



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Monday Mail

Dear Walter Families,

I am so sorry that I wasn't able to complete the Flyer on Friday; I hope it did not cause any disappointment for the Stars of the Week and the new School Councillors.

Beale Park

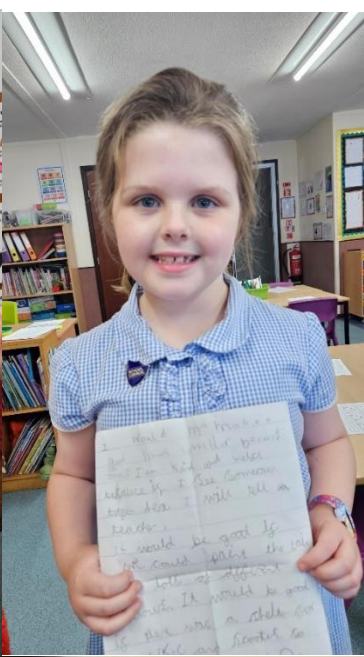
The Year 1 children went to Beale Park on Wednesday to learn even more about plants and animals. They were all very excited to go and exhausted when they got back. They had a wonderful time and learned so much more about the behaviours of different types of animals. They have been sharing so much of what they have learned in their lessons since returning to school. Thank you to everyone who made the trip possible.





New School Councillors

On Friday 10 more school councillors were elected by the class mates and teachers, so we are delighted to welcome Sam, Kayley, Ava, Noah, Bella, Olivia, Rory, Yarden Clara and Dylan onto the school council team. Apart from the Year 2 Councillors, who will be moving onto Junior School, the newly elected school councillors will remain on the school council in September!





WALTER'S PANTRY

7 Days of Healthy Dinners for half-term for FREE (well almost free!)

I am delighted to announce that we have been given the most amazing donation of tins, jars and packets of groceries to fully stock our pantry. Every item has a long use by date. I have created a weeks' worth of hopefully delicious recipes to feed a family during half-term, for almost nothing. You will need a few store cupboard essentials for seasoning and cooking, but other than that, we will be able to provide you with everything you need to make 7 hearty and healthy evening meals as well as lots of staples for tasty and easy lunches and some items to make breakfasts easier too. The ingredients will be bagged up and ready to collect from **Thursday 22nd May**.



If you would like to order a bag of groceries and a recipe booklet, please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or pop in to the school office.



Spaghetti Bolognese, Chilli and Rice, Vegetable Stew, Curry and Rice, Tomato Rice, Potato Hash and Minestrone Soup.

School Uniform

It has come to my attention that some children are not wearing the correct uniform, especially on PE days. I have spoken with the children about wearing the correct colours to school and the reasons why we wear school uniform. Please can you ensure that your children are wearing school uniform every day.



Why do we choose to have a School Uniform at Walter?

1. Sense of Belonging and Identity

Uniforms promote a shared identity, helping young children feel part of their school community.

They reduce distinctions between pupils, encouraging inclusion and a team spirit from an early age.

2. Reduced Peer Pressure

Young children are less likely to compare clothing or feel left out based on what they wear, which can help prevent early social competition.

This can support emotional wellbeing and help develop friendships based on personality rather than appearance.

3. Simplified Morning Routine

Uniforms make getting dressed easier for both children and parents, removing daily decisions about what to wear.

This can reduce stress at home and support punctuality.

4. Encouragement of Discipline and Focus

Wearing a uniform can reinforce the idea that school is a place for learning, helping children adopt a focused mindset.

It introduces early concepts of responsibility, such as taking care of their belongings.

5. Safety and Visibility

Uniforms make it easier for staff to identify pupils, especially on school trips or in busy areas.

Consistent clothing helps ensure children don't get lost in the crowd.

6. Equality Across Socioeconomic Backgrounds

Uniforms help reduce visible differences between children from different financial backgrounds.

This supports social cohesion and can help prevent bullying related to clothing or fashion.

If you need help to provide uniform for your child please talk to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the School Office.

Our New Alphabet Wall

I am delighted with our new alphabet wall in the school reception area. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a special bag. We will be able to sort pictures and letters into the bags to teach the children how to identify letters and sounds.



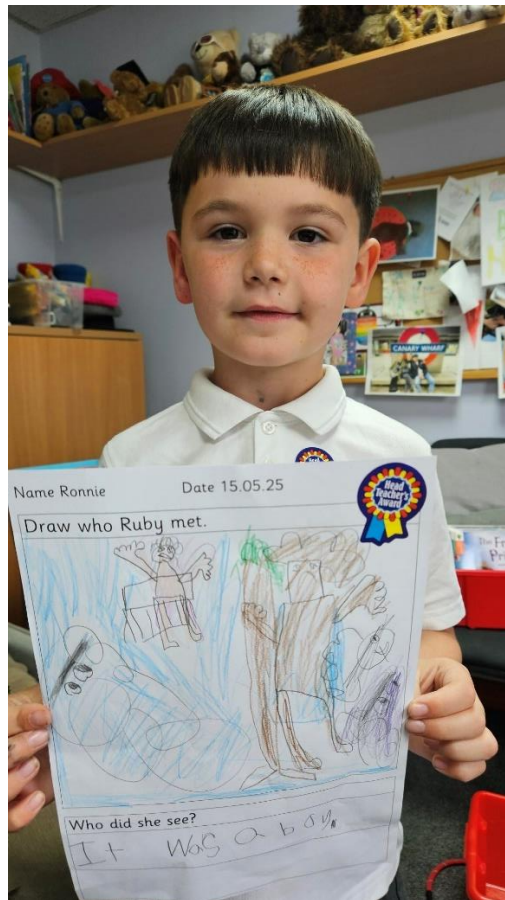
Nanny Wynne's Birthday Party

Hamish and River's great grandmother, Nanny Wynne celebrated her 100th Birthday last week and so we had some parties in school to celebrate. All the children in Year 1 and Year 2 sang Happy Birthday and The Lambeth Walk, which we have recorded to send to Nanny Wynne.

The Larch and Willow children had a birthday party and lots of cake!



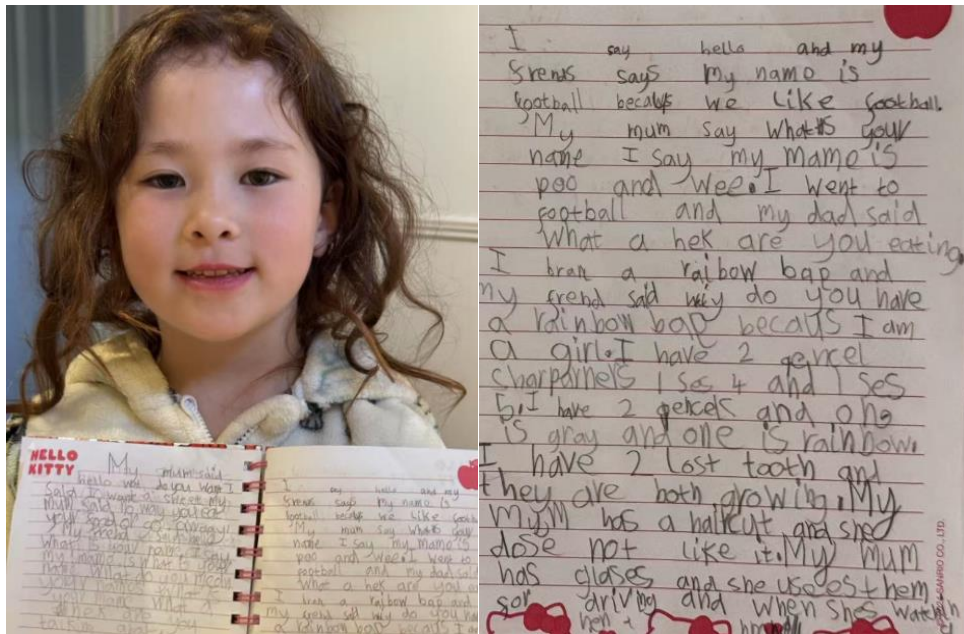
Amazing Achievements in and out of School



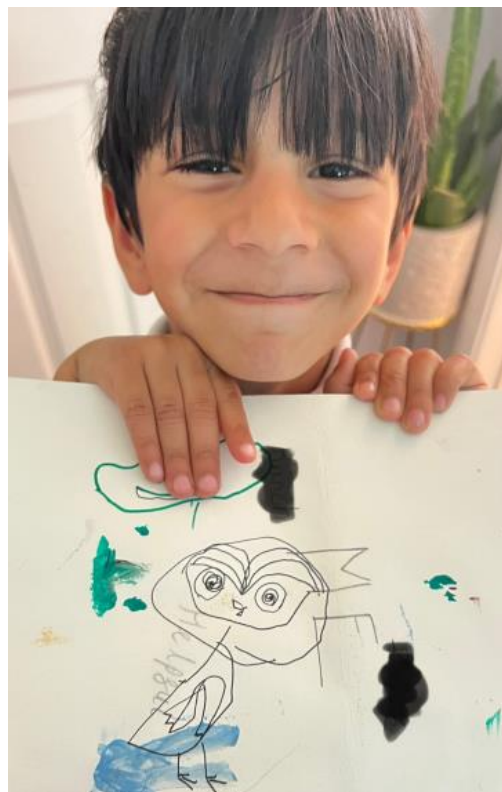
Ronnie has been working so hard to improve his writing and to be able to write independently; we are so proud of him!



Rosa went on the Easter Egg Hunt at West Oak Care Home and won the colouring competition. Well done Rosa, I wonder if you met my mum?



Maisie has been writing a journal at home and shown incredible resilience to improve her writing skills. Well done Maisie.



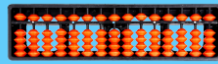
"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in today's year 1 trip to Beale Park. It was so wonderfully managed and I'm in absolute awe of how well these little children carried themselves in such a big setting that was so different from school. The second we got home Arham had an ice lolly and got straight to drawing a 'snowy owl' that he saw at the park. I took a picture and I told him I'd love for us to show Ms Hargreaves. Thank you again!" ~ Arham's Mummy

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This Certificate is awarded to

Aadya

in completion of level 8 of
Abacus Mental Arithmetic Program

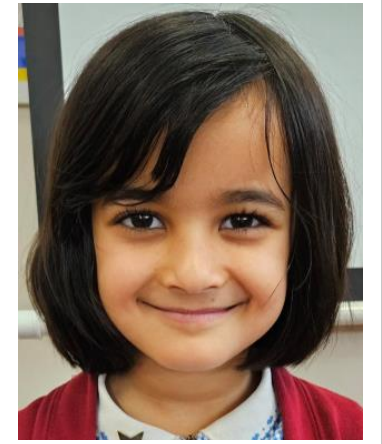


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Date



Dr Rashmi Mantri
(Founder & Chairperson)



"I wanted to share about Aadya's achievement in abacus. She has recently moved to Level 9 of abacus. Clearing level 8 exam has enables her to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and decimal sums mentally. She is now very confident in doing multiple-digit sums mentally. ~ Aadya's Dad





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 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/>

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
Tuesday 20 th May	Oak Class Assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 21 st May	Beech Class Assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 22 nd May	Larch Class Assembly	2.40pm
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day of Half Term	
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day – School Closed	
Tuesday 3 rd June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 2 – Woolley Firs Trip	
Thursday 5 th June	Year 2 – Woolley Firs Trip	
W/C Monday 9 th June	Phonics Screening Week	
Thursday 12 th June	Empathy Day	
Thursday 12 th June	Proms in the Playground	2.00pm
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.