

# Walter Infant School and Nursery Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Our Christmas Fair is approaching rapidly, thank you to all our families who have displayed a Michael Hardy board to advertise our fair. Please come along at 3:30 pm next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Thank you so much for all your donations of chocolate: we are so grateful. We have stored all the chocolate under the table in the finance office; the table is full of bottles!!!!



I spotted these happy Robins bringing all the chocolate that had been donated by the Robin Class.





### Rumble in the Jungle

The school councillors from Year 2 will be running a stall to raise money for new equipment in school; we love having new toys especially for outside play. The school councillors from each year group will choose what to buy, depending on how much money they make! Please bring into school soft toys, that need a new home! They must be in 'as good as new condition'! We welcome soft toys of any size; the children will decide how much they will be sold for! They hope to make at least £100!



Many of the items we will have on sale will have a QR code, but it would be wonderful if you brought in cash too!

The games and lucky dip, Guess the name of the Toy, how many sweets in the jar, and other activities will be either 50p or £1. We will have mulled wine and mince pies, hot chocolate and brownies, fresh coffee, hot dogs and cold drinks! We will of course have our amazing tombolas and much, much more!

### Reindeer

On Monday the reindeer Flash and Jet, from Riverways Farm came to visit us; they were so gentle around the children and we all learnt so much about them. They were also extremely tolerant of Walter who was very curious about the visitors in the playground! The reindeer experts who came with the reindeer were very impressed by the children's behaviour and questioning skills and said that Larch Class, in particular, were the best-behaved class they had ever come across!



Well done Larch Class!





# **Dressing the Tree**

You will also have received an invitation to take part in the Dressing the Tree competition. The winners will have their decoration displayed on the tree in the town centre and get to meet the Mayor! We have already received our first entry from Olly in Sycamore Class, who has set the bar very high!



To find out more, follow this link: <u>Dressing the Christmas Tree | Wokingham Town Council</u>

# Birthdays in School this week!

We have 5 more 7-year olds in school this week and it was also Miss Palmer's birthday.



# The Stay Safe Initiative "Parenting in the Digital World"

It was wonderful to see over 27 families join me online for our first online webinar: The Stay Safe Initiative "Parenting in the Digital World" led by Richard Pomfrett. Some of our parents shared that they found the session to be:

- "Really informative and helpful. Thank you for the session".
- "Really helpful, practical advice. Thanks very much".
- "Thank you so much for the session, it's been really useful and I will put my notes into practise when the time comes".

Richard shared the resource pack for parents to refer to for some additional help, advice and resources following on from the webinar, please use the link below. <a href="https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/wp-">https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/wp-</a>

content/uploads/2021/02/Parents Online Safety Advice Sheet.pdf Mrs Bell



# ★ Christmas Disco News! ★

On Monday 8th December, the school hall will transform into a sparkling dance floor complete with a DJ for our Christmas discos:

Robin and Foundation 2: 4.00 - 4.45pm (Robin children must be accompanied by an adult)

# Years 1 and 2: 5.00 – 6.00pm

To make the disco a success, we need volunteers to help set up, keep the party running smoothly, and clear away afterwards. Your support makes all the difference. Keep an eye out next week for details on how to sign up as a volunteer and book your tickets.

# Father Christmas is Coming to School!!!

Amazingly, we have been able to arrange for Father Christmas to come to our school fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025. As you know, he is always very busy, but has said that he can see 40 families but each family or small group of friends will need to have an appointment. Mrs Janes will set up a link for you to book your appointment. We will take a photograph of each visit and each child will receive a Christmas gift.

SOLD OUT – sorry all slots are fully booked – if we have any cancellations, we will let you know.

# **Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos**

Here are the links to book your slots for Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos; please remember the slots will disappear very quickly!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48A4AD28A7F8CF8-57284519-summer

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48A4AD28A7F8CF8-60411053-glitter

### **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 we will be supporting Save the Children by inviting everyone in school to wear a Christmas Jumper! We will collect small donations in buckets as usual, but we have also set up a Just Giving Page: details to follow soon. We suggest £1 per jumper wearer! We will also be having a school Christmas Lunch, when all the staff serve the children their festive feasts! It will also be the day when we present our Year Two children's Christmas Extravaganza! It will be a very Christmassy day and an opportunity for our children to show empathy for children around the world who need our help throughout the year!



# **Celebrations in and out of School**



I was so delighted to see the wonderful writing that Alfie and Remi completed about World War One and Sergeant Stubby! If you have a child in Year 2, why don't you ask them to tell you all about Sergeant Stubby is?

### **Raffle Prizes**

The children brought home 9 raffle tickets to sell, if every ticket is sold we would raise almost £2000, so please try to sell has many as you can to family, friends and neighbours!



So many more raffle prizes have been donated! We have a beautiful pendant from Strange the Jewellers in Wokingham, an enormous hamper especially for Christmas Day, children's books and a huge cuddly toy!

We also have all these prizes too:

- First Prize: 5 Class Pack, Grip Socks and a Trip Drink (worth £130)"
- Ascot race tickets
- Golf plex tickets
- Wokingham Super Bowl
- Jewellery from Strange the Jewellers
- Yoga vouchers
- Tennis voucher
- Just Play Sports Vouchers
- Spanish Club Voucher
- Windlesham Golf Club Voucher
- Honey B Beauty Products
- Fish and Chip Shop Vouchers
- Curry Take Away Vouchers



# **AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

### Stars of the week!

I love it when we have a non-uniform day as the school becomes full of colour and patterns and sequins! So here are some of our wonderfully unique children shining like the beautiful stars they are









### 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 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.

There is a new round of hardship alliance funding available: follow this link to see if you are eligible: Hardship Alliance launches next phase of Household Support Fund | Wokingham

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <a href="https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/">https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</a>

**Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher** 

# **Dates for your diary**





# **Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025**

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	WOW WEDNESDAY!	08.40 -
November		09.10am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Pantomime in School - Scroogical	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas DISCO!!!!!!! ROBIN & FOUNDATION 2	4.00 – 4.45pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas DISCO!!!!!!! YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2	5.00-6.00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Wednesday 10th	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	9.15am
December		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.00am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Choir to sing at West Oak Care Home	2.15pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.00am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the	
December	children)	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
December		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For	9.15am

December	Parents	2.15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day	2.10piii
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1	
Triday 19 December	hour early)	
Dates for 2026	Thou carry)	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Cinema Night (TBC)	4-5.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal	2. 100111
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Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	
February	Tidan Tollin	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Spring Term 2	
Thursday 19th March	Drama4all Workshop Day	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Break the rules day	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1	
	hour early)	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March –	Easter Holiday	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	
Thursday 14th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
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 Half Term	
May	May Hall Tollin	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School Closed - INSET	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Open – Start of Summer Term	
	2	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
12 <sup>th</sup> June		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
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	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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.