidance before school and ensure we monitor the temperature of the rooms as well will be using fans if safe to do so.

NHS

! Tips for coping in hot weather

Look out for those who are most at risk: the elderly, young children, babies and those with underlying health conditions - help them to keep themselves cool and hydrated.	Stay cool indoors - Learn how to keep your home cool, see gov.uk.
Close curtains in rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler. Remember, it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.	If going outdoors, use cool spaces considerably.
Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol. If you are leaving the house, take a bottle of water.	Never leave anyone or any animal in a closed, parked vehicle.
Try to keep out of the sun during the hottest part of the day - 11 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon.	Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen regularly, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light, loose-fitting clothing if you go out in the heat.
Avoid exercising during the hottest parts of the day. Try and exercise before 11am or after 3pm if you can.	If you are going into open water (rivers, lakes and the sea) to cool down, take care and follow local safety advice.

Information from nhs.uk

This link will lead you to a red weather warning: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-62177458>

Leaver's Assemblies for Year 2

The Year 2 Leaver's Assemblies will take place on Tuesday 19th July 2022. They will now be in the hall due to the weather so we have had to alter the times slightly as the FS2 children begin their lunch at 11:30. I hope this does not cause to much inconvenience.

Pine at 9:00 am

Sycamore at 9:45 am

Willow at 10:30 am

See you there!

Foundation Stage Sports day

We had the most wonderful I-Rock Festival in the school playground today, led by Kieran and it was amazing. The children were so brilliant and we were also impressed, not only by their talents but also because they were so brave and played in front of such a large audience. It was the best festival ever! Even better than Glastonbury!



Key Stage 1 Stage Reports

Today the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will receive their end of year annual reports. Please do not hesitate you child's class teacher via email if you have any queries.

Walter Infant School and Nursery's SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair was absolutely amazing; thank you so much to the incredible commitment from our PTA who have worked so hard. It was definitely the best Summer Fair we have had since I have been here. Thank you to all of you who made donations, bought raffle tickets or came along with friends and family. I am proud to announce that we made the most incredible amount of money, more than we have ever made!

£6428.40!

This is incredible! Thank you so much all everyone!

I only took pictures of the Street Dance Troupe, led by Miss Joanna as I was so busy welcoming 100s of visitors and selling stacks of raffle!



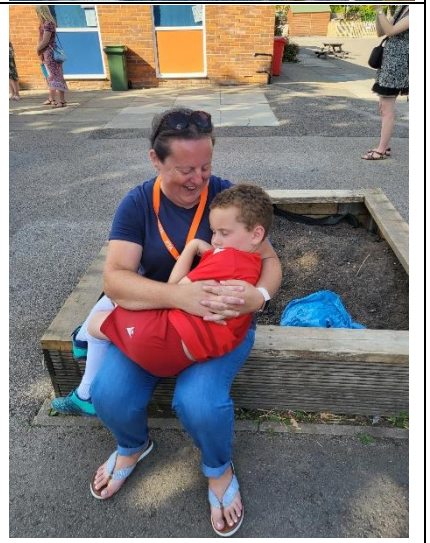
Follow this link for pictures taken by Mrs Wilson!

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The Year 2 Disco

We had a truly amazing time last night at the leaver's disco; the children had so much fun, no one wanted it to end! Thank you again to the PTA and all the staff and parents who helped make it so special. Mrs Wilson took some incredible photos to share with you; just follow this link.

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Stars of the Week

Our last ten stars of this academic year; 3 whole classes, Magpie, Dove and Woodpecker! As well as 7 amazing individuals.



Changes to arrangements for free school meal vouchers over the summer holidays

Parents/carers of children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals that food and grocery vouchers **will no longer** be provided through the Edenred portal to families of children and young people attending Wokingham schools as in previous holidays.

Instead, eligible families will need to apply for a £90 voucher for each child to cover the summer holidays (equating to £15 per week).

They can do this by:

- Contacting Citizens Advice One Front Door on 0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf or
- First Days Children's Charity on 0118 921 9338 or www.firstdays.net/hsf
- Please share the [linked leaflet](#) with parents and carers, summarising all the help that is available this summer through the Household Support Fund.
- **Augusta Henning** - Senior Specialist | Communications Engagement and Marketing
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New Wokingham libraries books for Cantonese speaking children

Wokingham libraries have recently purchased new stock, especially with children from Hong Kong in mind. These new books can be found at Lower Earley, Woodley, Wokingham and Winnersh libraries. There is also a smaller collection moving around Finchampstead, Spencer's Wood, Twyford and Wargrave libraries.

Please find [here](#) further information which schools could share with the families of Cantonese speaking children. (This information will be translated into Cantonese and the Cantonese version will be shared with schools at the start of next term).

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/reading-mini-challenge-for-children/>

The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency takes place every year during the summer holidays, from Saturday 9 July to Saturday 27 August 2022.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back and online with the Gadgeteers! We are inviting young people to explore amazing books, receive awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment and discover exciting scientific facts.

Sign up: You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library from July 9, you just need your library card. If you don't have a library card, then you can join at any library or join online. Open to all primary school aged Library members.

Start your challenge

Once you've signed up:

Choose and read six library books and collect a Gadgeteers Folder and stickers, when you return your first set of books (make sure you bring your library card).

Get a medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge of reading six library books. There will be lots of events at libraries this summer. For full details visit our [Libraries Events](#) page to book onto our activities.

National Trust 100 things to do before you are 113/4

Please follow this link if you need some good ideas for spending time with your children in the holidays: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>



How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11¾. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81¾.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!

1. Get to know a tree
2. Roll down a really big hill
3. Camp outdoors
4. Build a den
5. Skim a stone
6. Go welly wandering
7. Fly a kite
8. Spot a fish
9. Eat a picnic in the wild
10. Play conkers
11. Explore on wheels
12. Have fun with sticks
13. Make a mud creation
14. Dam a stream
15. Go on a wintry adventure
16. Wear a wild crown
17. Set up a snail race
18. Create some wild art
19. Play pooh sticks
20. Go paddling
21. Forage for wild food
22. Find some funky fungi
23. Get up for the sunrise
24. Go barefoot
25. Join nature's band
26. Hunt for fossils and bones
27. Go stargazing
28. Climb a huge hill
29. Explore a cave
30. Go on a scavenger hunt
31. Make friends with a bug
32. Float in a boat
33. Go cloud watching
34. Discover wild animal clues
35. Discover what's in a pond
36. Make a home for wildlife
37. Explore the wonders of a rock pool
38. Bring up a butterfly
39. Catch a crab
40. Go on a nature walk at night
41. Help a plant grow
42. Go swimming in the sea
43. Help a wild animal
44. Watch a bird
45. Find your way with a map
46. Clamber over rocks
47. Cook on a camp fire
48. Keep a nature diary
49. Watch the sunset
50. Take a friend on a nature adventure

Wokingham Borough Welcomes New Arrivals Event

“Wokingham Borough Welcomes New Arrivals”, is run by the council in partnership with its voluntary and community sector partners. This event will take place on **Saturday 16th July, 12 - 6pm at Elms Field, Wokingham.**

The Council is keen to embrace the culture and diversity that new communities bring to the borough.

It's the borough's chance to welcome new residents, including more than 400 refugees from Ukraine as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, as well as families from Hong Kong, Afghanistan, Syria and other places who have moved to the area.

There will be range of fun activities for children and families, at this free event. Those who are attending will be able to get food from stalls which will be available on the day, or bring their own picnics with them to enjoy in the town centre green space.

Various departments of the council, charities and other partners will be running stalls on the day, including some which provide direct support and services to new arrivals and families that are hosting refugees.

The get-together gives local people a chance to give those who have come to the area a proper welcome and build relationships

Are you worried about money?

You may be eligible for help through the Household Support Fund

Families with children on free school meals



If you live in Wokingham Borough and have a child or children on benefits-related free school meals, you can apply for a £90 voucher for each child to cover the summer holidays.



To apply, Contact Citizens Advice One Front Door (0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf), or First Days Children's Charity (0118 921 9338 or www.firstdays.net/hsf).



Your child does not need to be attending school in the borough to get this support.

Older people of state pension age



People aged 66+ can apply for a one-off food, fuel, or cash voucher through Citizens Advice One Front Door (0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf), or via AgeUK Berkshire (0118 959 4242 or info@ageukberkshire.org.uk).

Support for all residents during the cost-of-living crisis



Help is here if you are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials. Please get in touch with the friendly team at Citizens Advice One Front Door on 0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf.

The team are processing applications as quickly as possible. It may take a couple of weeks for you to receive your payment.



Dates for your diary

- 19th July 2022 Year 2 Leavers Assemblies: Pine 9:00 am, Sycamore 9:45 am and Willow 10:30 am
- 19th July End of Term~ finishing an hour early (2:15, 2:20 & 2:30)
- Monday 5th September: Start of the autumn term 2022

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