



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This has been a really busy week but also a great deal of fun!

Next Week in School

Next Week is Well-being Week: SHINE BRIGHT WEAR BRIGHT



On Tuesday 11th February 2025, we are inviting all our children, staff and families to express themselves by 'Shining Bright', to raise the awareness of Children's Mental health.

SIX CHILDREN IN EVERY CLASSROOM HAVE A DIAGNOSABLE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER. (Chums Charity 2025)

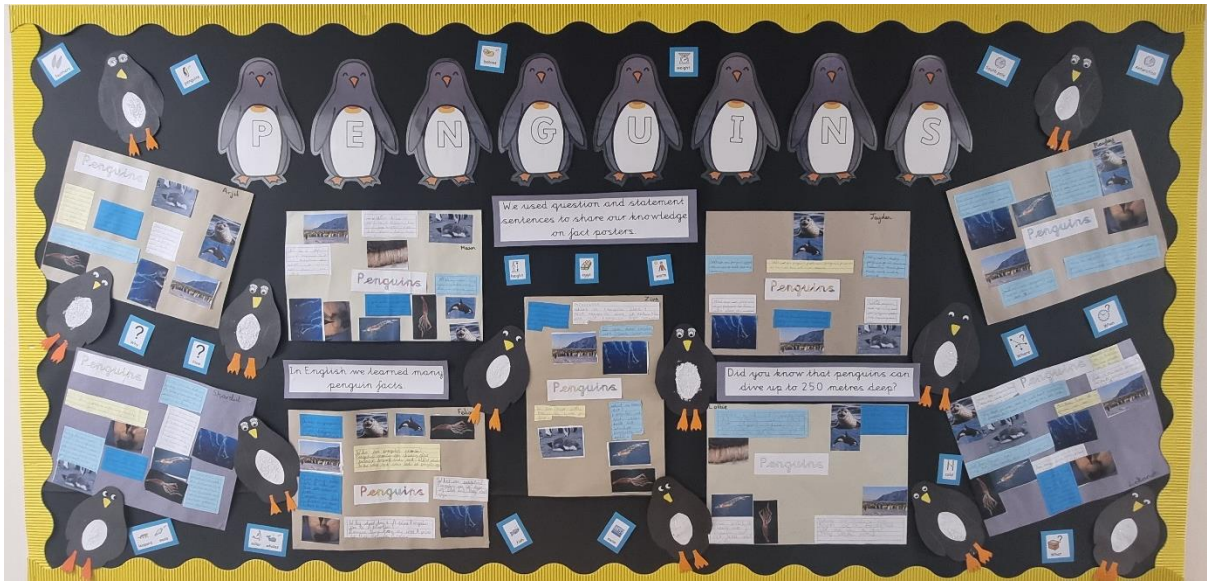
The children may come to school in the brightest, boldest colours or patterns they choose. During the day, every class will participate in a Well-being Workshop, led by Gabriel's Education. The children will still have their usual time outside, so please ensure the children have appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

Sycamore Assembly

Sycamore were the first of our three classes in Year 2 to invite their families to see what the children have been learning about; the children shared their learning about Antarctica, including facts about penguins and Captain Scott. They shared some horrible history facts about the First World War, they did some fantastic gymnastics from the space topic and sang some wonderfully inspiring songs. The children tried to speak clearly and audibly so that everyone in the audience could hear them. I am really looking forward to Pine Class next week.







Meridian Television

We had a wonderful visit from Ciaran from Meridian Television on Thursday morning; we are hoping to be on the news next week on either Monday or Tuesday.



Maths Week at Walter

This week we had some amazing workshops about money led by some members of the HSBC Bank; the children really enjoyed the workshops and the presenters thoroughly enjoyed being at our school. They were so impressed by the environments and the children's attitudes and behaviours. One of the team has decided she is definitely going to be sending her own child here in September 2026! If you would like to make a donation to the NSPCC, please follow this link: [Number Day 2025 | NSPCC](#)

Number Day

CELEBRATING
25 YEARS





Stars of the Week



Our New School Councillors





ASSIST

Below is some of the information from Assist (WBC) that I have received this week which might be useful to some of our families.



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**Autism specific workshops from your local award -
winning ASSIST team!**

For information about any of the following workshops, or to book a place,
please contact:

ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk

ASSIST, Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council
Woodley Airfield Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

Workshops appear in date order & will be repeated Autumn 2025

Day time workshops are offered in-person at the Woodley Airfield Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley, RG5 4UX, the cost of each workshop is per adult.

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Evening workshops are usually via Microsoft Teams', the cost is per email address.

Parents		Professionals	
Carers	£10.00	Practitioners	£40.00
Autistic individuals		Others	

Free parking at the Airfield Centre – Refreshments will be available

The workshops are only suitable for adult learning

Autism understanding & acceptance (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Friday 28th February 2025

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build your understanding of autism – the 'hidden' disability including language, social interaction, sensory issues, anxieties and discuss some strategies and tools that might help and support autistic individuals to make sense of the world around them.

Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger) (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 11th March 2025

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to understand their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger and so support the development of self-management strategies.

'This was so interesting and insightful – the best training I have ever had on autism, I am now really motivated and inspired.'

Supporting Siblings (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 1st April 2025

9.30 start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

An opportunity to explore the impact on siblings of having an autistic brother or sister. We discuss the difficulties that this can bring as well as the benefits. Included within the workshop are lots of practical strategies and ideas that may be helpful in supporting siblings to understand autism, cope with their experiences and feel valued for who they are.

Creating and using visual supports including social scripts, drawing whilst talking (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 29th April 2025

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

An intervention using a variety of visuals which can help support development and improved understanding of social events and expectations in a given situation. You will have the opportunity to create and practice using visual supports in your environment.

'This has been the BEST training I have attended, and definitely the best autism training, I really enjoyed the session!'

Public: Information that can be seen and used by everyone inside and outside the Council.

EVENING ONLINE WORKSHOP!

Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)

Tuesday 6th May 2025

7pm prompt start, workshop concludes at 9pm (MS Teams presentation)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to understand their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger and so support the development of self-management strategies.

I just wanted to let you know that the workshop was so helpful - I have already used it to help my son. It was really well presented and opened my eyes further to how different minds work.

Please note when booking your workshop:

'What is autism' is covered in depth in the autism understanding & acceptance workshop only.

For all other workshops - it is important that you have a basic understanding and knowledge of autism either through your own experience or because you have already attended an autism understanding workshop, as 'what is autism' is not covered in depth.

New Recycling Bank at Walter

We will be getting our own recycling bank next week, this has been organised by the PTA and is great way to recycle as well as fundraise for our school. It is a free service and we will receive 20p per kilo. Please use it as often as you can: they are

able to collect all types of clothing, including branded uniform, accessories such as hats, scarves, gloves, handbags and belts, as well as bed linen, towels and soft toys. We are using a company called: Astra Recycling
This is a great way to fundraise as well as promote the importance of recycling. The textiles collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so less than 1% of what we collect ends up in the ground. It arrives on Monday 10th February 2025.



NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe



On Wednesday 12th February, we will have workshops delivered by volunteers from the NSPCC to support our children in Year 2 to Speak Out, and Stay Safe. These will take place in the morning and will follow on from the work that has been happening in school over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for giving your consent for your 7 year old child to take part in the questionnaire; after reading the questionnaire, the Year 2 Team and the Senior Management Team think that the best way for the children to complete the questionnaire, is at home with family, as it is very much a one to one questionnaire and would take too long for 90 children to complete in school as they need to much support to read and understand the questions. I am sending the link, if you would like to complete the survey with your child, after the 12th February, please follow this link. This is completely optional:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qGssB1zeeP>



Speak out Stay safe Programme Pupil survey - 2024/25

We hope you enjoyed Speak out Stay safe. We want to make sure that children enjoy our programme and learn something new. Below are some questions so you can share your thoughts. It will take five minutes to complete. We will not be able to know who said what, just the year group and school you are in.

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 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/>

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.

Songs for this term

We will be learning some new songs this term; as we begin practising I will share the links so you can sing along with your children at home and help them to learn the words and the tune. This week we have begun learning "I am the One and Only" by Chesney Hawkes: [I am the one and only lyrics](#) the children have picked it up so quickly and they are amazing on their air guitars!!!

And finally,

Wrap up warmly forecast is cold and please remember to send your children in to school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves. If you would like to share any news, please contact me on...

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher



Date	Event	Time
Thursday 13 th February 2025	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term	
W/C 17th 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	
W/C Monday 3 rd March 2025	Book Fair (Books available to buy at the end of the school day)	
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 th March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 th March 2025	Science Week	
Tuesday 11 th March 2025	Y1 Scooter Training	
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Class Photographs	
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day: Homelessness	
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	9.00am – 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.