



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,



Red Nose Day

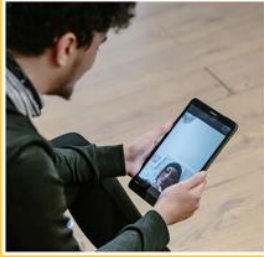
Today has been delightful; the children were so excited for Red Nose Day, although it was clear that some of them were not sure why we celebrate Red Nose Day. I shared a Power Point in assembly explain the origin of the day, and the history of Red Noses.

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We hope to raise a total of £300 as that will provide 1200 meals for children in the United Kingdom. We have sold all our Red Noses making £180 and we collected another £53.62 and 1 Euro (which we can actually donate too)! So, it would be wonderful to find out the total on the web account. We have tried to see but it is not available yet. We need to raise another £66.38. If you can help, please follow this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18477>

Here is the power of our pounds.



£5 could provide support to a young person in the UK through a mental health helpline or live online chat.



£50 could provide 200 reading books for children in Uganda.



£100 could buy mobility aids for five young disabled people in Malawi.



£300 could get 1200 meals to children and families most in need in the UK.

The children and the adults loved dressing up!







The Power of Funny!

I shared five jokes in assembly and the children and adults voted for the best one! My favourite joke won! If you show this image to your children they might be able to remember the joke and tell it to you! I hope it makes you smile!

Funny is the Power!

- **BEST JOKE EVER!**



I-Rock Concert

The I-Rock Concert today was superb! The children have progressed so much with their musical talents and their confidence. I was so proud of all five bands! Well done everyone and many thanks to John who is teaching them so well!







Amazing Work in School

Winter did the most spectacular writing about Little Red Riding Hood! Madeleine did the most amazing mathematics and writing at home! Emelia has been keeping the most impressive journal at home! Bradley has started to learn to join his handwriting and is well on the way to becoming a Greater Depth Standard Writer!



Ava, Henry and William

Ava, Henry and William took part in their first theatre show at Whitty Theatre; they all did 2 performances to celebrate 10 years of their drama group 'SPIN'. They learned all their lines and dance moves and performed in front of a large audience. Ava won the award for the 'Little Spinners'!

Scooters and Bikes in the Playground

Please do not allow your children to scoot or cycle in the playground; it is very dangerous.

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.

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 Red Nose Stars of the Week; all these children received their certificates for working hard to be the best that they can be!





Spring Discos at Walter

The PTA will be holding three discos in the last week of term! On Tuesday 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 Wednesday 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 5 pm. 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 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.

Year 1 Geography Field Trips

If your child is in Year 1 they will be bringing open a consent letter for your child to go on a geography field trip (a local walk) in the coming weeks. Please return the form to school as soon as possible. Mrs Bell, Miss Palmer and Walter went on a recce this week and are now really looking forward to taking our children on this intrepid adventure for the first time EVER!

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Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
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 – 2pm
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.

And finally,

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

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher

Here is the link to watch our school on television as some parents have asked for it to be forwarded again: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/what-has-black-hair-four-legs-a-tail-and-is-proving-to-be-a-hit-at-a-berkshire-school/qg1nbqm>