

# Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

#### **Dear Walter Families**,

What a fabulous week we have had! The Year 1 children have been amazing during the Phonics Screening check and we have almost completed it. They have tried their very best and we are all so proud of them. Rehearsals have begun for the Year 2 choir for the Addington Proms; which will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The theme is space! Singing rehearsals have also begun for our Year 2 Performance, so some singers have a lot of songs to learn!

#### **Proms in the Playground**

I am still smiling about our amazing Proms in the Playground Concert on Thursday afternoon, it was truly magical and we were so lucky with the weather, dodging all the downpours! Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate our wonderful music curriculum as well as our performance skills. The children had worked so hard to learn so many different songs and styles of music. The finale was superb; thank you for joining in with us. We sent a video clip to Chesney Hawkes

Productions and have received the following message: "How

wonderful! Thank you so much for sharing this lovely moment. I have shown it to Chesney and it made his day."

I will ask Mr Lee to upload the clip onto the website on Monday. I would like to say another HUGE thank you to Miss Veale for organising such a special event.







**Raffle Tickets and Raffle Prizes** 



#### Prizes include:

Jakes Trilakes, Everyman Tickets, Oxygen
Trampoline Park, Wokingham Theatre, Golf Plex
And sooooo much more!



Your children brought home some raffle tickets to sell; please sell as many as you are able to as this is usually the biggest money maker for us in the summer. We already have some amazing prizes, but if you or your company or family have a prize they are able to donate, it would be fantastic and we would be very grateful. Perhaps you could donate a hair salon voucher or a nail voucher. Perhaps an electrical appliance, or brand-new game or toy! Any thing brand new would be very much appreciated.

# Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY!



You can come to school wearing your favourite clothes with sensible shoes, that you can run and play in if you bring to school some sweets or a bottle for the tombola at the summer fair on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

These classes are being asked to bring in a bottle:

## Pine, Sycamore, Willow, Oak and Beech!

The bottle must not be open or out of date, but can be a bottle of anything at all, wine, gin, vodka, prosecco, beer or a pack of beer, squash, bubble bath, non-alcoholic wine, hot sauce literally anything that comes in a bottle (maybe not milk or water  $\bigcirc$ ).



These classes are being asked to bring in sweets:

## Larch, Magpie, Woodpecker, Dove and Robin!

Please can these be nut free (as we are a not nuts school), unopened and in date. Sweets and chocolates that will appeal to adults, children or both are very much appreciated. If you want to make up sweet bags or sweet cones, we would love those too!



#### The School Council Soft Toy Sale

The School Council are very excited about running their very popular Soft Toy Sale; an opportunity for soft toys in excellent condition to find a new loving home. We welcome any sort of soft toy, small, medium, big or gigantic! Please can you make sure they are lovely and clean and ready for their first hug from their new owner!



Please start bringing in your donations on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and hand to the class teacher. Thank you so much.

#### There will also be a cake sale!

If you are a keen baker, we would love you to bake for the summer fair! The cakes will of course need to be nut free! You will have seen some information from the PTA about cakes. We would love any sort of cake, big cakes, muffins, fairy cakes, flap jacks, cookies, short cake, carrot cake (no walnuts), Victoria Sponges, banana cake, and if you don't bake, shop bought cake is fab too! Please bring the cakes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June or in the morning of the fair.

I realise that we are asking you to do so much; please only donate as much as you are able to, there is NO pressure from us (even though it might feel like it)! As funding for schools becomes less and less, and everything we need costs more and more, we rely on fundraising to enhance our environment and our curriculum offer, such as the reindeer coming to school and the farm coming to school, for maypole dancing and African drumming. The more we can raise, the more memorable and exciting our school can be for your children.

#### Please help!

The PTA still need volunteers to help make the Summer Fair a success – if you can volunteer even for a short while, that would be great. I am sure your child/children would also love to help with you – please sign up via this link: volunteersignup.org/C7BKX

#### **Summer Weather**

The weather is very unpredictable at the moment; as we saw on Thursday. One little boy became very hot during the Proms performance and presented as rather unwell. He is fine now. Please can I ask that you ensure your child is wearing long, lasting sun protection on their arms, face and legs, as well as suitable summer clothing. They will need sun hats and can bring sun glasses. They will need a water bottle in school. Please ensure that everything has their name on. Please do not put sun screen in their bags as there is a risk of it being ingested. If you are worried about your child's exposure to the sun, you can come into school in the middle of the day to apply sun screen!



#### **Dangerous Play**

I have had to stop football at the start and end of the day until further notice; I spoke with parents last year who asked if the children could play football before and after school. I said that I would trial it to see if it was happening safely with full supervision from the parents/carers who were bringing the children into school.

The football went well for some time, but recently I have had complaints from parents whose children have been hurt on the pitch. One little boy from Foundation was playing at the end of the day when bigger boys charged onto the pitch and sent him flying. The little boys mum took him home crying.

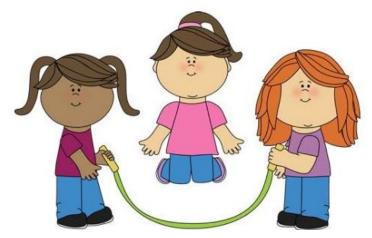
I was informed that a boy in Year 1 was rugby tackled from standing to the floor, hurting him. Both mothers saw, but the matter was not dealt with in an acceptable

way, for example, the boy playing in the wrong way, resulting in another child being hurt, should have been removed from the pitch. There are too many other examples to share.

The football at lunchtime has also been too rough, we have now introduced a yellow and red card approach. The yellow card is a warning, the red card means that the child has to leave the pitch for the rest of playtime.



We have also had some other dangerous play where children have been hurt; they have been using the skipping ropes to tie each other up, the children have then fallen. So, for the time being, we are only using the communal ropes, so the children can learn skipping songs and techniques with adults to then use in their play. If you know any skipping games that you could help the children to learn, we would love to hear from you.

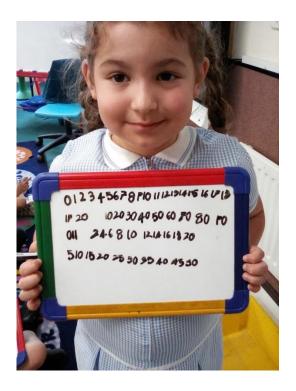


#### **Amazing success in school**

These children have shown that when they try their best they are able to achieve better than ever before!







#### Stars of the Week

These children have all achieved their star of the week certificates for working extremely hard in all their lessons; as a result, they have all made the most incredible progress from their starting points. Well done all of you.





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 <a href="https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/">https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</a>

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.

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Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves Headteacher





Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Magpie Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Dove Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodpecker Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Leaver's Photographs	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nursery Open Evening for New Parents	4.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Stage 2 Open Evening for New Parents	4.30pm – 6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day (St Paul's Field)	9.15- 11.30am
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA – Summer Fair	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	NED Workshop	1.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation Stage Sports Day (Main School Playground)	1.45pm – 3pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	'Stay & Play' for New Robin & Foundation Stage Children	3.45pm - 4.45pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Addington Proms	9am -1pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Change Over Day ~ Meet Your New Teacher	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Pine	9.30am

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Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Willow	11.00am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of School – Finish 1 hour early	

**Calendar Dates for Parents Summer 2025** 

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