

Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Parent Consultations

Thank you so much to all of you who attended our face to face parent consultations; the teachers were so happy to discuss your children's progress and share their many successes. One or two parents, missed their appointments, so the class teachers will be in touch in November to reschedule. We like to have 100% attendance.

Thank you also, to those of you who have kindly completed the parent and child questionnaires. It is very encouraging to see that so far, all the children like coming to school and feel safe at school. Please do return your questionnaires as we strongly value hearing the children's voices. We already put one request in action. I will share the analysis of the questionnaires early in November.

If you would prefer to send the questionnaire by email, please use these questions:

Please could you take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire with your child and send it back to head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Do you like coming to school?

Do you feel safe at school?

Where do you feel the safest at school?

What do you like best about school?

Is there anything you do not like about school?

What could we do to make our school better?

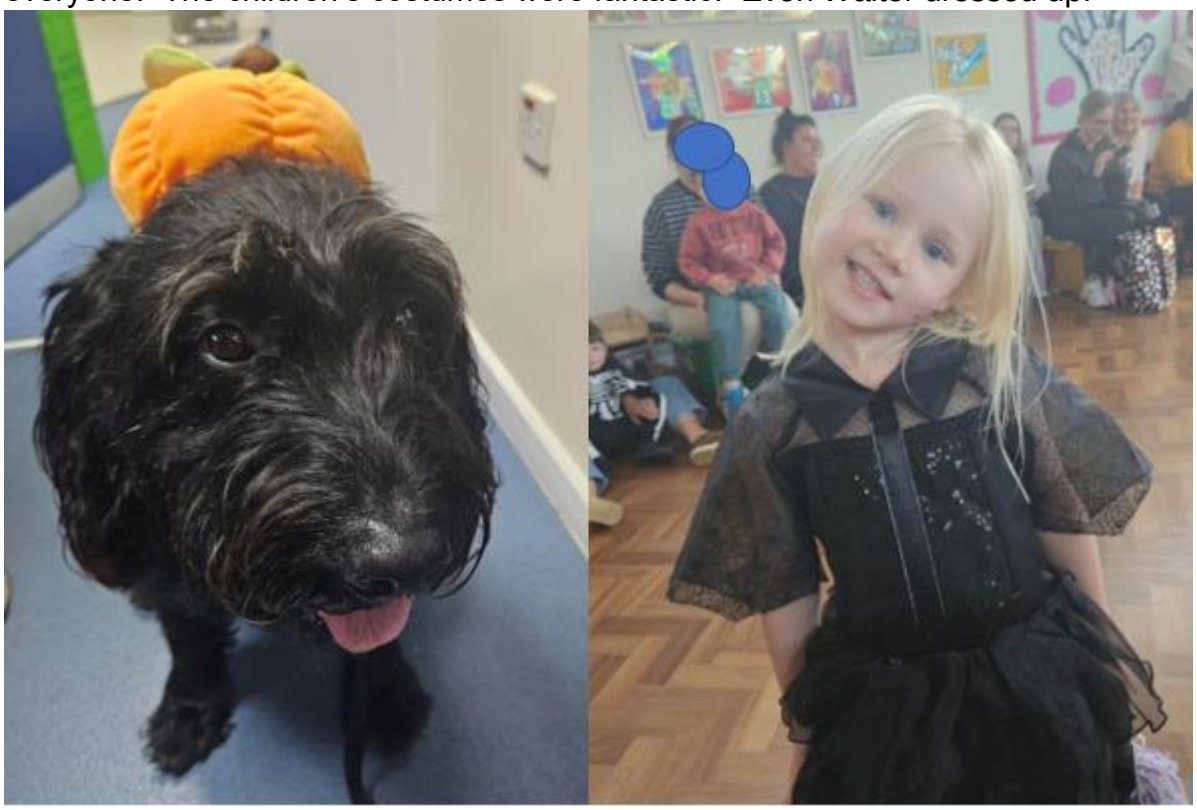
Incident on Tuesday

As you are all aware, we had to make some safeguarding decisions for our children, their families and all of our staff members on Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately, I was not able to explain why we were closing the school early, but it was due to an incident that occurred at Murray House which involved a large number of police officers. Thank you everyone, for responding to our text message so promptly. I realise that the situation was worrying, but we were assured by the police that we were safe to let the children leave at the time that we did. I had to liaise with the police, Wokingham Borough Council as well as St. Paul's and Meadow Nursery; the police asked Mrs Taylor and myself to prevent anyone from entering the Murray House site.

During that time, it was apparent just how many parents and carers are parking on the site and walking through the grounds. I have been asked to confirm with you that the Murray House site is private property and not a public right of way. They have asked that people do not park in their car park. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Halloween Disco

We had our first ever Halloween Disco yesterday and it was so much fun for everyone. The children's costumes were fantastic! Even Walter dressed up!



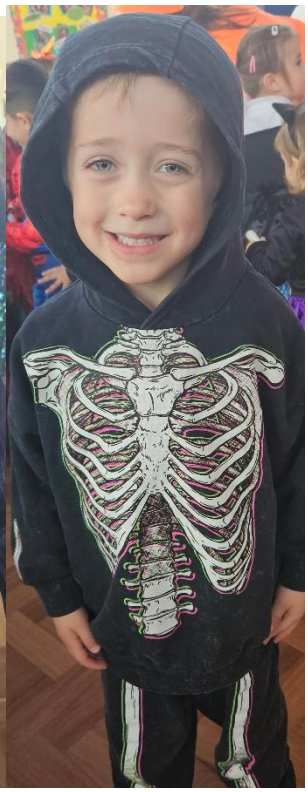




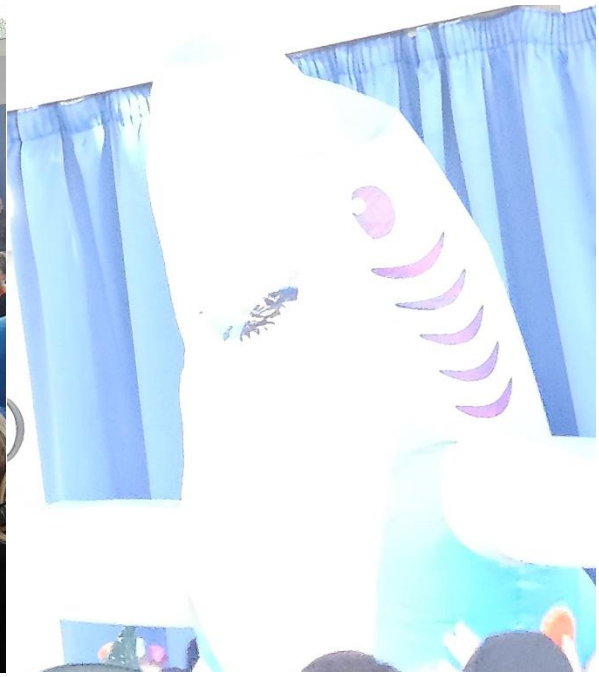

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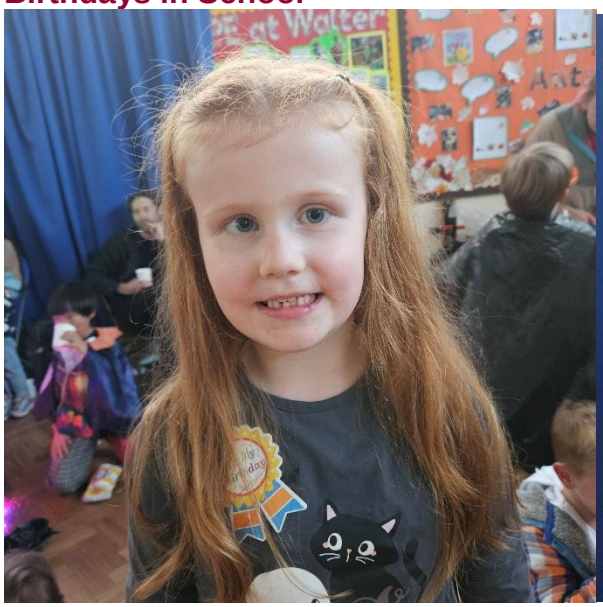


It was a very exciting disco, especially when a giant inflatable shark came to sing Baby Shark at Halloween Time!



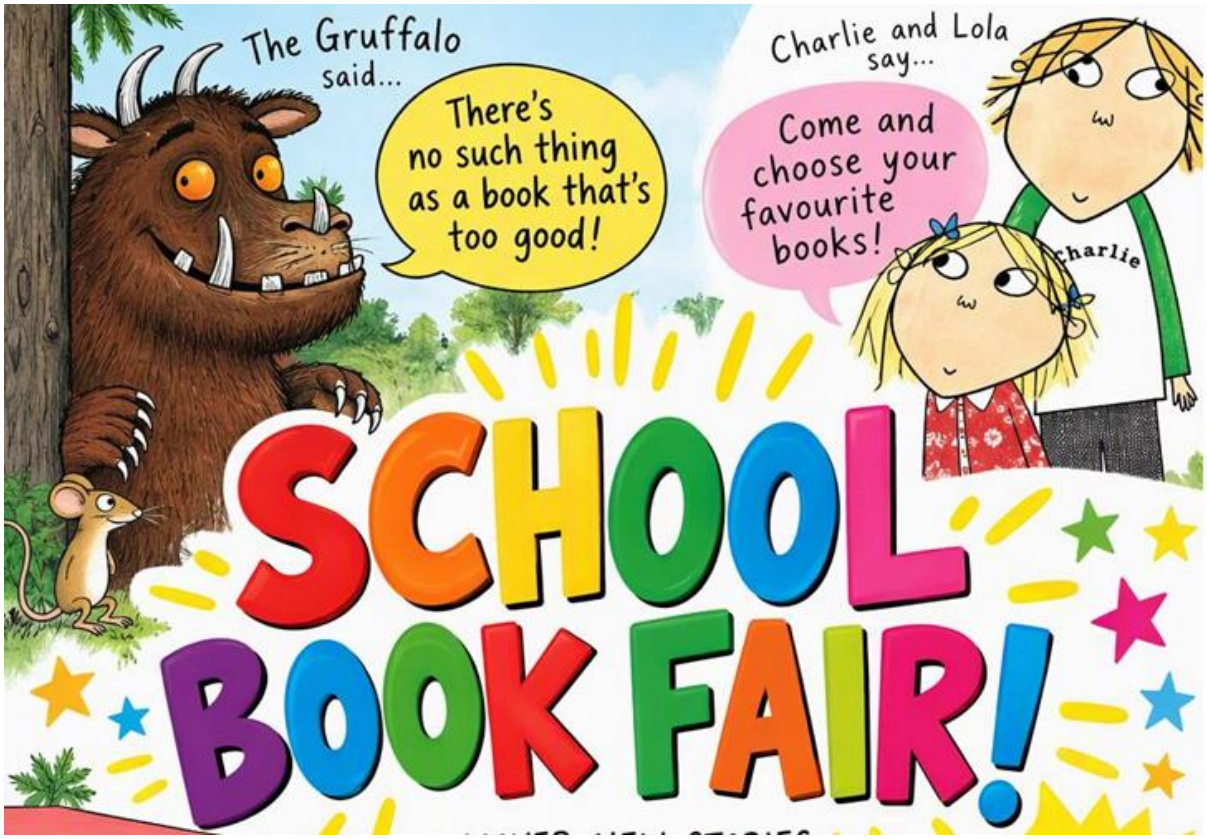


Birthdays in School





We celebrated Effie’s birthday at the Halloween Disco and Thomas’ birthday in the Halloween assembly.



We will be selling books on Monday 2nd November 2026. The more books we sell the more free books we get for our library and book boxes! Please come along if you are able to.



Halloween Assembly

In our Halloween Assembly we learned why so many people in Wokingham and around the world celebrate Halloween. I introduced the children to Fenway the Cat; who is a Halloween expert!



You can learn with your children if you follow this link: Primary assemblies: Halloween - BBC Teach



These very clever young men remembered some extremely complicated facts from the video and therefore earned a Headteacher's Award!





Bottle Tombola

Thank you so much for all the bottles that have been donated for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair! We are so grateful. The fair is only a few weeks away and there is so much to do. We will be asking for different sorts of donations and different sorts of help! It is our second biggest fund-raising event and during the current financial climate, we have become much more dependent on donations, grants and fund raising. Please do not feel pressured into donating, but if you are able to it is wonderful!



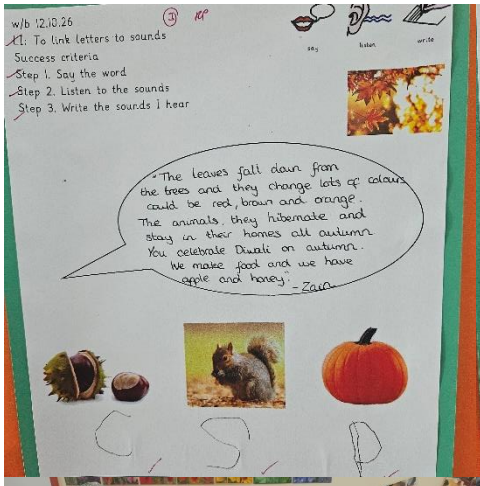
Raffle Prizes

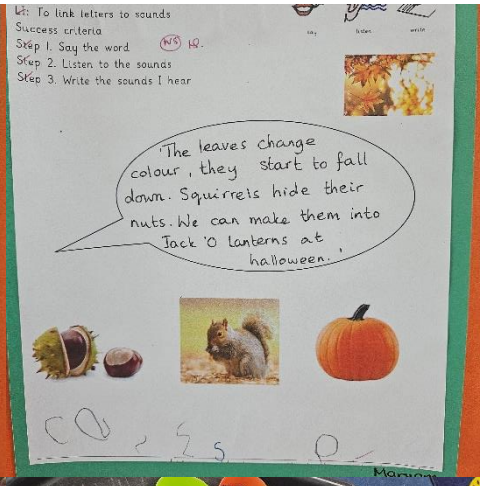
Are you able to donate a raffle prize? This could be a voucher, a hamper, an experience or even a service. We will be asking our families to buy and sell raffle tickets after half-term. We will have some lovely prizes, but it will be great to have a few more to entice people to buy more tickets!

Autumn at Walter

There is so much beautiful work being produced in school about autumn; the children have expressed so much interest and worked so hard!




w/b 12.10.26
LI: To link letters to sounds
Success criteria
Step 1. Say the word
Step 2. Listen to the sounds
Step 3. Write the sounds I hear
"The leaves fall down from the trees and they change lots of colours could be red, brown and orange. The animals they hibernate and stay in their homes all autumn. You celebrate Diwali on autumn. We make food and we have apple and honey." - Zara


LI: To link letters to sounds
Success criteria
Step 1. Say the word
Step 2. Listen to the sounds
Step 3. Write the sounds I hear
"The leaves change colour, they start to fall down. Squirrels hide their nuts. We can make them into Jack 'O Lanterns at halloween."








Autumn





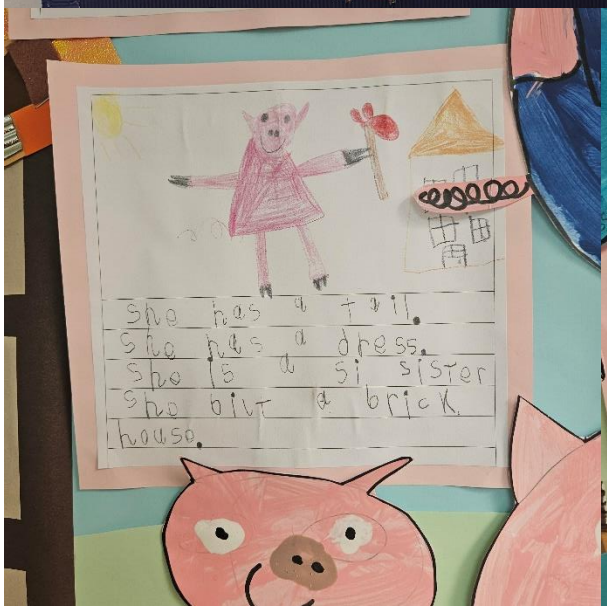


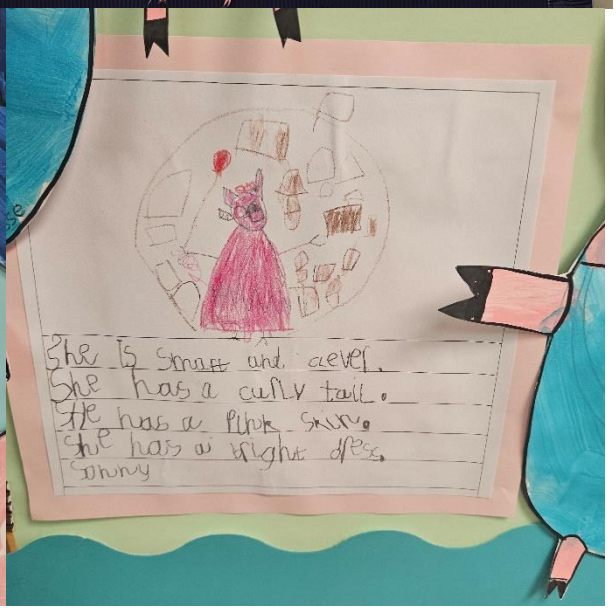
Pigs in School

Larch and Beech have been learning all about materials and their properties in science through the story of The Three Little Pigs! There are so many amazing pigs in school and it is impossible to walk past the display boards without smiling.




The 3 Little Pigs


She has a tail.
She has a dress.
She is a si sister
She livt a brick
house.


She is ~~Snnrr~~ and. aevel.
She has a curly tail.
She has a Pink Skirt.
She has a bright dress.
Sunny

Our New Sensory Garden

You will have seen that the new sensory garden is being installed at the moment; this is so exciting and will enable all the children to learn about the seasons of the year which is part of the national curriculum for science. If you would like to donate spring bulbs for the children to plant when we open the garden after half term, we would love to receive them.





Successes and events in and out of school



This was Audrey attending the Hindu festival of Saddula Bathukamma which is a celebration of femininity. Bathukamma's are flower stacks that are placed in the middle of the room and the ladies and girls dance around them.

Half Term Events in and around Wokingham

There are quite a few local events for children in and around Wokingham; here are a few that have been shared with us and in the Primary Times (which your children should have brought home with them).



Squires Garden Centres have a Spooky Witches' Trail and painting session; you can follow this link www.squiresgardencentres.co.uk or visit Squires of Wokingham RG40 3AS.

You could visit this website to find out about so many local events: October Half Term Events and Activities in Wokingham



The Pumpkin Fair is back at Dinton Pastures Country Park on 25th October 2025
Pumpkin Fair | Wokingham Countryside

Pet Pals – October half-term | Pets at Home Events: follow this link to find out about free sessions at Pets at home in Wokingham.
This October, little pet lovers can join our trusted pet care advisors for fun and educational workshops, just in time for Halloween and Bonfire Night.
Children will learn how to spot when a pet might be feeling spooked and discover how to help them stay calm and comfortable. They'll also discover some amazing pets that might seem a little unusual at first, but there's nothing scary about them! Packed with fun facts, games and activities, these workshops are a great way to build confidence while learning all about responsible pet care.
Plus, they'll have the opportunity to meet some of our furry friends along the way.

What they will learn

We'll present your pet lover with an official Pet Pals certificate and sticker, along with colouring sheets to keep the fun going at home.

For pet lovers aged 4-10 years

Our (Pets at Home) workshops are specifically geared towards younger children, with content and activities that are safe, supervised and most of all fun. To allow enough room for everyone (and avoid spooking our animals), places are limited to one adult per child.



Stars of the Week

Here are 9 very stylish Stars of the Week on our non-uniform day!





Wraparound Care at Walter Infant School and Nursery

All the children from Robin to Willow can come to our Amazing Rise and Shine Breakfast Club; as well as older brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.



All our Rise and Shine staff have completed the relevant training in food safety so we are now able to provide breakfast for the children. We will be offering a variety of cereals, toast, crumpets, pancakes with a variety of different toppings. We will provide milk to drink and fresh fruit.

The menus will vary from day to day so that we can find out how popular the different options are. There will be no nut products.

The cost is £8.00 per session and will need to be booked at least one day prior to the day you require your child to attend. We will apply sibling reduction: 2 for £15.00 and 3 for £21.00.

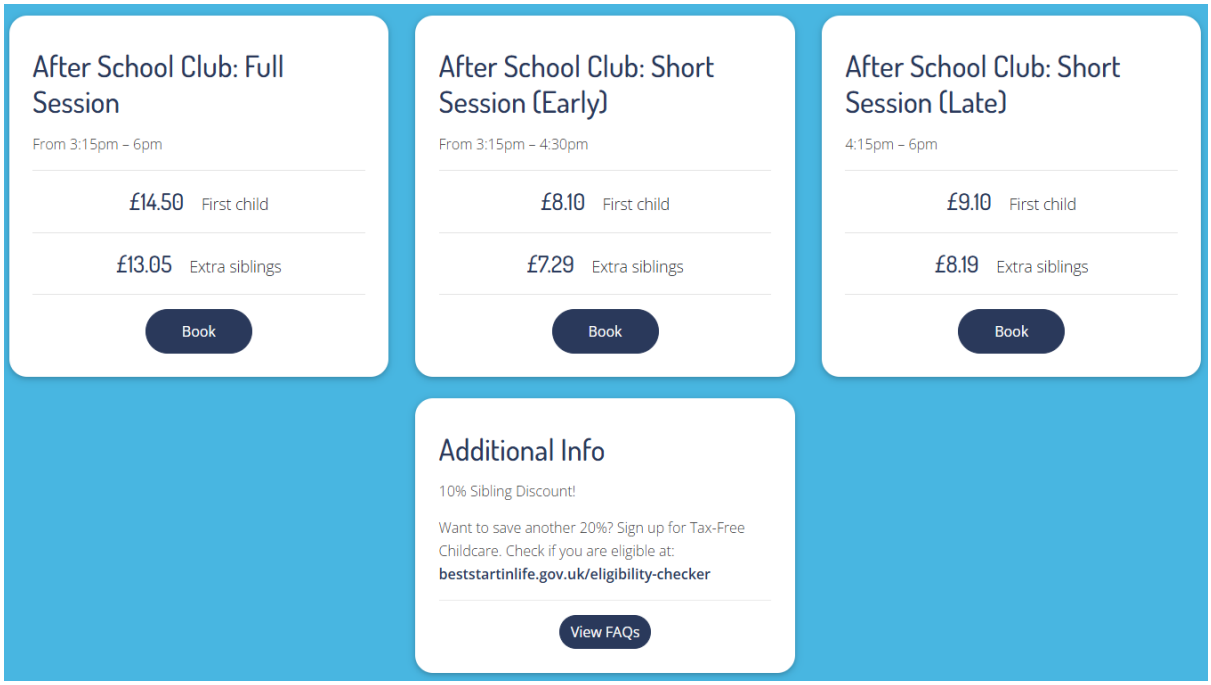
Bookings are made via the school gateway https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login using your preferred email address and mobile telephone number.



Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provided after school care for all children from Nursery (Robin) until **Year 6** (the children at St Paul's do not have to have a sibling in our school to attend Funtastic Kids). If you book a junior child onto Funtastic Kids, please can you inform the class teacher that they may sometimes be collected by Walter or Funtastic Kids staff members.





To book follow this link bookings@funtastickids.co.uk

Information from Wokingham Borough Council

Free mental health counselling for Hong Kong BNOs and Ukrainians

The South East Migration Partnership has funded Hong Kong Aid and Phoenix Therapy Practice to provide free mental health counselling services to Hong Kong BNOs and Ukrainians (who are on the Homes for Ukraine or Ukraine Permission Extension routes), including for children and young people.

Please could colleagues publicise this service to Hong Kong and Ukrainian families in your school community. Information flyers can be downloaded at the links below:

Support for Hong Kongers – information in English and Traditional Chinese
Hong Kong support – FAQs in English
Hong Kong support – FAQs in Cantonese
Ukrainian support – in English
Ukrainian support – in Ukrainian
Ukrainian support – in Russian

NHS Togetherness Programme for Wokingham Families

Togetherness is an NHS emotional health team provides online learning for parents, carers, families, and young people to support emotional wellbeing and preventative mental health in the UK.
More details can be found here – Home - Togetherness and here: Free learning for wellbeing and relationships

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/

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	
Wednesday 4th November	Foundation Stage 2 Reading Meeting for Parents – Change of date	2.45pm
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11th November	'WOW! Wednesday'	3pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 12th November	Diwali Dance Workshops	
Friday 13th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'	
Friday 20th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am
Tuesday 8th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9am -10am

Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 10th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Disco – Robin, Dove & Magpie	3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Disco – Year 1 & Year 2	4.45pm – 5.45pm
Thursday 17th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Thursday 17th December	PTA Christmas Bake & Craft Sale	3.15pm
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 21st January	Drama4all Workshops – ROAR!	
Tuesday 2nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 12th February	PTA Love Bake Sale	3.15pm
Friday 12th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 19th March	Break The Rules Day	
Monday 22nd March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 24th March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Thursday 25th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29th March – Friday 9th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Tuesday 25th May	Foundation Stage 2 – Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 25th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 26th May	PTA Pride Bake Sale	3.15pm
Wednesday 26th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 28th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7th June	**School Closed – INSET**	
Tuesday 8th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Friday 18th June	PTA Summer Fair	3.15pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 6th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Wednesday 14th July	PTA - Year 2 Leavers Disco	4pm – 6pm
Friday 16th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19th July	**School Closed – INSET**	
Tuesday 20th July	**School Closed – INSET**	
Wednesday 21st July	**School Closed – INSET**	

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