



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Monday Mail

Dear Walter Families,

Wow! What an week we have had! Our Christmas Fair was a huge success on Friday 29th November 2024 and due to your kind generosity, we have made over

£2,300

And not all the money has been accounted for yet, so we will let you know a final figure next week. This money is going to be spent on new equipment to enhance our playtimes, much of which will be chosen by the children, led by our wonderful school council. We will also be buying some new reading books for the children to enjoy!



We have never had Father Christmas at our school fair before, he loved visiting our school, he had a tour of every class with three wonderful Christmas Elves, Hamish,

Ava and Carter-Rose (who are all school councillors) and did an amazing job. I loved meeting Father Christmas, with Walter and he has already booked us in for next year! He thought the grotto was perfect (we all felt very proud)!



OFSTED

As you will be aware, we were visited by three OFSTED Inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Thank you to all of you who took the time to communicate with them via the link they shared and through Parentview. Thank you also to those of you who were able to speak with them at the start of the school day on Wednesday, they were very grateful for your support. Now, a final thank you for sending all your wonderful children to our school, the inspectors thought our children were amazing. They loved chatting with them about their learning, and how they felt about school, as well as observing them at work and at play. We will not be able to share the outcome of the inspection with you until the report comes through to us after the Christmas Holidays.

Nativities in School

Next week we will have our Year 1 Nativities; Beech at 2:20 pm on Tuesday, Larch at 2:20 pm on Wednesday and Oak at 2:20 pm on Thursday. Also on Thursday, in the morning we will have A Pantomime in School: Dick Whittington. It will be a very exciting morning, and for some of our children the first time they have ever seen a live performance!



Some of the residents from the care home across the road 'West Oak' will be coming, to see the Nativity on Tuesday, along with my own mum, who is a resident there now. It will be lovely for the older people to see our wonderful children; I know many of them already are very excited to be coming.

Excellent Work in School

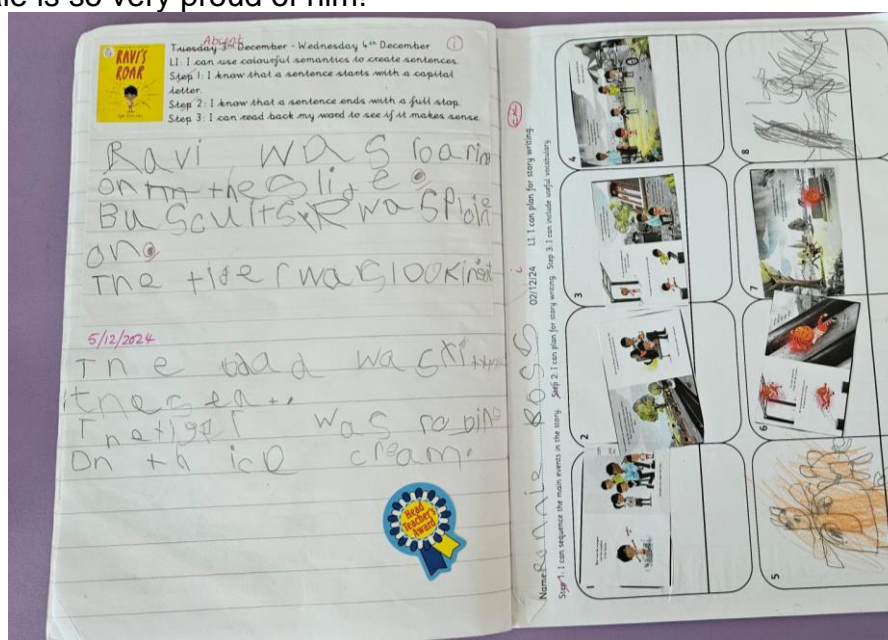
These wonderful Year 1 children came to show me their amazing work last week; we are all so impressed by the incredible progress they have made since joining Beech Class in September. Their progress is exceptional, they have certainly been the best they can be!



We have also seen fantastic work in Oak Class: I am so impressed by the progress made by these two hardworking boys!



Ronnie has been doing some simply amazing writing all by himself in Willow Class and Mr Dale is so very proud of him!



All these children were given a Headteacher's Award for trying their best!

Dressing the Tree

We invited the children to take part in dressing the tree again, which is a competition to design and produce a decoration to be placed on the Christmas Tree in Wokingham Town Centre. These children made the most amazing decorations and two of them went to the ceremony to dress the tree and they had the opportunity to meet the Mayor.



And here are the winners with the Mayor of Wokingham!



Upcoming Christmas Events

We have so many exciting events coming between now and the end of term which is on Friday 20th December, finishing 1 hour early so at 2:15 pm Foundation 2, 2:20 pm for Key Stage 1 and 2:30 pm for Robins. We return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025** (as Monday 6th January 2025 is an INSET Day).

Tuesday 10 th December @ 2.20 pm	Beech Class Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December @ 2.20 pm	Larch Class Nativity

Thursday 12 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime
Thursday 12 th December @ 2.20 pm	Oak Class Nativity
Friday 13 th December @ 9:10 am	Foundation Stage Singing Performance
Tuesday 17 th December @ 2:30pm	Year 2 Choir will be singing at West Oak
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 th December @ 2:15pm	Year 2 Christmas Extravaganza
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Parties ~ we will be providing all the food so there will be no need to bring anything to eat to school
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term (finishing one hour early)

I-Rock Concert

The I-Rock Concert was absolutely superb this term; I was amazed (as were all the audience) by the skills and confidence of the children. Well done all of you; you were fantastic!





Dancing Delilah

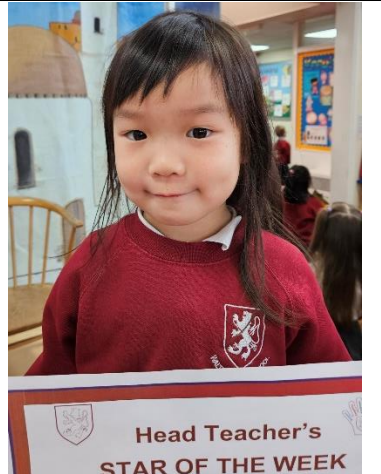
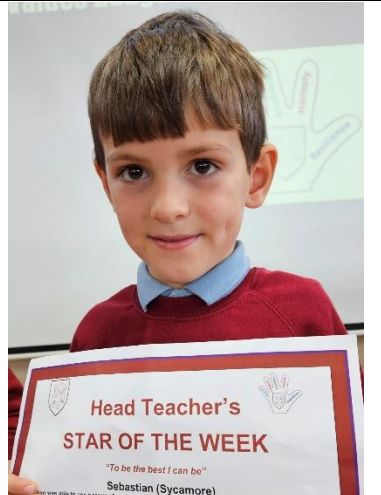
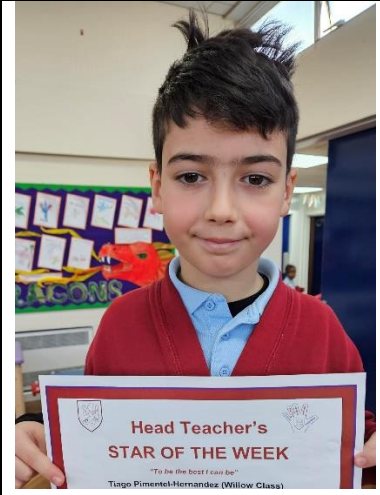
Delilah in Dove Class passed her dance exam with 'Distinction'. She attends a local dance school on Saturdays 'Starlet Dance School'.

We are very proud of you Delilah!



Stars of the Week

I am sharing with you 20 Star of the Week children this week as we did not send out a flyer last Friday. Many of these children were also awarded Values Badges simultaneously as they have shown so much resilience when learning and applying their skills. They can all do more, they know more and they can remember more!





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.

And finally, ...

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher