



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Thank you for queuing up in the hot sun to buy ice creams on Frozen Friday, the PTA are delighted to announce that they made £225! That will go towards more exciting extras for your wonderful children.

I am aware that many schools send out monthly newsletters, or even termly, and that I send out a really long flyer every week! There is always so much to share, but perhaps you don't have time to read all the way down to the end! At the end of every newsletter, is the information needed to apply for Pupil Premium Funding, if you receive benefits (apart from child benefit); you may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding and/or free school meals. I know all our children from Reception to Year 2 already receive Universal Free School Meals, but this does not continue when they move to Year 3. Please read the information at the end of the flyer, to see if you might be eligible, if you are, we can help with uniform, school trips, extra-curricular activities and clubs, the money does come to the school, not you personally, but once awarded, remains in place for 6 years! It helps your children and all the other children in school too. Please have a look and then speak to Mrs Janes in the school office to find out how to apply.

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine; we are having a wonderful time in school! Larch Class took all their learning outside in the shade! And they had ice pops to celebrate doing so well in their phonics screening checks! Thank you so much Mrs Ullah!







Walter loved joining in too!



They also did some superb handwriting practice! Well done Larch.

Picker Pals

We have been engaging in the Picker Pals Project; some of the children in Year 2 have been selected to be Picker Pals, collecting rubbish around the area within which they live. Mason and his older brother filled up their home bin, because they collected so much litter. The local residents and shopkeepers were delighted. I am hopeful that we will be able to extend the project.



The Swarm!

We were visited by a small swarm of bees (although a small swarm is up to 10,000 bees). Mrs Girling saw them flying over her garden at the weekend, Mrs Holliday sent a picture of them settled on a beam in Bunbury Close!



Mrs Hemmings had noticed quite a few bees buzzing around on Monday (more than we usually see) but there was no sign of the swarm. Fortunately, Mr Fennell's eagle eyes saw them and he quickly called for the Bee Emergency Services! They were all safely removed and no one was stung!



The Summer Fair 2025

Only a week and a day to go; the boards from Michael Hardy are starting to spring up (they were later than expected due to a printing problem) but they are here now! Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up so far, we are feeling much more confident about being able to go ahead! There are still some spaces that need filling, so please check out the link and sign up, even just for half an hour. We would be so grateful. Please follow this link:

<https://volunteersignup.org/C7BKX>

Miss Leonard is in the process of buying hundreds of new guided reading books for the children using the money that has been raised through our fundraising events. I am hopeful that we will be able to raise enough money for all the plans we have to enhance your children's experience at school.

Raffle Tickets

Your children brought home some raffle tickets to sell; please sell as many as you are able to as this is usually the biggest money maker for us in the summer. We already have some amazing prizes, but if you or your company or family have a prize they are able to donate, it would be fantastic and we would be very grateful.

Perhaps you could donate a hair salon voucher or a nail voucher. Perhaps an electrical appliance, or brand-new game or toy! Anything brand new would be very much appreciated.



We can announce that our top raffle prize is 4 Disney Land Paris Tickets!
You've got to be in it to win it!



**Wednesday 25th June 2025 will be a
NON-UNIFORM DAY!**



You can come to school wearing your favourite clothes with sensible shoes, that you can run and play in if you bring to school some sweets or a bottle for the tombola at the summer fair on Wednesday 25th June.

These classes are being asked to bring in a bottle:

Pine, Sycamore, Willow, Oak and Beech!

The bottle must not be open or out of date, but can be a bottle of anything at all, wine, gin, vodka, prosecco, beer or a pack of beer, squash, bubble bath, non-alcoholic wine, hot sauce literally anything that comes in a bottle (maybe not milk or water 😊).



These classes are being asked to bring in sweets:

Larch, Magpie, Woodpecker, Dove and Robin!

Please can these be nut free (as we are a no nuts school), unopened and in date. Sweets and chocolates that will appeal to adults, children or both are very much appreciated. If you want to make up sweet bags or sweet cones, we would love those too!



The School Council Soft Toy Sale

The School Council are very excited about running their very popular Soft Toy Sale; an opportunity for soft toys in excellent condition to find a new loving home. We welcome any sort of soft toy, small, medium, big or gigantic! Please can you make sure they are lovely and clean and ready for their first hug from their new owner!



Please start bringing in your donations on Monday 23rd June to your Class Teacher. Thank you so much.

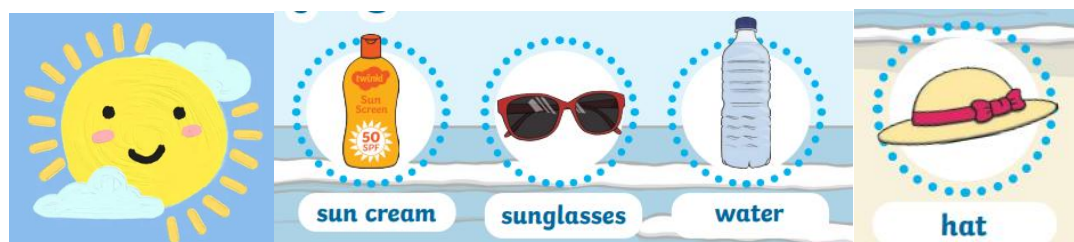
There will also be a cake sale!

If you are a keen baker, we would love you to bake for the Summer Fair! The cakes will of course need to be nut free! You will have seen some information from the PTA about cakes. We would love any sort of cake, big cakes, muffins, fairy cakes, flap jacks, cookies, short cake, carrot cake (no walnuts), Victoria Sponges, banana cake, and if you don't bake, shop bought cake is fab too! Please bring the cakes on Friday 27th June or in the morning of the fair.

I realise that we are asking you to do so much; please only donate as much as you are able to, there is NO pressure from us (even though it might feel like it)! As funding for schools becomes less and less, and everything we need costs more and more, we rely on fundraising to enhance our environment and our curriculum offer, such as the reindeer coming to school and the farm coming to school, for maypole dancing and African drumming. The more we can raise, the more memorable and exciting our school can be for your children.

Summer Weather

Please can I ask that you ensure your child is wearing long, lasting sun protection on their arms, face and legs, as well as suitable summer clothing. They will need sun hats and can bring sun glasses. They will need a water bottle in school. Please ensure that everything has their name on. Please do not put sun screen in their bags as there is a risk of it being ingested. If you are worried about your child's exposure to the sun, you can come into school in the middle of the day to apply sun screen!



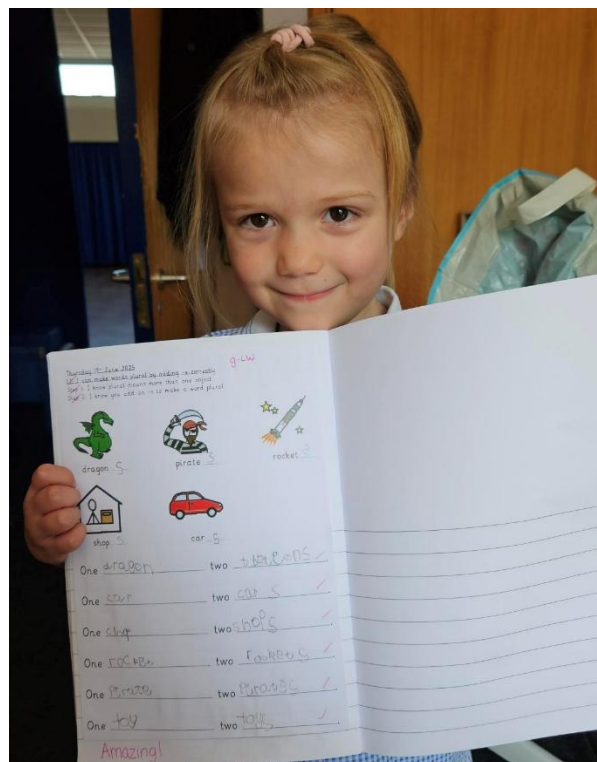
MANY children are coming to school without hats, please pop one on their heads or in their bags! Thank you.

Amazing success in and out of school

I am delighted to share these amazing achievements with you!



Autumn and Amelia both attend **1-2 Step Dance Academy** and had their first dance examinations this week. They both achieved distinctions, which is the highest possible grade. Well done both of you.



Amelia from Oak Class did her **BEST** ever writing, adding 's' to make plurals; you can see how proud she is of herself and all her teachers are so proud to, as am I!

Stageability

Stageability run a super drama club in School every Tuesday evening, which some of our children attend.

They are providing a week-long Summer Camp; I think it will be good fun and seems to be very good value for money (if you get in early) compared with summer holiday clubs.

A promotional poster for Stageability Summer Drama Camps. The background features a sunburst pattern of yellow and white rays. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, colorful fonts. At the top is the 'StageAbility' logo in multi-colored letters. Below it, the text 'A SHOW IN A WEEK!' is in bold black, followed by 'SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS!' in bold red. The locations 'MORTIMER, TILEHURST & WOKINGHAM' are listed in bold black. The dates and times '28TH JUL 2025 - 1ST AUG 2025' and '10:00AM - 3:00PM' are in bold red. A note about the theatre show on 2nd August is in black. A QR code is on the right, and the website URL is at the bottom.

StageAbility

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SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS!

**MORTIMER, TILEHURST
& WOKINGHAM**

28TH JUL 2025 - 1ST AUG 2025
10:00AM - 3:00PM

THE THEATRE SHOW WILL BE ON 2ND AUGUST 2025
SO GET THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

Aged 5-14?
Join our cast this summer!



<https://stageability.class4kids.co.uk/camps>



SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS!

Would you love your child to make memories to cherish this summer?

Making new friends, playing crazy games, acting, singing and generally having a great time creating something wonderful together.

Running from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 2025 The group will rehearse across the week from 10am – 3pm and then perform their work at The Alan Cornish Theatre at The Oakwood Centre in Woodley on Saturday 2nd August!

Show tickets will be on sale at £8 per seat once the week is underway. We will be back at The Oakwood Theatre, Woodley. Yippee!

For ages 5-14. Older children are welcome if they are happy to work with a younger cast.

Book before 30th June to get the Early Bird price of £130! (Price will revert to £160 after this date)

Book now by scanning this QR code!
No experience necessary!



Running through the School Playgrounds and Gates

It has been brought to my attention that some **KS1** parents are running through the Foundation Stage Playground and out of the gate (near Robin Nursery) onto Oxford Road, rather than leaving through the Murray Road gate. Mrs Goddard and her team are concerned that this presents a risk to their very young children. Please refrain from using the Oxford Road gate unless you have a child in Robin Class.

Foundation Stage 2 Assemblies

Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker had their class assemblies this week; they were amazing. The children performed some wonderful songs and shared all of their experiences from the last few weeks; their exciting trip to Wellington Country Park, the school visits from the Police, the Firefighters and the Paramedics, and of course, Henri, Mr Goddard's guide dog! I felt so proud when they sang their hearts out, I don't think there was a dry eye in the hall! You will notice that Charlie has collected the star of the week certificate for Dove Class, Rory has collected it for Woodpecker Class and Alex has collected it for Magpie Class. These three boys were very worthy representatives.











Stars of the Week





Our New Play House

A brand new, hand painted play-house has been gifted to us by First Days Children's Charity: <https://www.firstdays.net/>



There were 6 houses donated to the charity that had been painted for young children by older children in our local community. The children were so excited to see it this morning, and there were so many visitors cramming inside, it was like a game of sardines! It adds additional shade to our outside space and can be used with all our picnic and home making toys for a really good time.





Plea for donations:

If you have any underpants or knickers that your children have grown out of, please could we have them. We are running out! Also, if you have any of our underpants or knickers, please could you return them. You can just pop them in the red post box. Thank you.



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 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.

And finally,

If you have any exciting news or events you wish to publicise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Summer 2025

Date	Event	Time
Monday 23 rd June	Nursery Open Evening for New Parents	4.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 th June	Foundation Stage 2 Open Evening for New Parents	4.30pm – 6pm
Friday 27 th June	KS1 Sports Day (St Paul's Field)	9.15-11.30am
Saturday 28 th June	PTA – Summer Fair	
Thursday 3 rd July	NED Workshop	1.30pm
Friday 4 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day (Main School Playground)	1.45pm – 3pm
Wednesday 9 th July	'Stay & Play' for New Robin & Foundation Stage Children	3.45pm - 4.45pm
Thursday 10 th July	Addington Proms	9am -1pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Thursday 17 th July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Friday 18 th July	Change Over Day ~ Meet Your New Teacher	
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Pine	9.30am
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Sycamore	10.15am
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Willow	11.00am
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of School – Finish 1 hour early	

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