



# Walter Infant School and Nursery

## Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

### **Well-being Week: Belonging**

This week has been national Children's Well-being week and we have been learning about feelings and naming our emotions. The week culminated in our assembly today, when we had the most amazing (impromptu) concert in the hall, when the Year 2 children shared their incredible singing skills, for all the school. It was wonderful and extremely emotional, as all the adults were moved to tears, laughter and the most incredible sense of pride. We all acknowledged what a wonderful sense of belonging we have as Walter Infant School and Nursery. Mrs Bell took some wonderful photographs of the Year 2 Teams sharing their skills together. We all sang 'This is me' together and it was spectacular! We celebrated our stars, congratulated our children receiving their values badges and then sang 'If I were a butterfly' which is a song that fills our school with so much laughter.







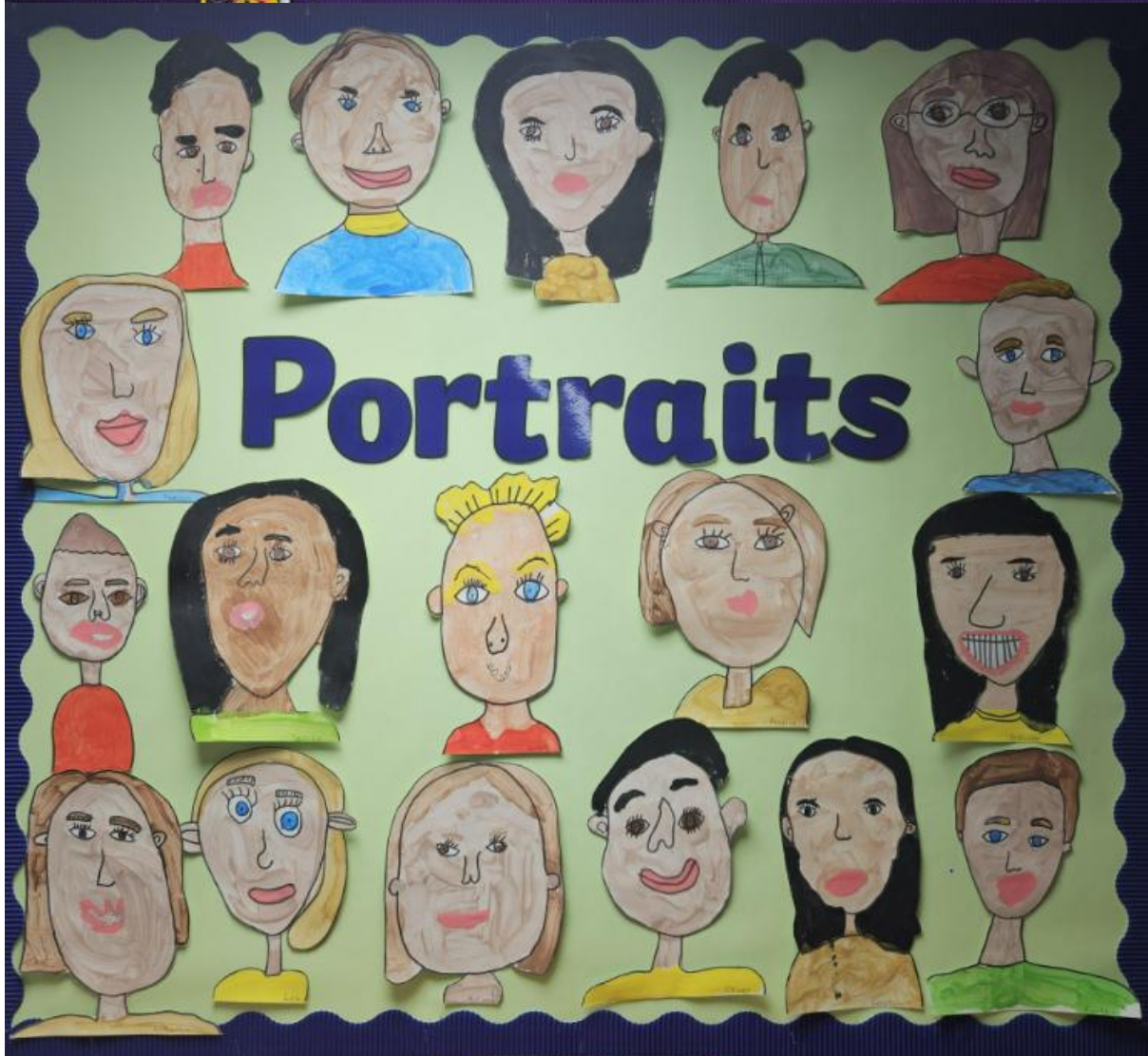


EVERY child in Year 2 took part, the photographs are candid but each one shows the bravery of every child to come to the front of the hall and celebrate with their peers.

Here are some beautiful displays in school, the classrooms look wonderful!

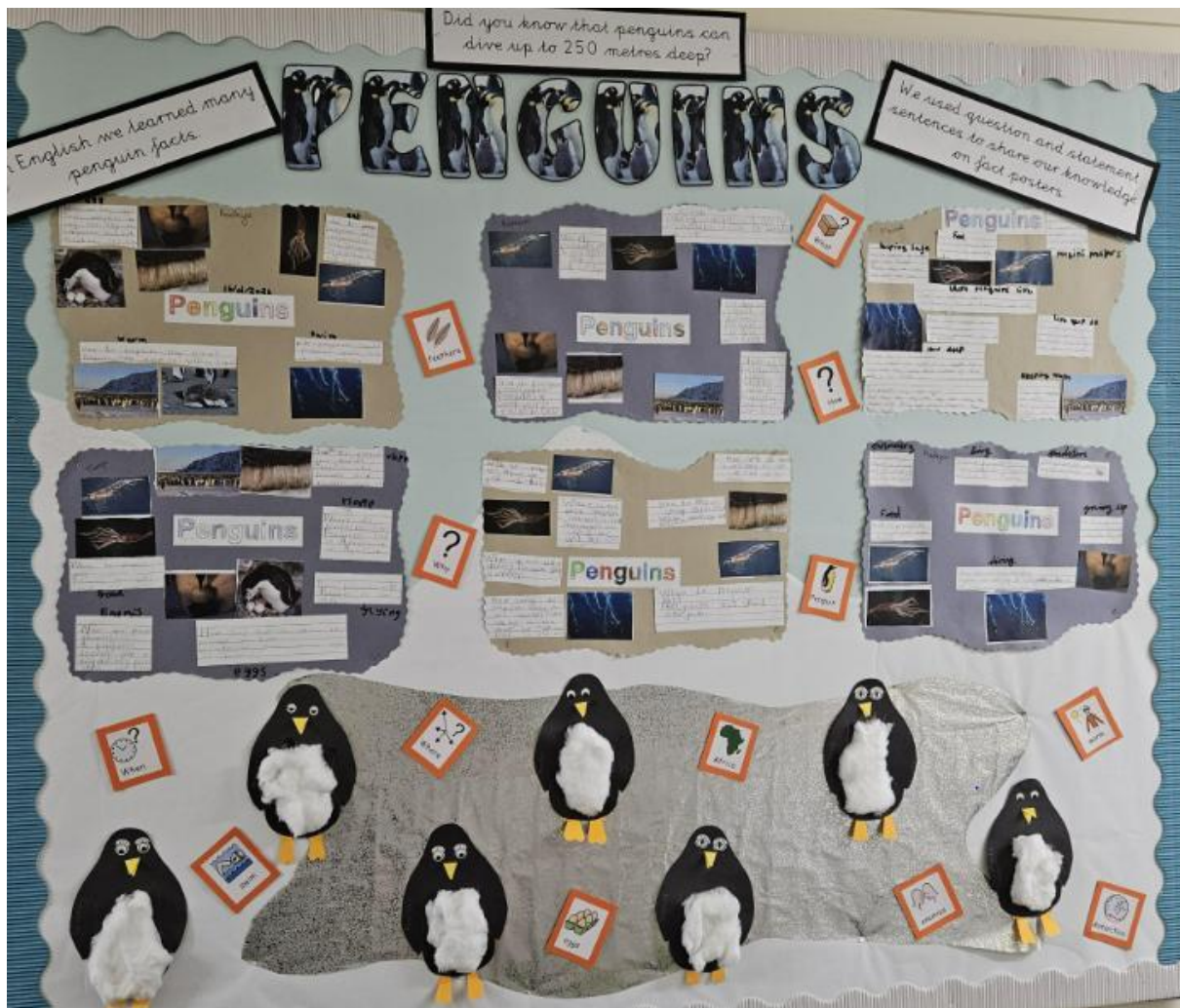
















## Lunar New Year












All our children have brought home a red envelope and a chocolate coin to recognise and share in the festivities of the Lunar New Year, or Spring New Year! We would like to wish many families within our community a very happy new year.



The Chinese New Year in 2026 will usher in the Year of the Horse, beginning on February 17, 2026, and symbolizing intense energy, passion, independence, and a drive for success, following the Snake year. People born in this year (like 1990,

2002, 2014) are associated with the Horse's adventurous and energetic traits, but the Fire element adds a dynamic and powerful layer, making it a significant year for transformation and achievement.

Use this table to find out which animal you are!

Zodiac Sign	Zodiac Year
<b>Rat</b> 	1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020
<b>Ox</b> 	1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021
<b>Tiger</b> 	1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022
<b>Rabbit</b> 	1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023
<b>Dragon</b> 	1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024
<b>Snake</b> 	1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025
<b>Horse</b> 	1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026
<b>Goat</b> 	1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027
<b>Monkey</b> 	1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028
<b>Rooster</b> 	1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029
<b>Dog</b> 	1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030
<b>Pig</b> 	1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031

I am a rabbit!

### Year Two Class Assemblies

It was an absolute joy to watch the children in Sycamore, Pine and Willow share their learning with the families during their class assemblies. I was so proud. They were so brave to stand in front of such a large audience and sing, dance, read their poems, share their knowledge, show their skills...it was quite literally AWESOME! Here are a few pictures of our amazing children!













### Ramadan

As Ramadan begins, I would like to send my warmest wishes to all our children, families and staff observing. May this month be filled with kindness, patience and unity across our school community. We are all wishing everyone in our school community a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.



### Stars of the Week

What a wonderful bunch of come as you are Stars we have this week; sadly one of our shining stars was poorly, but I have included a picture of her taken in her class assembly, and we will save her golden star and certificate until after half term.



### **PTA Cake Sale**

Thank you for supporting our PTA, especially our new Chair; at the Bake Sale last week you helped us to raise £150 for our children; this is so much appreciated and will be put to very good use. It would be so wonderful if more of our parents (or grandparents) could join this wonderful group of people, who work so hard, giving up their time, sharing ideas, raising money that it so much needed to enhance our curriculum.





### **Please join our Governors!**

#### **Become a School Governor**

We still have vacancies for Parent Governors. As a Governor you will help set the strategic direction of the school, monitor performance, and ensure accountability, working alongside senior leaders to provide the best education for our children. Meetings take place each term via Teams to help make it more convenient for Governors to attend.

We are looking for individuals with experience in HR, Finance, Legal, Building & Planning and Education. If you have other skills that you believe could be helpful to the Governing Body please do still get in touch.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role.

Interested? For more information please contact Natalie Simpson at [clerk@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@walter.wokingham.sch.uk). Natalie Simpson: Clerk to the Governors

### **Funtastic Kids**

Funtastic Kids will be starting at our school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.



## Wrap Around Care at Walter Infants!

Funtastic Kids is excited to be providing  
nurturing and dependable childcare at  
Walter Infant School.

Opening February 2026!



### After School Club

**Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 4:30pm**  
£7.80, includes a healthy snack.

**Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 6pm**  
£14, includes a healthy snack plus  
a light afternoon tea.

**Monday - Friday, 4:15pm - 6pm**  
£8.75, includes a light afternoon tea



Open to all children who attend  
Walter Infant School from Nursery  
(age 3) to Year 2.

We are an Ofsted Early Years Childcare  
Provider and accept Childcare Vouchers.

Activities provided include arts, crafts,  
sports, games, and outdoor play!

10% Sibling Discount.



Follow us on social media for updates of what we get up to at our clubs!



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You can start booking your spaces by the following the links. This is very exciting as it will make a huge difference in cost for our parents and they come very strongly recommended. You will notice that it is also open to Robin children (please phone to book a Robin on due to staff/child ratio). There will be no children in the club older than 7 so it will be a lovely, gentle fun environment for our very young children.

### 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

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. 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 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,

Enjoy the predicted sunshine on Saturday and have a wonderful half-term break.

### Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



### Calendar Dates for Parents 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Spring Term 2	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Bedtime Stories	Children invited to wear their pyjamas
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Day	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day in return for Chocolate Donations for the School Council Chocolate Tombola	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Robin & Foundation Stage 2 PTA Disco Year 1 & Year 2 PTA Disco	4pm – 4.45pm 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama4all Workshop Day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	iRock Concert for Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	FS2 Height & Weight Check	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	'WOW' Wednesday	3.00pm – 3.20pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council: Chocolate Tombola	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Break the rules day	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School Closed – Bank Holiday</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Oak Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>School Closed – INSET</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 2 Leavers Disco	4-6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School Closed – INSET</b>	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>School Closed – INSET</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>School Closed – INSET</b>	

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