



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Kindness Leaves

Today we awarded our kindness leaves to the children chosen by their class teacher for being kind in and out of class; why not ask your child if they received one!



Scooter Training in Year 1

Tuesday was a very busy day in school, especially as 90 Year 1 children were learning to ride their scooters in the playground. I would like to say a very special thank you to our Learning Support Assistants who made it all possible, as we did not

have any Year 1 teachers teaching their classes! Thanks to them, the children had a wonderful time learning how to scoot sensibly.





The Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Book Fair; we have been able to buy a wonderful collection of additional books including these which were the ones

£1159.80

selected by the school council. We took £1159.80, which I think is the most we have ever made from one fair! That means we will be able to buy lots more books from the website as well. I will let you know what we choose.





Astra Recycling Collection

We had our first collection this week and it was over flowing; Thank you to all who donated and please keep it up. We will let you know how much we have made in our first month as soon as we know.



Amazing Work in School

Gus kindly tested out my new Snap Robots; I was very impressed with his construction skills and I know that many other children will enjoy using these new toys.



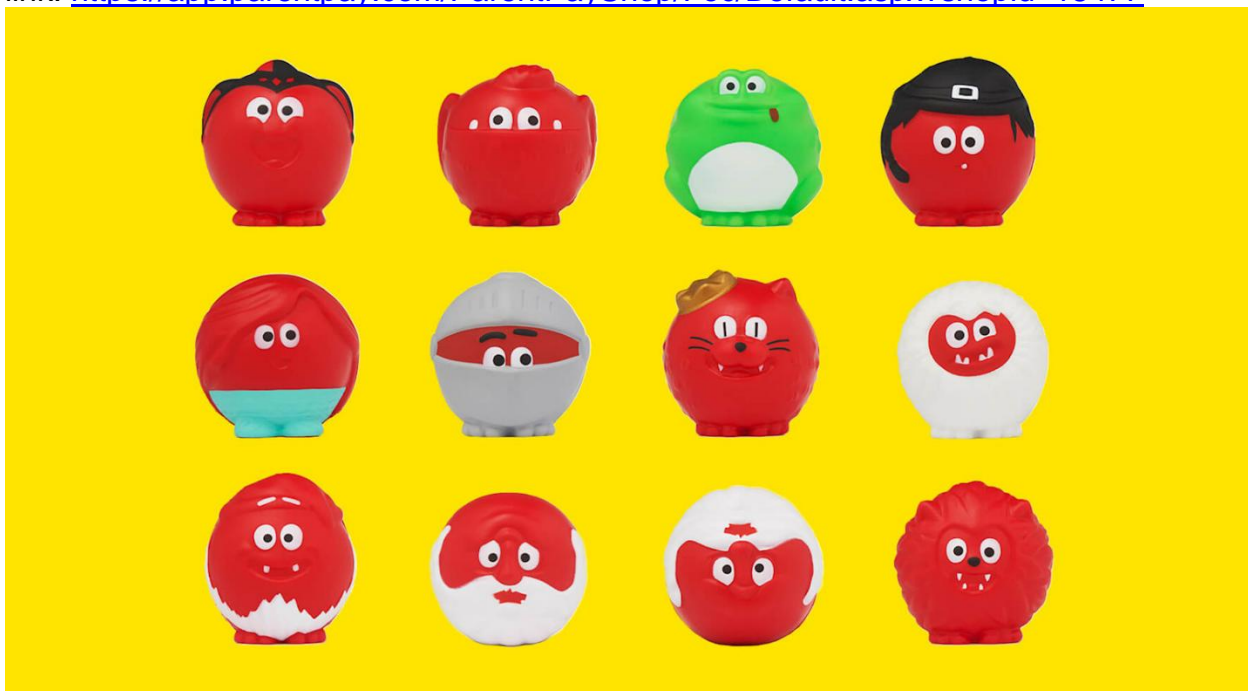
Thank you to the PTA for the Candy Floss Stall!

Thank you so much to our amazing PTA who made 100 sticks of candy floss! They made **£150!** No wonder the queue was so long.



Red Nose Day

The children who represent Year 2 in the School Council will be asked if they would like to sell red noses at the end of the school day from Tuesday 18th March; we will contact the parents on Monday for permission. This will be very exciting for them. On Friday 21st March, we are inviting the children to come to school wearing something red (they do not need to wear school uniform on that day). If you would like to make a donation to Red Nose Day on behalf of the school, please follow this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18477>



Chocolate Tombola

Please bring your donations for the chocolate tombola from Monday 24th March (we will hide them so the staff don't eat them)! We will be holding the Tombola on Thursday 27th at 3:15 pm either in the playground or the hall. If the children make a donation they can come to school in their favourite clothes (even dress up) as long

as it is safe to play in and warm enough, on **Thursday 27th March.**



Parent Consultations

Please ensure you have booked your appointment for a parent consultation on Wednesday 26th March from 3:30 pm or Friday 28th March from 8:30 am. We will have a creche on the Friday but not on the Wednesday.

PLEASE REMEMBER FRIDAY 28TH MARCH IS AN INSET DAY AND THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO THE CHILDREN.

Outside Play

I was delighted to see some more of our new outside play equipment in use on Thursday as the children sat and played picnics with the new mats and picnic sets! Luckily before the hailstones came for the second day in a row.



Household Support Fund can help you, time is running out to apply...

There's more than **£500,000** available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

The Household Support Fund has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply. Apply now:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>

Stars of the Week

Here are our fantastic stars of the week! Mrs McDonough awarded the Star of the Week Certificates this week so I am delighted to find out who they are! Well done everyone! I am very proud of you!





Spring Discos at Walter

The PTA will be holding three discos in the last week of term! On Wednesday the 2nd April we will have two discos: from 4 pm to 5pm we will have a disco in the hall for Year 1 children and from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm we will have a disco in the hall for Year 2.



On Thursday 3rd April we will have a disco in the hall for all our Foundation Stage children in Dove, Magpie, Woodpecker and Robin from 4pm to 5pm. We ask that any child attending from Robin Class has an adult family member with them as it might be a very new experience and we do not want the children to feel scared.

More information will follow soon.

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 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 of 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.

Songs for this term

This term we are learning 'Morning has Broken' and 'He's Got the Whole World in his Hands' (along with Makaton Signing) to celebrate Spring and the beautiful world around us! We are also listening to Vivaldi's Spring Concerto from The Four Seasons.

And finally,

If you would like to share any news, please contact me on...
admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
 Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Class Photographs	
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day	
Friday 21 st March 2025	iRock Concert	2.30pm
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	School Council – Chocolate Tombola	3.25pm
Friday 28 th March 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Friday 28 th March	Parent Consultations	9.00am – 1pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 Disco	4-5pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 2 Disco	5.15 – 6.15pm

Thursday 3 rd April	FS1 & FS2 School Disco	4 -5pm
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term (Finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bunny & Easter Cake Sale	2.15pm

Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.