



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Today, we had our autumn Governor Day; it was a great day and we were very proud to show our Governor's Walter Infant School and Nursery in action!

Parked Cars on Oxford Road

I have received a large number of complaints from parents, staff and neighbours about the traffic jams along Oxford Road, due to the cars parking on the single yellow lines. The traffic is queueing all the way along the Reading Road, because of the diversions in place due to the roadworks at Tesco. Please can I ask politely that until the roadworks are finished, could parents please refrain from parking on the Oxford Road.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week; we would love the children to acknowledge just how amazing it is to be themselves, as individuals and that being different is a super power. So, to celebrate how amazing it is to be unique we would love the children to come to school wearing odd socks! This is part of the initiative to teach children about bullying behaviour from the Anti-Bullying Alliance!



[Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](#)



Children in Need

Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day. We would like the children to come to school in bright colours patterns, including spots if your child has some spotty clothes! We will be challenging the children to join in with the theme for this year which is 25!



The theme for Children in Need 2025 is “Challenge Yourself to 25,” encouraging individuals and communities to take on challenges based on the number 25 to raise funds for disadvantaged children.

Overview of the Theme

The “Challenge Yourself to 25” theme invites participants to engage in various challenges that revolve around the number 25. This could include activities such as:

- Completing **25 acts of kindness**.
- Reading for **25 minutes**.
- Undertaking **25 creative tasks**.

We will select some activities for the children to complete in school with their friends; can you throw and catch the ball 25 times.



Poppies

Our School Councillor's in Year 2 have been selling poppies and other items to raise money for the Royal British Legion; the children in Year 2 have been learning so much about World War One and the sacrifices made by all the soldiers in 1914 to 1918. All the children have attended an assembly today led by Miss Palmer, finding out why we sell poppies for Remembrance Day. On Tuesday 11th November, Miss Veale will be leading a BBC Assembly on Remembrance for the children and we will be observing a moment's silence at 11 o'clock to show respect and empathy.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>



In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





Bonfire Night

It is so hard to believe that Bonfire Night is already passed; I am sure many of you may be having firework celebrations over the weekend. Please be mindful of the Firework Code and of course all your pets, who may be frightened. Walter doesn't mind them at all, but I was searching late into the night on Wednesday for one of my cats who had been frightened and disappeared for quite some time, which was extremely worrying.

Our Firework Code

NEVER play with or throw fireworks
They are explosive and can hurt you

ONLY adults should light or hold fireworks

WHEN you are watching fireworks, stand well back

NEVER go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode

If you have a pet, make sure it is safely indoors as
fireworks might frighten it or make them run off

If you are given a sparkler

ALWAYS wear gloves

HOLD the sparkler away from your body
and don't wave it around. You could burn
yourself or somebody else

WHEN your sparkler goes out,
don't touch it. It could still
burn you

NEVER give sparklers to
a child under five



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Our Year 1 children have been learning all about The Gun Powder Plot in history and have learned some amazing facts...why not ask your child what they know about Guy Fawkes?

Reindeer in School

One of my favourite days in the school calendar is the day the reindeer come to school! I am so excited to announce that they will be coming on Monday 17th November 2025 for a whole day! Every child will be able to meet the reindeer and find out so many interesting facts about them. They will have the opportunity to ask questions, a favourite is always "How do they fly?" This event is paid for with the money that the PTA raise for us each year. Please support our PTA by joining in and possibly agreeing to be our new chair, if we can't recruit a chair person, we can't continue to have a PTA!



Father Christmas is Coming to School!!!

Amazingly, we have been able to arrange for Father Christmas to come to our school fair on Friday 28th 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.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

On Wednesday 17th 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!



Save the Children®

Christmas Jumper Day



Black History Month and Wokingham Borough Council

As you all know, from the amazing photographs and examples of the children's work I shared with you before half-term, October was Black History Month. Wokingham Borough Council visited the schools in Wokingham who were taking part and three of our wonderful children have been featured in an article. We are so proud that we were one of the school's taking part in such an important event.



For more information, follow this link:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news/2025/wokingham-borough-celebrates-black-history-month>

Wokingham Food Bank Collection

Wokingham Food Bank have thanked us for all your donations; they collected 179.8 KGs of products from our school. This is definitely the most we have ever donated

and we stocked up Walter's Pantry as well! Thank you so very much for being the most amazing school community EVER!



Celebrations in and out of School

We think Delilah found the biggest leaf in Wokingham in our school garden this week; it is bigger than her head!

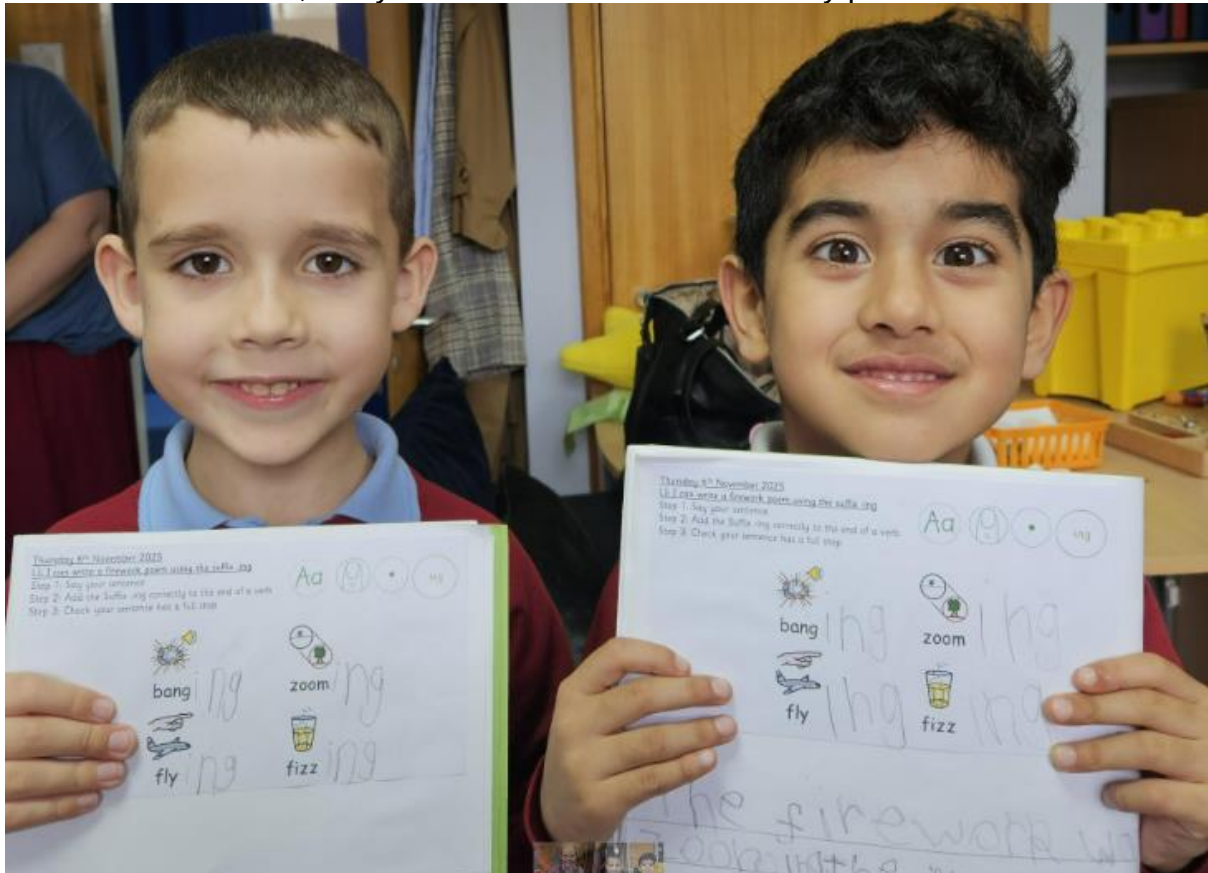


Wow! Finley looked very smart when he attended a wedding recently in his very smart suit.



Emma did her very first Park Run at Dinton Pastures running 2km with lots of support and high fives from well wishers.

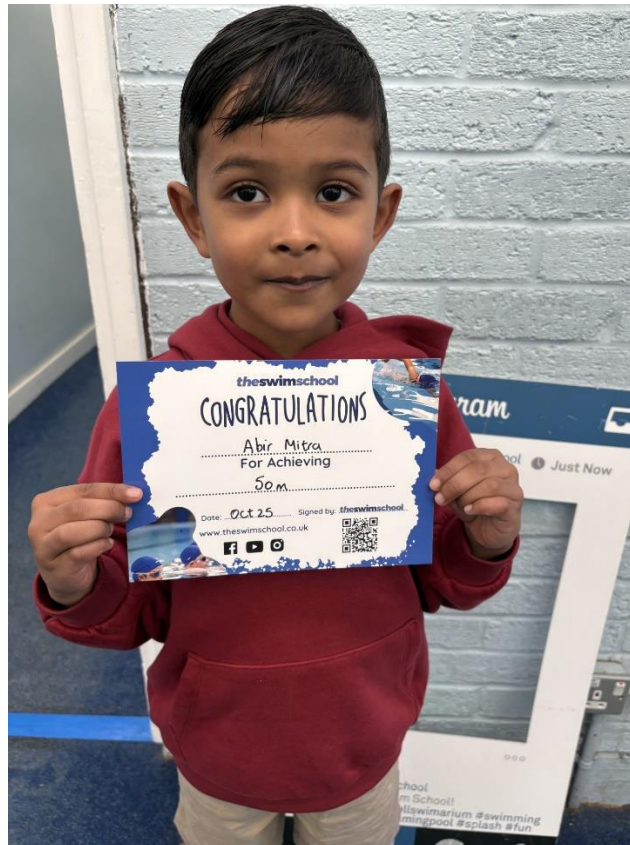
Julian and Jaivan did their BEST EVER writing this week, using the word ending 'ing' to describe fireworks, all by themselves. We are extremely proud of them!



Olivia would love to share with everyone that she did her Scout's promise and officially became a squirrel. Well done Olivia, we are all so proud of you!



Abir has now earned his 50m swimming certificate. He has shown so much resilience and perseverance. Well done Abir.



Parenting in the Digital World

Mrs Bell has organised a live online safety presentation for parents and carers to join from home. Please remember to log on and learn about the risks children can fall foul of on line.



To allow you to help your young people navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on 19.11.25 at 7pm (On Zoom).

Raffle Prizes

Thank you so much for the amazing raffle prizes we have already received; it is so exciting. If you or your family, or company can donate a prize, we would be so grateful. We would be very happy to advertise companies who donate in the flyer.

We have so many more prizes; Ascot Tickets, Golf Lessons, Golf Plex Adventure Golf, Pantomime Tickets from Stageability, Wokingham Superbowl tickets and many, many

more wonderful things. Please keep donating, we need as many exciting prizes as we can.

Stars of the week!

Here are our wonderful stars, you might notice that one of our stars has three pictures in this flyer!



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 provide 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 <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025

Date	Event	Time
Monday 10 th November	ODD SOCKS DAY!	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day	
Monday 17 th November	Reindeer visit	
Wednesday 19th November	'Parenting in the Digital World'. Online Webinar for Parents. Further information and Zoom link to be shared	7pm – 8.30pm
Friday 21 st November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair donations	
Wednesday 26th November	WOW WEDNESDAY!	08.40 – 09.10am
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	Pantomime in School - Scroogical	
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 Nativity – For Parents	2.15pm
Friday 12 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.00am
Friday 12th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9.00am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day	
Wednesday 17 th December	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2.15pm
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Dates for 2026		
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 5 th February	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 6 th February	PTA Cinema Night (TBC)	4-5.30pm
Wednesday 11 th February	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 12 th February	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 13 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	Start of Spring Term 2	

Thursday 19 th March	Drama4all Workshop Day	
Friday 27 th March	PTA Break the rules day	
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 4 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 21 st May	Oak Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 22 nd May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	May Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 14 th July	PTA Year 2 Leavers Disco	4-6pm
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 22 nd 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.