



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new Spring Term; we have had a wonderful start to the term and the children are presenting as very happy to be back having fun in school and playing with their friends. They have shared lots of exciting news from their holidays with their teachers and we have been learning all about the British Tradition of making New Year's Resolutions. We are encouraging the children to consider a goal they would like to achieve, such as learning to join their handwriting, or to write their name, to count in fives or tens, to eat their school lunch, or to tie their own shoe laces, something that is achievable with practise, determination and resilience. Perhaps you could ask them what their goal is and help them to be able to reach it!

OFSTED 2024

On Thursday 9th January 2025, we received the final copy of our OFSTED Report from December 2024. Mrs Janes has sent you all a copy, please contact her if you have not received it. It has also been published on our website for all the world to see!

I am delighted to share with you that we have received **OUTSTANDING** in all five elements of the inspection process:

Inspection dates:	3 and 4 December 2024
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding

I joined Walter in September 2015, when it was a very different school from the school it is today! I have had the honour to serve a wonderful community, to teach and learn alongside the most wonderful children in the world and the privilege of recruiting, developing and leading the most professional, dedicated and devoted team of professionals I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Thank you for all your support Walter Families, it is a pleasure to be at the start of the learning journeys of all your amazing children, past, present and future!

I would also like to thank our brilliant Governing Body and our fantastic PTA, for all you support and trust. Together, all of us, from 3 to 61 are a formidable team!

OUTSTANDING

INSET Days 2025 2026

I know that some of you are keen to start booking your summer holidays 2026! I have met with Mrs Taylor, the headteacher of St Paul's CE Junior School, and we have agreed the following INSET days for 2025 2026.

INSET Day Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Term starts for most children Thursday 4th September 2025.

INSET Day Monday 1st June 2026

INSET DAY Monday 20th July 2026

INSET DAY Tuesday 21st July 2026

INSET DAY Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Being Ready for School in the Morning

It is so cold and dark in the mornings at the moment, and if you are anything like me or Walter, you will be finding getting out of bed very difficult. Children usually wake up with the sun so your children may need waking up too. There is much more traffic on the roads as it is so cold, and journeys are delayed from starting because we are all having to de-ice our cars! Please allow a little longer for your journeys in the morning to avoid your children being late for school. Please also ensure that they have had breakfast and have everything they need, including their book bag, a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves, suitable shoes to keep them warm and a named water bottle. We will be playing out in all sorts of weather and it is exceptionally cold and slippery. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding (PPG), I can help with

you to provide suitable warm clothing, please contact me directly on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk If you are struggling and your child is not entitled to PPG funding, we will still be able to help.

If you are struggling to provide all you need to at the moment; we can provide Food Vouchers for the Foodbank and fuel vouchers.

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.

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/>

Children who receive Pupil Premium Funding in school can attend an after school or morning club (excluding Junior Adventures), free of charge. Please speak with Mrs Hemmings in the office to see what is available. Unfortunately, we do not have any more spaces for I-Rock at the moment.

Fake News!

It has come to my attention that there is some very incorrect information in circulation at the moment, due to the article in the newspaper stating that Walter was reducing the number of children we have on roll. I would like to make the following assurances:

- The arrangements that we have in place in Foundation Stage 2, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker (as three smaller classes) will remain the same until

the end of July 2025. No children will be asked to leave and the classes are not going to merge.

- We are doing all we can to encourage as many children as possible to join our amazing school. If you know anyone who has a child starting in Foundation 1 or 2/Reception in September 2025, and they have not made a final decision, we would love you to recommend us, we would like as many Wokingham children as possible to have the best possible start to their education. The deadline is 15th January 2025.
- We are checking the portal everyday and the number of children whose parent's want them to attend our school is growing daily. Hopefully we will have enough children to run three classes (as usual) in September 2025.

Can you help us or do you know someone who might be able to?

We are collecting quotes for a couple of essential building jobs we need undertaking in school; our first job is to install a male adult toilet for our male teachers. The site has been identified and there is already a plumbing and water supply. If there are any plumbers/builders who might be interesting in estimating and quoting for us, we would be very keen to meet with you.



Our second job is to build a conservatory as a safe space for visitors to school to wait in; we have wanted to have a separate reception area for many years and have agreed with our governors that a conservatory will be the best value for money. This will mean that we have a pleasant and attractive area which can be linked to our school office, and provides a safe barrier away from the children. It would also provide a sunny sheltered space for use during the school day when we do not have visitors. Something that looks a bit like this...



If you are interested in quoting or know someone who can, please contact Mrs Pugh on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk as soon as possible for an Easter Installation

Snacks after School and Food in School

We are very proud of our Healthy Schools Status; our children learn how important it is to make healthy choices and to eat a very varied and balanced diet. As you are aware, we encourage all our children to have a school lunch each day; the lunches are freshly prepared each day by Natalia and her wonderful team. There is a wide variety of healthy options and the children can make their own selections, choosing the things that they enjoy eating. Please encourage your child to have a hot school lunch every day, especially during the winter months.



Here is a picture of the additional extras that come with a hot lunch, including freshly baked bread and cookies, fresh fruit and salad, croutons, potato wedges and freshly cooked pasta with cheese.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please be mindful that we are a **NO NUTS** school and that includes chocolate spread, pesto and peanut butter.

I have noticed that many parents are giving snacks to their children on the school playground at the end of the day; please can I politely ask that you refrain from giving your children food until they have left the school premises. Some children have been eating in school and leaving crumbs and wrappers (accidentally); this encourages pigeons and rats to visit our playground and also increases our waste. There is also the risk that the snacks are not healthy and could contain traces of nuts.

We have so many trees and so many birds (which is wonderful) but the pigeons are becoming permanent residents and Mr Fennell is having a really hard time keeping up with all the mess the birds are making. If we all work together, and dedicate ourselves to keeping the food in school healthy for all and the crumbs and wrappers in the dining hall only, we may deter some of our very unhealthy flying visitors!



I know our parents will all be too young to remember this, but some of our grandparents may!!!

Robins having School Lunch

Our wonderful little Robins are now having their lunch in the school dining hall: they are all growing up so quickly and are managing to eat their lunches with very little help!



Spring Census Day

Thursday 16th January is the Spring Census Day; this is a very important day in our school year as it is when the funding for the school year is decided. One of the funding criterion is based on the number of children who have a hot school lunch on the day. A second criterion is how many children are present in school, as well as how many children are on roll. We do not have as many children in Foundation Stage 2 this year, due to a low birth-rate, so it is vital that all our children come to

school on Thursday 16th January and that everyone of them orders a hot lunch. Mrs Hemmings will be sending out a pre-order form, please complete this for your child as it will show a menu change! Please return it to school by Wednesday 15th January at the latest. Please ensure that your child is in school for registration in the morning. Thank you for your support.

Junior School Places

Some parents have not yet registered their children for a Junior School Place, at the last count it was 15. Unfortunately, as Walter and St Paul's are not federated, the transfer is not automatic. The deadline is Tuesday 14th January 2025. If you need help from our admin team, do not hesitate to contact us. We will be more than happy to help: admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Foundation Stage 2 places (Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker)

Some of our Robins have not applied for a Foundation Stage 2 place; there is no automatic transfer from Robin to Foundation, even though we are the same school! If you have not yet submitted your child's application and need some help, please speak to Mrs Goddard or our admin team admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk The deadline for applications is 11.59 pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Gymnastics Club

We are lucky enough to provide a brilliant Gymnastics Club, run by U-Sports, every Friday morning from 7:30 am. The children love it and the coach is an ex-pupil of our school! I know it is an early start, but it sets the children up nicely for the day and they have lots of fun and learn so many more skills, as they are being taught by a professional gymnastics coach. The children learn many different ways of travelling and balancing and are able to access all our gymnastics equipment. It is for children from FS2 to Year 2. If think your child would enjoy it please contact:



uSports

HOW TO BOOK:

- 1 CLICK THE 'BOOK NOW' BUTTON OR TYPE IN THE LINK UNDERNEATH
- 2 SCROLL TO FIND THE RIGHT CLUB
- 3 ADD YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS
- 4 BOOK & PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S PLACE

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**Spring 2025
Walter Infant
School**

Dear Parents and Guardians,
uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following clubs.

Gymnastics Breakfast Club | 07.30am - 08.45am | Friday
£7.25 x Per Session
17.01.25 - 21.03.25 | 9 x Sessions | £65.25

If your child receives Pupil Premium Funding, and is not yet attending a club, we will be happy to provide the Gymnastics Club for them as part of their entitlement.

Stamps to School for RNIB

Mrs Clements is collecting used stamps for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).

We want your stamps!



On behalf of the RNIB, we would love to collect your stamps and raise money to support blind and partially sighted people. For every kilogramme of stamps received, the RNIB will raise £20.

We would love you to save the stamps from envelopes you receive in the post and drop them off at the box in the school office. When saving your stamps, trim carefully around them, leaving approximately **one centimetre** of paper around the edge.

RNIB will accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Please don't save large gold Post Office labels or pre-printed postage marks as these have no value to RNIB.

Follow the link for further details about RNIB and their stamp collection:

https://www.rnib.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/save-your-stamps-for-rnib/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=stamps_appeal_2024&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlxbuS9NqxigMVnphQBh3_HhJOEAAYASAAEgINFPD_BwE

Clerk to the Governors



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Clerk to the Governing Bodies

We are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance, to work with both governing bodies

Salary: Grade 5 (point NL12 – NL17, £26,421 - £28,770 pay award pending) pro rata per annum (term time only) – hours to be confirmed at interview to be confirmed at the interview.

The Governing Bodies of Walter Infant School and St. Paul's CE Junior School are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance. You will need skills in good administrative practice and experience of minute taking. You will also need to be confident in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and email and have access to the internet. Most meetings will take place via TEAMS and will be recorded to aid minute taking. The successful candidate will be able to work from home.

Responsibilities will include working effectively with the chair of governors, headteacher and other governors to secure the continuity of governing board business.

To advise on procedural and legislative matters to ensure the Governing Board works to the legal framework. An understanding of confidentiality is essential for this role.

Tasks include the preparation and circulation of papers, taking minutes at meetings, providing procedural and legal advice as appropriate, record keeping, and other duties as agreed with the governing board.

Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

We warmly welcome visitors, so if you are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Mrs Anita Pugh at Walter Infant School and Nursery on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk to arrange a visit or to request an application pack.

Closing Date: Applications considered on receipt

Walter Infant School & Nursery and St. Paul's CE Junior School committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS Clearance will be sought from the successful candidate. Walter Infant School & Nursery welcome applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

Mobile Phones in School

For safeguarding reasons (to safeguard yourself and our children) please do not use your mobile phone for anything on the school site. Please also refrain from filming the children through the fence. Thank you for your co-operation.



Working Hard in School and at Home

Kyrie has been working so hard with his reading lately and he has made incredible progress; he read every day with his mummy during the school holidays and has earned 3 headteacher's awards. I sent one home for mummy too as she has worked very hard as well!



Baby News!

Josie Evelyn Jaques was born on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 23.40, weighing 7lb 13oz. Congratulations to Miss Prickett and her partner. We wish you all a lifetime of happiness.



Star of the Week

Mrs Bell presented the star of the week certificates this week as I was not in school today; I can't wait to see who they are! So here they are, the first stars of 2025!







Dates for your Diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School open for Spring term 1	
Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Lunar New Year Dance Workshop (Day 1)	
Friday 24 th January 2025	Lunar New Year Dance Workshop (Day 2)	
Friday 31 st January	NSPCC Assembly	
W/C 3 rd February	Maths Week in School	
Thursday 6 th February 2025	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	NSPCC Day	
Thursday 13 th February 2025	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term	
W/C 17 th February 2025	School Closed - February Half Term	
Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Drama4All Workshop Day	

Thursday 6 th March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 th March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 th March	Science Week	
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	School Council – Chocolate Tombola	3.25pm
Friday 28 th March 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Friday 28 th March	Parent Consultations	8.00 – 1pm
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term (Finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bunny & Easter Cake Sale	2.15pm

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

And finally,

Have an **OUTSTANDING** weekend, and if you want to share anything with me to put in the flyer, you know what to do...

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher