

Walter Infant School and Nursery Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

It has been a lovely week in school; everyone is settling in so well. Our new system for ordering lunches is going quite well, but some people are forgetting to order in advance. Please make sure you order at least a whole week of lunches at a time.

Miller's Ark

We have the travelling farm visiting on Monday and Tuesday next week; I cannot wait. It is one of my favourite events and Walter loves it too! I can't wait to see the baby donkeys and piglets. The children will have the opportunity to pet the animals and learn all about them such as what they eat, where they sleep, what their babies are called! I will take lots of photographs!



Jeans for Genes Day

It was lovely to see the children in their denims today; we have learned about the charity Jeans for Genes in our assembly today, perhaps you could ask you child what they found out about GENES!



Jeans for Genes Day



Jeans for Genes 2025.pptx



I have placed the assembly on the school website so that you can watch it together and talk about what you have found out. Our value this week is empathy, we are helping the children to understand how others might be feeling and how they can help their friends, family and neighbours to feel calmer, safer or more relaxed. How they might make someone who is feeling sad feel a little more cheerful and how seeing and hearing when someone is happy, can make them feel happy too.

As part of our Character Education Curriculum we teach the children about the importance of helping others:

"How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?

We take part in national and local fund-raising events for charities, including Children in Need, Comic Relief and Jeans for Genes and celebrate our contributions and successes in our school reception area for visitors to school to see. We also collect for the Wokingham Food Bank at Harvest, but most recently we have collected for food parcels, Christmas presents and Easter Gifts for the children in our own school whose families have been vulnerable in a variety of ways during the pandemic. Some of our children have donated their hair to be made into wigs for other children who have lost their hair through illness!

Our children learn about empathy from the very start of their time with others and start to understand how it might feel to be in 'someone else's shoes'. We also record acts of kindness and reward children with kindness leaves for our kindness tree."



Character Education



The Character Education Strategy @ Walter Infant School & Nursery

Walter Infant School and Nursery - Character Education

Thank you for all of your generous donations; we have collected...

£180.63

Reading Meeting for Year 1 Parents and Carers

On **Monday 22nd September at 2:45** we will be holding a meeting for the parents and carers of the children in Year 1. We will share with you how we teach the children to read in school, information about our Phonics Scheme and how you can support your children with reading at home. The meeting will take place in the hall and finish before the Year 1 children need to be collected from the playground. Please add this date to your diary. If you are unable to attend, we will be placing the Power Point on the school website the next day.



School Clubs

All our amazing clubs started this week and the new clubs are incredible: I loved watching the children playing basketball, they were having so much fun. Gymnastics was brilliant and we now have a new Street Dance Club and is most definitely better than any dance club we have had before. There are still a few spaces left in some of the clubs so please follow the links to book on. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding we are able to provide a club free of charge. We have merged Year 1 and Year 2 Basketballers as we realised the clash with football was not ideal!

So all our basketballers will now play together on a Tuesday.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Spanish Club | Dance Club | Multi-skills | Gymnastics | I-Rock |
| Y1 and Y2 | F2, Y1 and Y2 | Y1 and Y2 | F2, Y1 and Y2 | Y1 and Y2 |
| 3:30 - 4:00 | 3:30 - 4:30 | 3:30 – 4:30 | 7:45 – 8:30 | 12:30 - 3:00 |
| | | | | (30 minute |
| | | | | sessions) |
| Tennis Club | Basketballers | | Football | Tennis Club |
| Y1 and Y2 | Y1 and Y2 | | Y2 | Y1 and Y2 |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | 3:20 – 4:00 | | 3:30 – 4:30 | 3:30 – 4:30 |
| | | | | |
| | | | Football | |
| | | | Y1 | |
| | | | 3:30 – 4:30 | |
| | | | French Club | |
| | | | Y1 and Y2 | |
| | | | 3:30 – 4:00 | |

Please note all clubs will run between w/c Monday 15th September 2025 and end W/C Monday 5th December 2025.

To book, please follow the links below:

BasketBall Flyer.pdf

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• iRock at your school - Sept 25.pdf

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• Just play sports Flyer .JPG

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• Spanish Club Autumn 2025 - Walter Infants.pdf.pdf

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• Street Dance Club - Walter Infants.png

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Tennis Autumn Term 2025.png

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Walter Infant School - French club letter Autumn 2025.docx

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• Walter Infants Gymnastics Letter Sep 2025.pdf

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• Walter Infants Poster - Gymnastics Sep 2025.pdf

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We run our Rise and Shine Club every morning for children from our school and the children at St Paul's Junior School. Our club starts at 7:30 until the children begin school. You can arrive at any time after 7:30. The children are escorted to their classes or to St. Paul's for the start of the school day. We do not provide food; they children bring their own food and drinks. There are lots of wonderful activities to do and the children that already attend love it. Please speak to Mrs Hemmings on lynnette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk 01189780825 to find out more.

JuniorAdventures Group which is in our hall and for Walter Infant School children only: Breakfast, After-School & Holiday Clubs | Junior Adventures Group



School (Parent) Governor

We are very keen to welcome a new parent governor onto our Governing Body! School governors work with the headteacher and the senior leadership team of a maintained school as a volunteer as a member of the Full Governing Body (FGB). The FGB support the school in planning strategically for the future, ensuring the

school is able to focus on a core mission and achieve targets that have been agreed in the best interest of the school and the pupils. The FGB oversee the academic results as well and financial statements and other key performance indicators. By holding the school accountable, school governors help drive continuous improvement.

There is a commitment to join the FGB and another committee, either Finance or Teaching and Learning and there are a number of termly meetings to commit to, which are either held during the school day or in the evening via Teams. If you are interested in this role, please contact of Clerk of Governors, Mrs Natalie Simpson on "Clerk to Governors Walter Infant School" clerk@walter.wokingham.sch.uk



Please join our Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

I am delighted to share with you that our wonderful PTA have just donated ...

£7,000!

This money will make such a difference to our curriculum enhancement for all our children.

We are hopeful that lots more parents will join our PTA as many of families have left as their youngest children are now in Junior School. The PTA offer so much help and support to the children and the staff and we rely on the money they raise to enhance our curriculum and our environment. If you would like to know more; please use this email address to contact them. "WalterInfants PA" walterinfantspa@gmail.com

School Photographs

All the children will have their individual photographs and photographs with their siblings in school on Tuesday 30th September during the school day. Please can every child come to school in their school uniform (no PE kits). Thank you.

Wasp's Nest

We have been told by St Paul's that there is a wasp's nest on the corner of Murray Road and Arthur Road; a few children have been stung on their way to school so please be careful.

Christmas Fair

I am so sorry to mention the word so early BUT we are already planning our Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 28th November at 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm. This is one of our biggest fundraising events and organised by our staff team. The money we raise will enable us to keep on providing wonderful resources and experiences to enhance our provision and curriculum! So, we need lots of help from all of you! The Raffle is the biggest money maker! To sell lots of tickets we need lots of really good prizes. There will be amazing hampers created by different staff teams but we wondered if any of our families could donate a super (new) raffle prize. In the past we have had some fantastic donations, such as a micro-scooter, Disneyland Paris tickets, facials, hair salon vouchers, massages, scented candles, cinema tickets etc. If you (or your company/work place) or indeed, family and friends can donate, we would be delighted. We will be contacting local businesses too.

Michael Hardy Estate Agents will be sponsoring the fair again this year; if you are able to advertise the fair within our local community by having a board outside your house, please contact Mrs Hemmings on lynette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk



Stars of the week!

We now have a full compliment of stars, one from every class. We are so very proud of these children, who have all worked so hard and shown that they are the best they can be!





Successes and Celebration s in and out of school!

Aadya has been extremely successful and we are all incredibly proud of; well done Aadya, you are amazing.



<u>Wokingham child recognised at Inspire Awards 2025: Young stars honoured at Scottish Parliament – Wokingham.</u>Today



Alfie has done some incredible independent writing; he has written a recipe for Gruffalo Crumble, I don't recommend it as you have to crack two eyes into a bowl! Well done Alfie!

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 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,

I hope this sunshine will last all weekend. See you on Monday.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Monday 22 nd & Tuesday | Millers Ark Visit | |
| 23 rd September | | |
| Monday 22 nd September | Year 1 Reading Meeting for Parents | 2.45pm |
| Monday 22 nd September | Weekly Tours for New Parents | 9:15am |
| – Monday 8th December | | |
| Tuesday 23 rd September | Weekly Tours for New Parents | 9:15am |
| Tuesday 9th December | | |
| Tuesday 30 th September | Individual Photographs | |
| Monday 6th – Thursday | Parent Consultations | Further |
| 9 th October | | information to |
| | | follow |
| Wednesday 8 th October | PINS Parent/Carer Meeting | 9-10am |
| Wednesday 8 th October | Flu Immunisations | |
| Monday 13 th – Thursday | Parent Consultations | Further |
| 16 th October | | information to |
| | | follow |
| Monday 13 th October | FS2 Reading Meeting for Parents | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 14 th and | Year 2 trips to Legoland | |
| Thursday16 th October | | |
| Tuesday 21st October | Year 2 – African Drumming Day | |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | WOW WEDNESDAY! | 2.45pm |

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| | | follow |
| Friday 24 th October | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal | IOIIOW |
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| Monday 27 th – Friday 30 th | Half Term | |
| October | | |
| Monday 3 rd November | Start of Autumn Term 2 | |
| Friday 7 th November | Governor Day | |
| Monday 10 th November – | Anti-Bullying Week | |
| Friday 14 th November | Anti-bunying week | |
| Monday 10 th November | ODD SOCKS DAY! | |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Remembrance Day | |
| Monday 17 th November | Reindeer visit | |
| Friday 21 st November | Non-uniform day in return for | |
| I liday 21 November | Christmas Fair donations | |
| Friday 28 th November | Christmas Fair | 3.30 - |
| I fluay 20 November | Onnstinas i ali | 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 th December | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 2.15pm |
| Wednesday 10th | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 9.15am |
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| Thursday 11 th December | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 2.15pm |
| 12 th December 2025 | Foundation Stage Christmas Singing | 9.15am |
| Wednesday 17 th | | 9.13a111 |
| December | Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children) | |
| Wednesday 17 th | Christmas Lunch | 11.30 – 1pm |
| December | Oninstinas Eurion | 11.50 – 1piii |
| Wednesday 17 th | Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For | 2.15pm |
| December | Parents | 2.10pm |
| Friday 19 th December | Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 | |
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| Dates for 2026 | incar cany) | |
| Monday 5 th January | Start of Spring Term 1 | |
| Friday 13 th February | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal | |
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| Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th | Half Term | |
| February | | |
| Monday 23 rd February | Start of Spring Term 2 | |
| Friday 27 th March | Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 | |
| , | hour early) | |
| Monday 30 th March – | Easter Holiday | |
| Friday 10 th April | , | |
| 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 21st May | Oak Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal | |
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| Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th | May Half Term | |
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| May | - | |
| Monday 1 st June | School Closed - INSET | |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | School Open – Start of Summer Term | |
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| Monday 8 th June – Friday | Year 1 Phonic Screening Week | |
| 12 th June | | |
| 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.