



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome back to school, it is so hard to believe that we are in our last half term of the school year! I feel as if it has gone by in a flash! I am also very grateful that I have been able to be here all the time, as I do consider myself to be the luckiest headteacher in the land to have the privilege of being with your wonderful children each day and that I have the honour to serve such an amazing community. We will be making the most of every second, before we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 pupils. We wish we could keep them for ever!

So, this has felt much more like the first week of spring, rather than the first week of summer! Some children have been coming to school without a coat, please remember to send your child to school with a waterproof coat everyday as the weather is so unpredictable and we will be playing outside even if it is wet, as the children need to be as active as possible. But, don't worry, we will stay inside if it pouring with rain!

Woolley Firs

Year 2 had their summer term trip to Woolley Firs this week: the weather was great on Wednesday for half of Year 2 and they had a truly wonderful time. Not so great on Thursday, as it was WET! But, they still had a wonderful time, but sadly could not go into the meadows with butterfly nets. The staff at Woolley Firs were amazed by the knowledge of our children (and their exemplary behaviour); Mrs McDonough, our Year 2 Leader was told that as the children were such experts in science, they had to provide activities for them from the Year 3 curriculum, which they have never had to do before. Go Year 2 and Mrs McDonough, Mrs Pimm, Mr Herlihey and Mr Dale. Our teachers work so hard to ensure that our children have the best learning opportunities they can. All the adults had a wonderful time too and were beaming with pride on their return to school.





I love this!





A visit from the Fire Brigade!

It was VERY exciting when the Fire Brigade came to school: the children loved the experience and we are so grateful to the Fire Brigade for giving up their time. They were late as they had been very busy before coming to us, but we didn't mind at all!







Henri, a working Guide Dog

Mrs Goddard came to school with Henri; he is the guide dog who works so hard to help her husband Mr Goddard, navigate the world safely. The children LOVED learning all about his job and finding out about all the amazing things that he is able to do! He was extremely well behaved, although he sensibly slept through the very long management meeting at the end of the day!





Wonderful Work in School

Arthur has been learning to write his name; he has worked so hard and shown so much resilience, never giving up! We are all so proud of him.



What's been happening outside school!

Chloie's mum messaged us with this exciting information: You will notice later on that Chloie received a Star of the Week Certificate from Miss Palmer and me

Chloie would like to share with her schoolmates that her drawing has been published in Splash! (A magazine by Whale and Dolphin Conservation organisation).

She has been particularly passionate about spreading the messages of the importance of saving marine animals and the preservation of their living environment through reducing pollution caused by society.



Well done Chloie, we are so proud of you.

Recommendations for safe gaming and viewing on Devices

We continue to be told by many of our very young children about the videos and games they have been watching and playing and this is a huge concern for us, as children between the ages of 4 and 7 should not be exposed to the content and language of many of the things they are seeing. I am aware that most parents have strong settings to prevent the children from seeing things they should not be, but there are certain algorithms, especially on You Tube, which can override parental controls. This week alone, children have told us that they have watched Grand Theft Auto 5 (18+), Call of Duty (18+) and Gary's Mod; clips of these games are shared by a Youtuber called Vanoss.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At myaccount.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which? PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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We are also aware that some of our children have been watching clips with characters such as Siren Head and Slender Man! They have also talked about a Character called Huggy Wuggy (he has been around for a while):

Huggy Wuggy is a fictional character from the indie horror game Poppy Playtime, known for his large size, blue fur, and wide, sinister grin with

sharp teeth. He is a primary antagonist in the game, haunting and pursuing players in the abandoned Playtime Co. factory.

All of these characters can be very scary for young children: I appreciate that they are widely recognised and that toys can be easily bought for children from toy shops and online. We recommend that our children are not able to view these characters, as they are so young and not yet able to differentiate between fact and fiction. There are also characters who live in toilets, this is known as Skibidi Toilet. [https://skibidi-toilet.fandom.com/wiki/Skibidi Toilet](https://skibidi-toilet.fandom.com/wiki/Skibidi_Toilet) Some of our young children have said that they are too scared to go to the toilet by themselves, which has resulted in soiling incidents and unacceptable behaviour in the toilets at school. I recognise, that most parents have a very good understanding of what they allow their children to see, but we know that some of children have seen scary things that they do not need to see. As a school, we have to safeguard all our children, if we are made aware of the children seeing such images, we are required to inform the parents, we also have to record these incidences on our safeguarding register; CPOMS. Please make sure you have a good understanding of everything your children see and hear.

Proms on the Playground

On Thursday 12th June, we will be holding our Proms on the Playground concert for families to come and watch (as long as it is dry enough). It will begin at 2:30 pm. Every single child in school is taking part. This will be an opportunity for you to share with us our wonderful music curriculum in school and to see how much pleasure the children get from performing to an audience. The children have been practising very hard, it has been lovely to hear their joyful singing resonating around the school. You do not need tickets. Please feel free to bring a folding chair or two! The children will perform facing Murray Road, so our audience will be directed to watch from the Roundabout and grassed areas along the fence. We will have our picnic benches available for families to sit at too, but they will not provide seating for many. The Proms will last about 30 minutes, with a huge finale that the audience can join in with too! This event has been organised by our Music Lead, Miss Veale. You are welcome to take pictures and videos on this occasion to share with family and friends, but please do not place any images on social media sites. We recently had an incident where photographs of the children on a school trip, published in our Friday Flyer, were posted on Instagram, which was very distressing for one of our families. Please be mindful that some families do not wish their children's photograph to be shared publicly for a variety of reasons, and as a community, we need to be respectful of these wishes. **Please only share images privately.**

Addington Proms

30 children from Year 2 have been selected to represent our school at Addington School, in their annual singing celebration. The children have been chosen by their class teachers, and we had our first meeting today. The Addington Proms will take place on July 10th, during the school day. We will travel to Addington School in Woodley by coach and we are all extremely excited. This is another celebratory event that has been organised by Miss Veale. The theme of the Proms is space! Unfortunately, the audience will be made up of all the participating schools, and no parents or carers will be invited. We will take photographs and hopefully find a way to share some of the singing with our Year 2 families, before the end of term. Miss Veale will be recording the songs that we are singing so that you can help them to practise at home. More information will follow soon.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Sports Days

All Foundation Stage families should have received a letter today with a invitation to attend our Foundation Stage Sports Day which is happening on Friday 4th July (weather permitting) it will begin at 1:45 pm and the children will need to wear trainers and sporty clothing.

The Key Stage One Sports Day will take place on Friday the 27th June at 9:15 am on St Paul's School Field. Families can enter St Paul's via the Murray Road entrance after the Junior School Children have gone into class. The theme for our Key Stage One Sports Day is Great British Sport. The children from each class will be divided into teams, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. They will being home a letter on Monday informing you of which team they will be in. If you have a preference, due to any connections you may have with family or ancestry, please let me know via email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk so that I can let their class teacher know on Monday morning, before the teams are assigned. The Year 2 children will also compete as class teams in the famous Year 2 class relays. You will be asked to send your child to school in shorts, trainers and a T-shirt in a colour that represents their team: England, white, Scotland, blue, Wales, red and Northern Ireland Green. If you cannot provide any of these colours, please let me know. The children will return to school for ice lollies, and so will say good bye to you in St Paul's.

Stars of the Week

Here are our stars of the week; all proudly wearing their golden star pin badges. We are very sad to say goodbye to Daniel, who is moving to Scotland. We wish him very success at his new school, they are very lucky that he will be joining them as he is an absolute joy!





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.

Walter's Pantry

Our pantry is full to the brim: we have so many tinned items and now a list of recipes you can collect from the office, to make a whole week's worth of dinners for almost free! Please let Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings know if you would like to collect a parcel. We also have nappies and other toiletries.

And finally,

We cannot apply sun screen at school; please do not send sun screen into school as there is a risk of it being ingested. If you know that your child needs sun screen, please apply a long lasting cream on their faces, arms and legs, which will last for the day.

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Summer 2025

Date	Event	Time
W/C Monday 9 th June	Phonics Screening Week	
Thursday 12 th June	Empathy Day	
Thursday 12 th June	Proms in the Playground	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th June	Magpie Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 18 th June	Dove Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 19 th June	Woodpecker Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 20 th June	Year 2 Leaver's Photographs	
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	
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
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.