

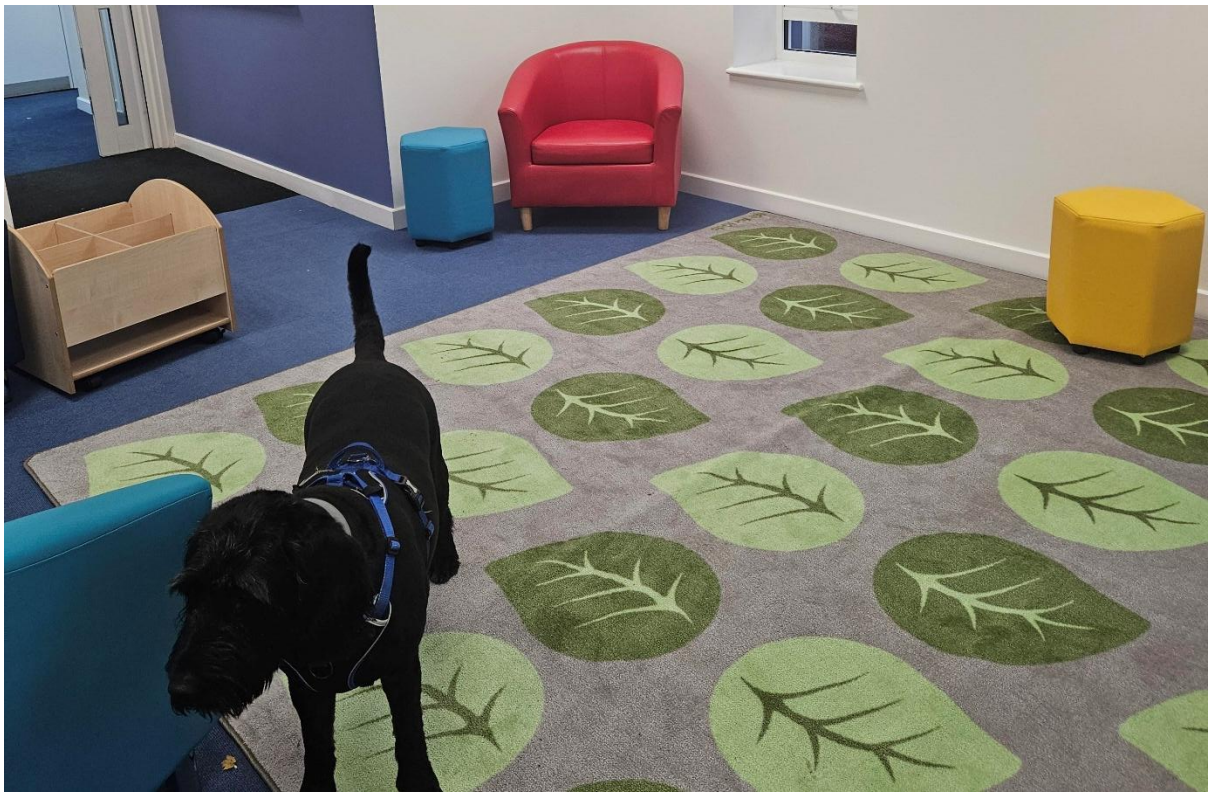
Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Wow! What a busy week and I am so excited that we can finally start using our wonderful new reception area. It is called The Transition Zone and is part of our Zone Development Project! It is a wonderful new safe space for our precious children. The children who are in The Zone Class will come into The Zone through the Transition Zone but it is also our new reception area for all our families. The new doors will open automatically but there is a button to press to release the doors for egress.





Poppies

The Year 2 School Councillors have loved selling poppies! Thank you to everyone who has supported them. We will continue selling them until Wednesday 11th November which is Remembrance Day. As a school we will be reflecting in silence at 11 o'clock in the hall before learning about the meaning of Remembrance Day. Thomas was very keen to support the British Legion by selling poppies. More photos to follow next week.



Wow Wednesday



We are inviting parents and carers to come into our school for Wow Wednesday to see all the amazing work your children have been doing and to look at the classrooms and the beautiful display boards. This will be on Wednesday 11th November at 3.00 pm. Please come along if you are able to.

The Christmas Fair

We are getting ready for our big fund raiser…The Christmas Fair, which is on Friday 27th November 2026 from 3.30 pm. We have become increasingly more reliant on fundraising to enhance and enrich the children's learning experiences and we are therefore going to be making a lot of request for support over the next few weeks. Please do not feel pressured to donate to every request as I know how expensive everything is and how difficult it can be to make ends meet. But, if you can help, we really do appreciate it very much.

Today, your children have brought home letters for Father Christmas; if they would like to, please help your child to write to Father Christmas. They will receive a personalised letter and a small treat in return.

On Friday 20th November, we are asking the children to come to school in their favourite clothes as a non-uniform day in return for a donation towards our chocolate tombola. This is very popular and always makes a lot of money. There are lots of offers on at the shops at the moment for Christmas Chocolate, so please donate if you can. If you are not able to donate, please send your child in their favourite clothes any way so they don't feel left out.


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The Walter Infant School Christmas Raffle

Your children also brought home 9 raffle tickets; they are £1.00 each. Please sell as many as you can to friends, neighbours and family. We have some excellent prizes already and we hope to receive many more donations.





Please support our wonderful school by buying and selling as many raffle tickets as you can for our world-famous Christmas Raffle!





Fill a Jar!

As some of you know, I am lucky enough to have four wonderful grandchildren! At my granddaughter's Christmas Fair last year, we were asked to fill a jar for the 'Fill a Jar' stall. Jars with lids (a jam jar or a coffee jar for example) are filled at home with things that children like. There were jars with Lego, jars with sweets. Some jars had hair bobbles and clips in them, some had crayons, one jar had beads and laces to make necklaces and bracelets. It was an extremely popular stall. The children paid £1, chose a number and selected the jar with that number. If you would like to fill a jar, please bring it in to school from the 23rd of November.



Rumble in the Jungle

The School Council will be running their usual fundraising stall, to find new homes for soft toys. These soft toys do need to be as good as new! If your children have some soft toys that don't get very much love, please offer them up for adoption. The school councillors love running this stall so please give generously and clear some space for some new toys that might be arriving at Christmas Time!



Friday 27th November 2026

On Friday 27th November (the day of the fair) we will have another non-uniform day in exchange for £2 which will be an entry fee to the fair for a whole family! More information will follow soon.

Children in Need

Next Friday is the Annual BBC Charity fundraiser for Children in Need. We will have a donation bucket, if you would like to donate some small change or you can donate directly to Children in Need on the BBC webpages. By the side of every child- BBC Children in Need

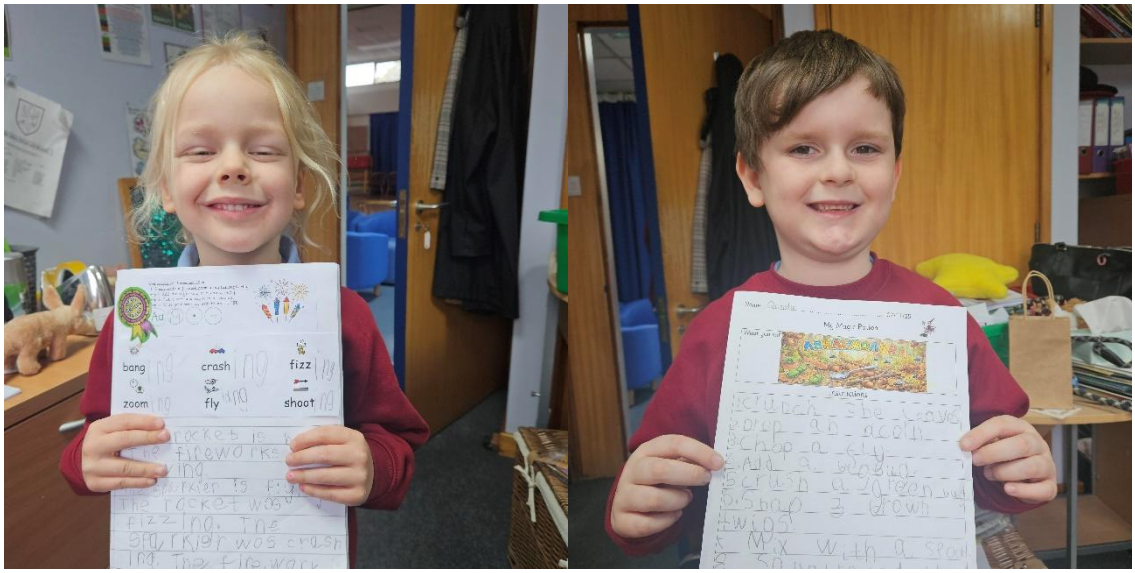


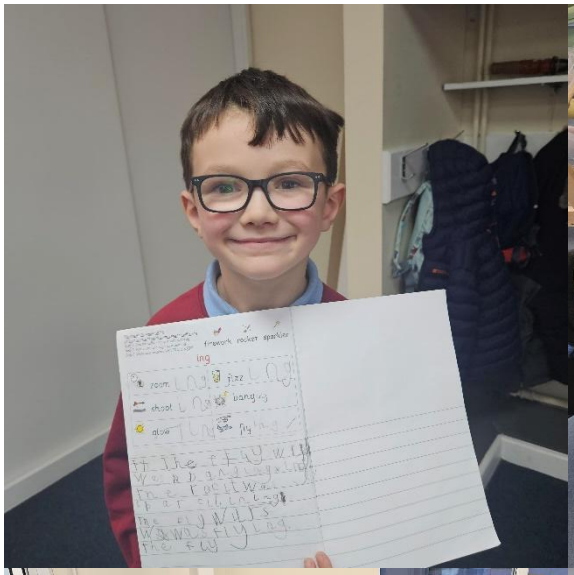
We are inviting the children to come to school in spots and dots and lots of bright colours. Please do not buy any thing new. You could decorate an old t-shirt or cover a sweatshirt in stickers! It is important for the children to learn about empathy and caring for and helping others as part of their Character Education Curriculum. I will be setting the children some challenges to achieve throughout the day!



What's been happening in School?

The children have been learning about the autumn festivals of light; Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes and Diwali. Here are some examples of the amazing work that has been taking place. Wilf, Quentin and Lucas all did the most amazing writing this week.




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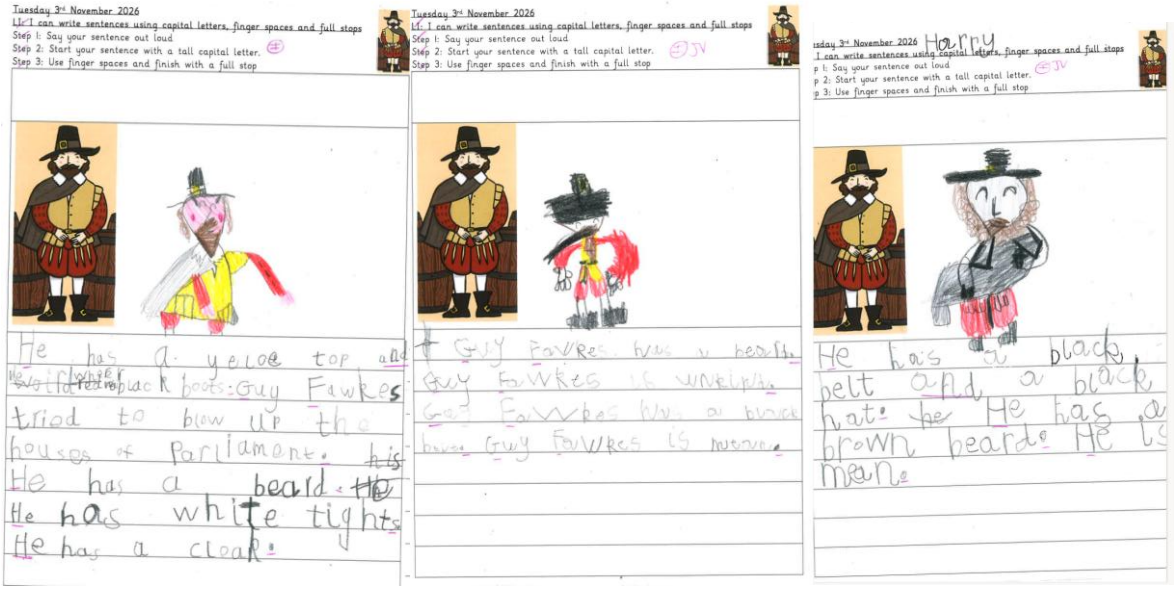







Rangoli
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Tuesday 3rd November 2026

LI: I can write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops

Step 1: Say your sentence out loud

Step 2: Start your sentence with a tall capital letter.

Step 3: Use finger spaces and finish with a full stop

He has a yeloe top and ~~he is wearing~~ black boots. Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the houses of Parliament. ~~his~~ He has a beard. ~~He~~ He has white tights. He has a cleak.

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

LI: I can write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops

Step 1: Say your sentence out loud

Step 2: Start your sentence with a tall capital letter.

Step 3: Use finger spaces and finish with a full stop

Guy Fawkes has a beard. Guy Fawkes is unhelpful. Guy Fawkes has a black hoose. Guy Fawkes is mean.

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 Harry

I can write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops

p 1: Say your sentence out loud

p 2: Start your sentence with a tall capital letter.

p 3: Use finger spaces and finish with a full stop

He has a black belt and a black hat. ~~the~~ He has a brown beard. He is mean.






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Our New Sensory Garden

You will have seen that the new sensory garden is being installed at the moment; this is so exciting and will enable all the children to learn about the seasons of the year which is part of the national curriculum for science. If you would like to donate spring bulbs for the children to plant when we open the garden after half term, we would love to receive them.



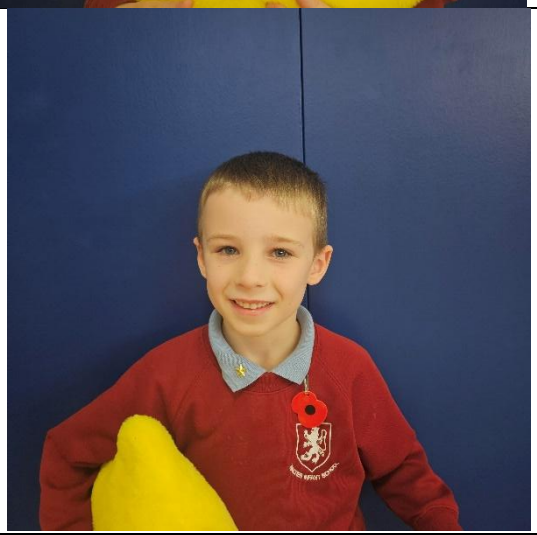
Stars of the Week

Here are our wonderful stars!











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.

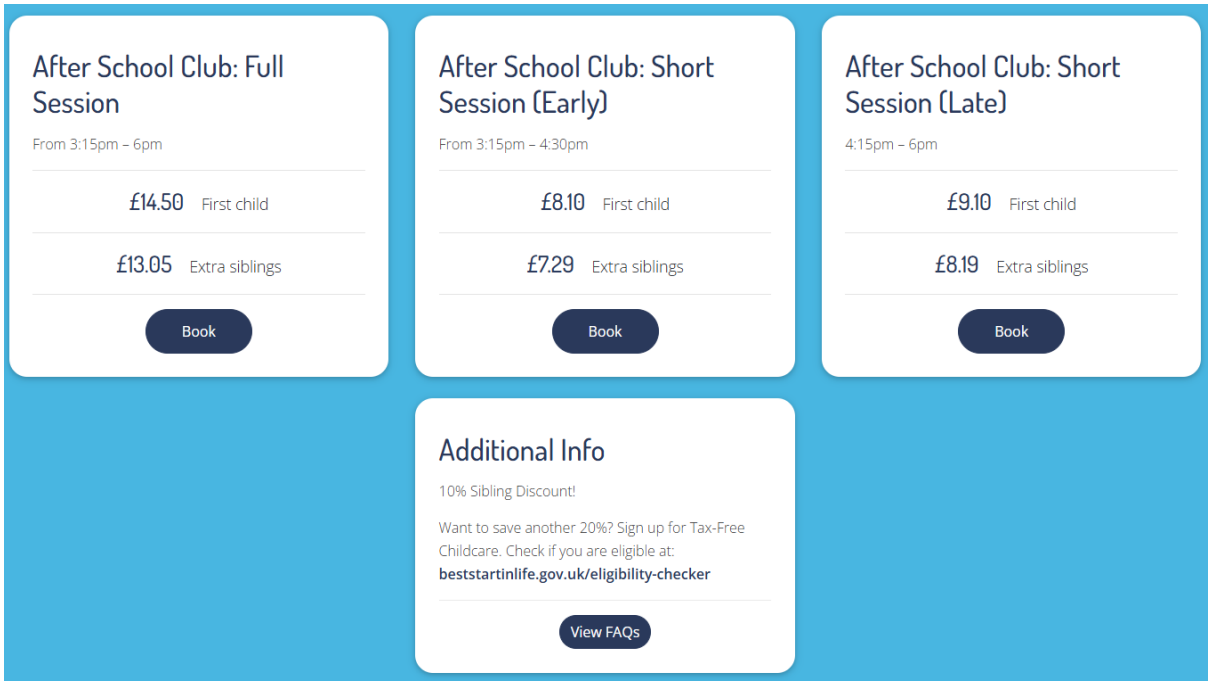
Bookings are made via the school gateway https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login using your preferred email address and mobile telephone number.



Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provided after school care for all children from Nursery (Robin) until **Year 6** (the children at St Paul's do not have to have a sibling in our school to attend Funtastic Kids). 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.





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

Information from Wokingham Borough Council

Free mental health counselling for Hong Kong BNOs and Ukrainians

The South East Migration Partnership has funded Hong Kong Aid and Phoenix Therapy Practice to provide free mental health counselling services to Hong Kong BNOs and Ukrainians (who are on the Homes for Ukraine or Ukraine Permission Extension routes), including for children and young people.

Please could colleagues publicise this service to Hong Kong and Ukrainian families in your school community. Information flyers can be downloaded at the links below:

Support for Hong Kongers – information in English and Traditional Chinese
Hong Kong support – FAQs in English
Hong Kong support – FAQs in Cantonese
Ukrainian support – in English
Ukrainian support – in Ukrainian
Ukrainian support – in Russian

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,

Please do not bring toys from home into school as they can get lost or broken. We have hundreds and hundreds of toys for the children to play with. Some children do have special permission to bring a toy to school, but otherwise please leave all toys at home. Thank you

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11th November	'WOW! Wednesday'	3pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 12th November	Diwali Dance Workshops	
Friday 13th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'	
Friday 20th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27th November	Non uniform Day - In return for a £2 donation to the Christmas Fair	
Friday 27th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am
Tuesday 8th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9.15am -10am
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 10th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Disco – Robin, Dove & Magpie	3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Disco – Year 1 & Year 2	4.45pm – 5.45pm
Thursday 17th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Thursday 17th December	PTA Christmas Bake & Craft Sale	3.15pm
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 21st January	Drama4all Workshops – ROAR!	
Tuesday 2nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am

Friday 12th February	PTA Love Bake Sale	3.15pm
Friday 12th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 19th March	Break The Rules Day	
Monday 22nd March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 24th March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Thursday 25th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29th March – Friday 9th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Tuesday 25th May	Foundation Stage 2 – Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 25th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 26th May	PTA Pride Bake Sale	3.15pm
Wednesday 26th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 28th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7th June	**School Closed – INSET**	
Tuesday 8th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Friday 18th June	PTA Summer Fair	3.15pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 6th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Wednesday 14th July	PTA - Year 2 Leavers Disco	4pm – 6pm
Friday 16th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19th July	**School Closed – INSET**	
Tuesday 20th July	**School Closed – INSET**	
Wednesday 21st 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.