



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This week has flown by! It is so wonderful to see how settled all our classes are and how happy almost all the children are when coming into school each day. I am so proud of each and every one of them!

Fire Drill Practice

This morning we had our first fire drill of this academic year; the children were extremely sensible and listened carefully to all adult instructions. Some children did not like the sound of the alarm. They might mention this to you; the alarm is VERY loud. It was set off in St. Paul's at 9:45 am. The drill was completed within five minutes. We will have another drill before Christmas.

Kindness

Our value of the week has been kindness; this is a book that I shared with the children in assembly today. [Kind A book about kindness Read Aloud Children's Book](#)



Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you about "Bucket Fillers and Bucket Dippers"!

Kindness Leaves

These two children received Kindness Leaves in Foundation Stage!



There were four more leaves awarded by class teachers in Key Stage One: Ada, Ayla, Arla and Milo have been very kind since joining their new classes in September.



Mobile Phones on the Playground

Please do not use your phone on the school site. This is for safeguarding reasons as I do not know if cameras or recording applications are being used.



Snacks in the Playground

We pride ourselves on being a healthy school; we will be applying for re-accreditation in the near future. Please could you refrain from giving your child an after-school snack until you have left the playground. Today I saw enormous donuts, Freddo chocolate bars and Haribo sweets. Follow this link to discover more about a healthy diet for healthy teeth [Food-For-Teeth-Teacher-Resource.pdf](#). I know your children are hungry and deserve a treat at the end of the day, but please don't allow them to eat it in school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Healthy School

Census Day

The number of children who take a school meal on Census Day has an impact on our school funding; the more children that take a school meal on this day, the more funding the school receives.

Please order a school dinner for your children on Thursday 1st October. The menu will be Fish Fingers & Chips, Cheese & Bean Pasty & Chips or Jacket Potato with a choice of Toppings with Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin oranges for pudding.



Changes to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding September 2026

IS YOUR INCOME BELOW £7,400 A YEAR? If so you child is entitled to Targeted Free School Meals which includes Pupil Premium Funding which goes to our school.



Are you entitled?

All the children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, so often parents do not check to see if their child is eligible for Free School Meals until they join a junior school. However, there are benefits for children who are eligible for Free School Meals before Year 3! Children who are entitled to a Free School Meal are also entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, which can be used to support them in school (please see the benefits below). They are also entitled to free holiday clubs [Holiday activities and food programme 2025 to 2026 financial year - GOV.UK](#)

From September 2026, changes have been put in place for working parents:

What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

From September 2026, there will be two types of free school meal eligibility:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covers pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM, a new category covers pupils who are in households receiving Universal Credit, earning above £7,400.

- Children eligible for Targeted FSM will be entitled to other educational entitlements such as the [HAF programme](#) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance. Pupil Premium funding will be provided to schools based on children eligible for Targeted FSM.
- Children eligible for Expanded FSM will receive free school meals but will not be eligible for the additional support that children eligible for Targeted FSM are entitled to and will not attract pupil premium funding.

Universal Infant Free School meal policy

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to be entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meals policy regardless of family circumstances. [Schools should continue to encourage the parents of children in reception, year 1 and 2 to apply for free school meals.](#) If they are eligible for Targeted FSM, the children can benefit from the HAF programme and school travel assistance, and the school receives pupil premium funding.

End of transition protections

Since 2018, some children have continued to receive free school meals, even if their family circumstances changed during the rollout of Universal Credit. Now that entitlement for free school meals is being expanded to all families on Universal Credit, these protections will end.

This means:

Some children may no longer be eligible from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year if their family does not receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit

Eligibility will now be based on current benefit status

Pupil Premium

From September 2026, children who received free school meals during the transitional protection period will be considered an 'Ever6' child and will attract pupil premium funding for their school. This includes pupils who are no longer eligible for free school meals under the new system, or who are eligible for Expanded FSM. These pupils will remain part of the 'Ever6' cohort for 6 years.

From the 26/27 academic year, only children eligible for Targeted FSM will be included in the 'Ever6' category in future years. This means that children eligible for Expanded FSM who cease to be eligible in future years will not be considered 'Ever6' and will not attract pupil premium funding for their school.

New FSM claims

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM criteria. To ensure that those families can receive free meals from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, schools should:

- **promote awareness of the new FSM entitlement so families, including families using early years provision, know about support they might be able to receive**
- **begin accepting new FSM applications as soon as possible.**

This is the link for the form: <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/sites/schoolshub/files/2026-09/Free-school-meals-claim-form.pdf> Mrs Janes will be very happy to support any applications.

For more information, please follow this link: [Free school meals](#)

WOW Wednesday

We will have our first WOW Wednesday on 30th September 2026 at 8:40 am until 9:00. Please visit your children's classes to see how beautiful the classrooms are and how hard they have been working.

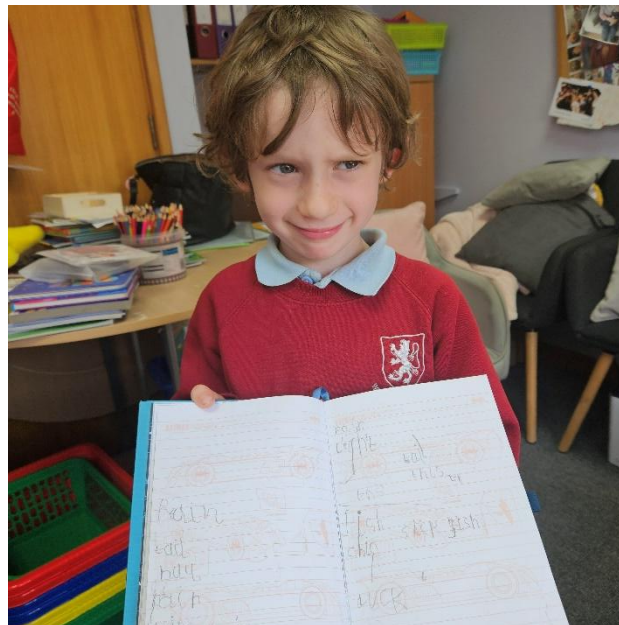
School Photographs

All our children will be having their individual photographs taken and family photographs if they have a sibling that attends our school on Tuesday 29th September 2026. Please can they come in their school uniform (no PE kits). Thank you.

Success inside and outside School



Lucas was star of the week in his gymnastics club, Ninja Knights!

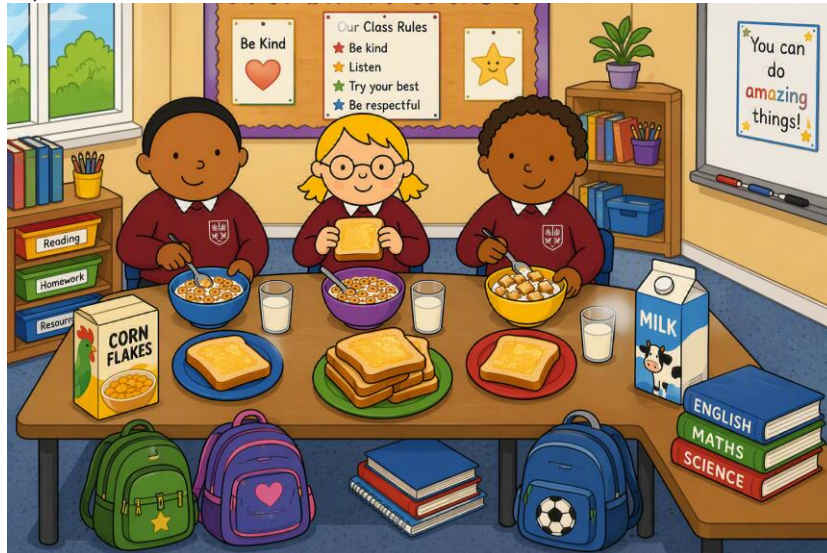


Eddie has been working so hard to improve his handwriting at home; he is getting really good!

If you would like to share exciting events with school to go in the flyer, please email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Wraparound Care at Walter Infant School and Nursery

All the children from Robin to Willow can come to our amazing Rise and Shine Breakfast Club; as well as older brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.



All our Rise and Shine staff have completed the relevant training in food safety so we are now able to provide breakfast for the children. We will be offering a variety of cereals, toast, crumpets, pancakes with a variety of different toppings. We will provide milk to drink and fresh fruit.

The menus will vary from day to day so that we can find out how popular the different options are. There will be no nut products.

The cost is £8.00 per session and will need to be booked at least one day prior to the day you require your child to attend. We will apply sibling reduction: 2 for £15.00 and 3 for £21.00.

Bookings are made via the school gateway

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> using your preferred email address and mobile telephone number.

Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provided after school care for all children from Nursery (Robin) until Year 4 (the children at St Paul's do not have to have a sibling in our school to attend Funtastic Kids). We are however, happy to have older siblings in Year 5 and Year 6. If you book a junior child onto Funtastic Kids, please can you inform the class teacher that they may sometimes be collected by Walter or Funtastic Kids staff members.



After School Club: Full Session

From 3:15pm – 6pm

£14.50 First child

£13.05 Extra siblings

[Book](#)

After School Club: Short Session (Early)

From 3:15pm – 4:30pm

£8.10 First child

£7.29 Extra siblings

[Book](#)

After School Club: Short Session (Late)

4:15pm – 6pm

£9.10 First child

£8.19 Extra siblings

[Book](#)

Additional Info

10% Sibling Discount!

Want to save another 20%? Sign up for Tax-Free Childcare. Check if you are eligible at: beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker

[View FAQs](#)

To book follow this link bookings@funtastickids.co.uk

Star of the Week!

Here are seven super stars of the week.





NHS Togetherness Programme for Wokingham Families

Togetherness is an NHS emotional health team provides online learning for parents, carers, families, and young people to support emotional wellbeing and preventative mental health in the UK.

More details can be found here – [Home - Togetherness](#) and here: [Free learning for wellbeing and relationships](#)

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/>

And Finally,
Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 29 th September	Individual Photographs	
Wednesday 30 th September	'WOW! Wednesday'	8.40am – 9.00am
Monday 5 th October – Monday 30 th October	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October – Tuesday 1 st December	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Foundation Stage – Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 9 th October	Wear something YELLOW to support World Mental Health Day	
Wednesday 14 th October	Flu Immunisation - Foundation Stage 2, Year 1, Year & The Zone	
Thursday 15 th October	Year 2 Legoland	
Thursday 15 th October	Foundation Stage 2 Reading Meeting for Parents	2.45pm
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival	
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Friday 23 rd October	Non-uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair	
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2 nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11 th November	'WOW! Wednesday'	3pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 12 th November	Diwali Dance Workshops	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'	
Friday 20 th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24 th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am

Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9am -10am
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11 th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4 th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 21 st January	Drama4all Workshops – ROAR!	
Tuesday 2 nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22 nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16 th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18 th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7 th June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 8 th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 6 th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 21 st 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.