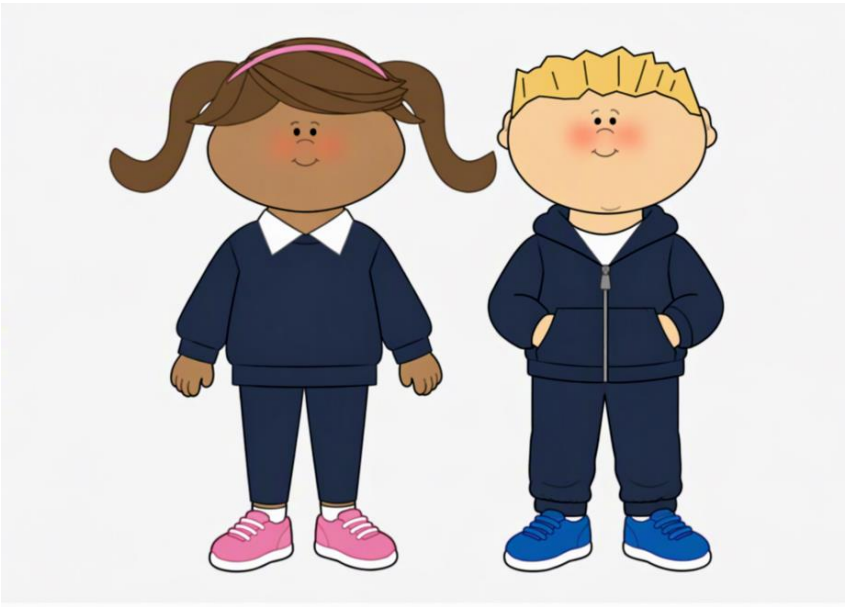


Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

It has become very cold, very quickly. The children will still behaving outside PE lessons. Please do not send your child in shorts on PE days, please send them in joggers and a hoody or fleece which is good to be active in outside. Thank you.



Children in Need

Thank you for all of your very generous donations towards Children in Need; you can still donate on the BBC webpages. By the side of every child- BBC Children in Need

In our assembly this morning we learned all about Zoe, who will be dancing in High School Musical as her challenge to raise money and awareness of children in the United Kingdom who need our support and understanding. As part of our Character Education Curriculum, we are asked to consider the following question: **How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?** We do this in many ways at our school, including raising money for national charity events that are happening in and around our school. Children in Need is a charity that we support every year as we believe it enables our children to understand and have empathy for

children whose lives can be more challenging (for so many different reasons) than our own lives. Empathy is a hard feeling to understand, to develop and to talk about; we do this with the help of our Empathy Elephant, who got their name because they always think about how other people are feeling. Why not ask your child what empathy means to them?



As many of you will already know, the theme for Children in Need this year is…Challenge Yourself. In our assembly today, I set the children a number of challenges to compete throughout the day: They were;

- Share 10 smiles with people throughout the day at school
- Say 10 nice things to the people you see today!
- Tell a joke to make someone laugh!

We also challenged ourselves as a whole school to do the Cha Cha Slide, which was great fun but very challenging, especially the Charlie Brown move. If you would like to try as a family, follow this link: The Cha Cha Slide Dance
We have raised **£70.67** so far!

Head Lice and Nits in School

Head Lice are extremely contagious as they can travel easily from one head to another. They quickly settle in and start laying their eggs, which we call nits. The nits hatch in about a week if left untreated. We have got cases of Head Lice in school at the moment; if we see lice, we will ask for the child to be collected and treated before coming back to school as they can spread so quickly! Please do not send your child to school if you know they have live lice in their hair.

Symptoms of Head Lice

The most common symptom of head lice is itching, which occurs as a reaction to the bites of the lice. Other symptoms may include:

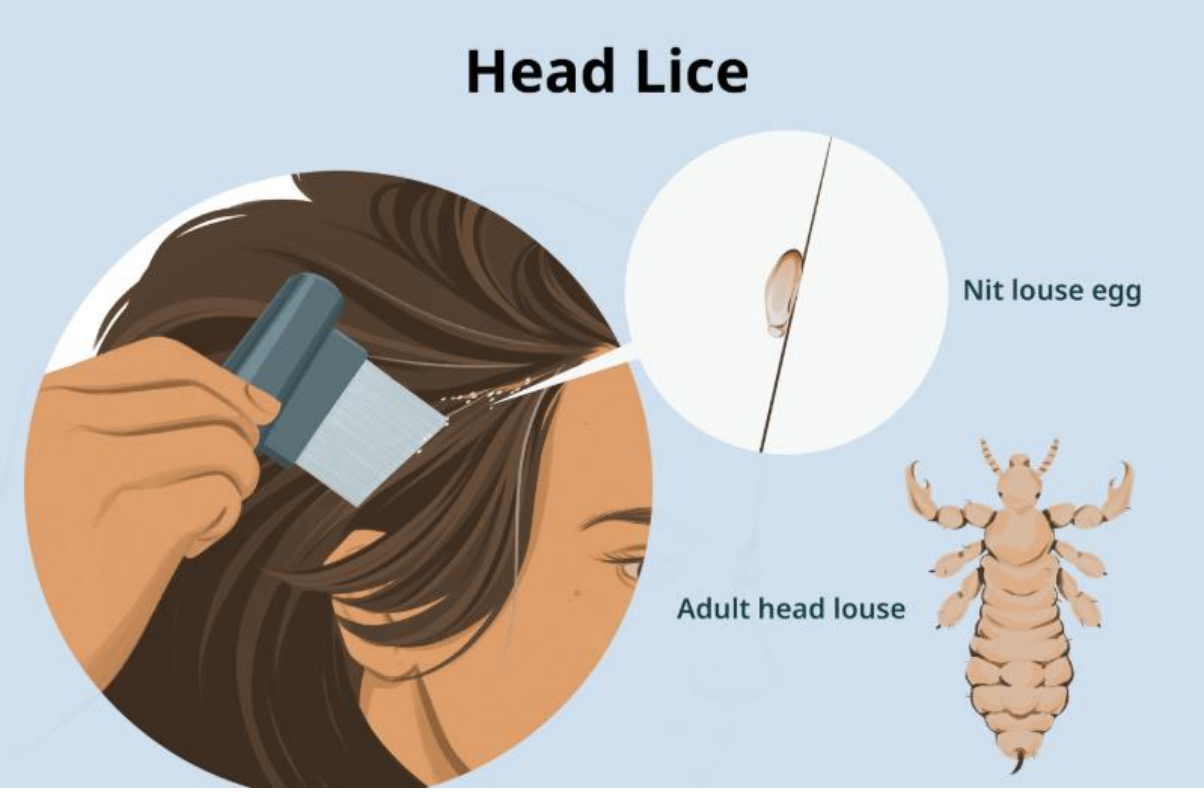
- Visible lice or nots in the hair, especially around the ears and neck
- Sores or red bumps on the scalp or neck from scratching, which can become infected
- Tingling or a feeling of movement on the scalp

Treatment for Head Lice and Nits

To effectively treat head lice, consider the following methods:

- Chemical **Treatments**: Over-the-counter or prescription shampoos and lotions specifically designed to kill lice and nits. Follow the instructions carefully for best results
- **Wet Combing:** This method involves using a fine-toothed comb on wet hair, often with conditioner, to remove lice and nits manually
- **Regular Checks:** After treatment, continue to check for lice weekly to ensure all have been removed and to prevent re-infestation

Head lice and nits - NHS
Bing Videos



Second Hand Uniform

We are always very pleased to receive donations of second-hand uniform but the PTA have asked me to share this information with you:

> **"Please only place branded uniform which is in good condition free from stains and holes into the 2nd hand uniform returns box. All other uniform should be put in the clothing recycle box."**

We will be moving the second-hand uniform box closer to the clothing recycling box to make it easier.

Success in and out of School

Ellie did the most amazing sentence writing in Dove Class. She was able to write three sentences about Diya lamps. She received a headteacher's award and a star of the week certificate. Well done Ellie.



The children in The Zone have made some beautiful fire work pictures and some fire work rockets using 2 d shapes.



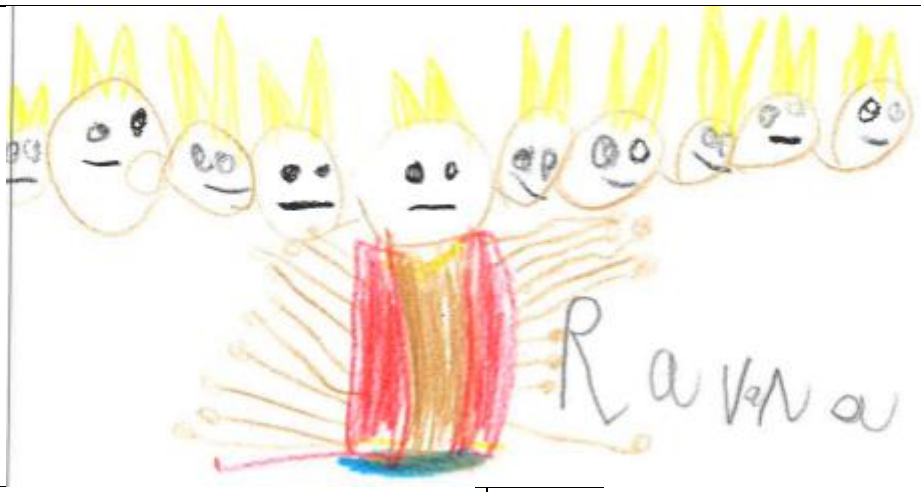


Nikodem won a trophy playing football for Wokingham Town. Well done Nikodem.

Diwali Dance Day

On Thursday we had a wonderful day, when one of our ex-parents, Puloma, came into teach the children from Nursery to Year 2, some amazing dances for Diwali. The children (and adults) loved it. I would like to say a very big thank you and send my very good wishes to all of our community who have been celebrating Diwali this month. The children in Larch Class have shared some amazing drawings of the characters from the Rama and Sita story Ramayana (Rama's journey).




Ravana


Ravana


Sita


Rama


Rama



Find out more by following this link: [BBC Bitesize – KS2 Religious Education Curriculum – What is Diwali? - BBC Bitesize]



The Christmas Fair

We are getting ready for our big fund raiser…The Christmas Fair, which is on Friday 27th November 2026 from 3.30 pm. We have become increasingly more reliant on fundraising to enhance and enrich the children's learning experiences and we are therefore going to be making a lot of request for support over the next few weeks. Please do not feel pressured to donate to every request as I know how expensive everything is and how difficult it can be to make ends meet. But, if you can help, we really do appreciate it very much.

Today, your children have brought home letters for Father Christmas; if they would like to, please help your child to write to Father Christmas. They will receive a personalised letter and a small treat in return.

On Friday 20th November, we are asking the children to come to school in their favourite clothes as a non-uniform day in return for a donation towards our chocolate tombola. This is very popular and always makes a lot of money. There are lots of offers on at the shops at the moment for Christmas Chocolate, so please donate if

you can. If you are not able to donate, please send your child in their favourite clothes any way so they don't feel left out.







The Walter Infant School Christmas Raffle

Your children also brought home 9 raffle tickets; they are £1.00 each. Please sell as many as you can to friends, neighbours and family. We have some excellent prizes already and we hope to receive many more donations.



Fill a Jar!

As some of you know, I am lucky enough to have four wonderful grandchildren! At my granddaughter's Christmas Fair last year, we were asked to fill a jar for the 'Fill a

Jar' stall. Jars with lids (a jam jar or a coffee jar for example) are filled at home with things that children like. There were jars with Lego, jars with sweets. Some jars had hair bobbles and clips in them, some had crayons, one jar had beads and laces to make necklaces and bracelets. It was an extremely popular stall. The children paid £1, chose a number and selected the jar with that number. If you would like to fill a jar, please bring it in to school from the 23rd of November. Please do not include any food containing nuts, including coconut, or home made food products



Rumble in the Jungle

The School Council will be running their usual fundraising stall, to find new homes for soft toys. These soft toys do need to be as good as new! If your children have some soft toys that don't get very much love, please offer them up for adoption. The school councillors love running this stall so please give generously and clear some space for some new toys that might be arriving at Christmas Time!



Running a Stall at The Fair

If you would like to run a stall at the Christmas Fair and help to raise money for the school please get in touch with Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings for more information. My big brother is coming all the way from New Brighton (on The Wirral) with a selection of crafts for Christmas, all the items will be under £7.00 and there will also be a Lucky Dip!







If you would like to advertise in next week's flyer, please send me some information and some photographs that I can share with our families.

Friday 27th November 2026

On Friday 27th November (the day of the fair) we will have another non-uniform day in exchange for £2 which will be an entry fee to the fair for a whole family! More information will follow soon.

Our New Sensory Garden

Thank you for the bulbs we have received already, we are very grateful. We will begin planting them next week. 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.



Stars of the Week

Here are 8 wonderful stars of the week who have all been ‘the best they canbe!’





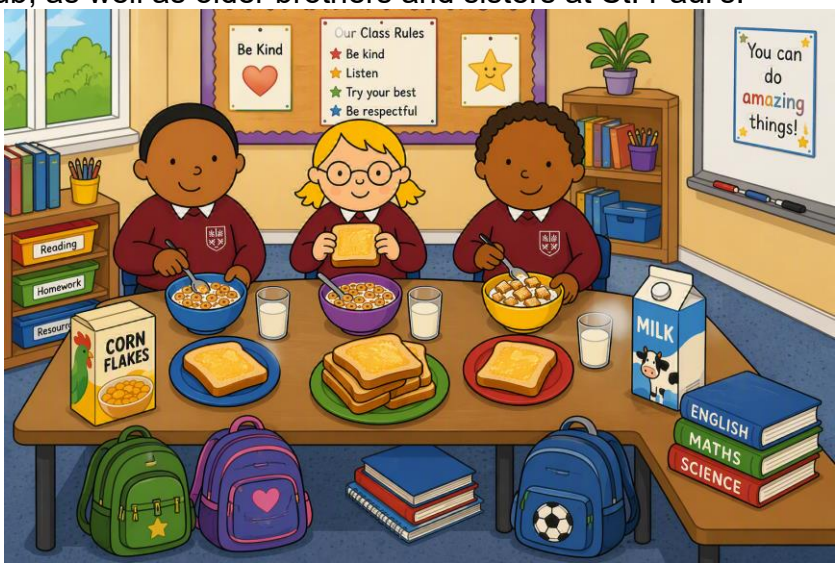






Wraparound Care at Walter Infant School and Nursery

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.

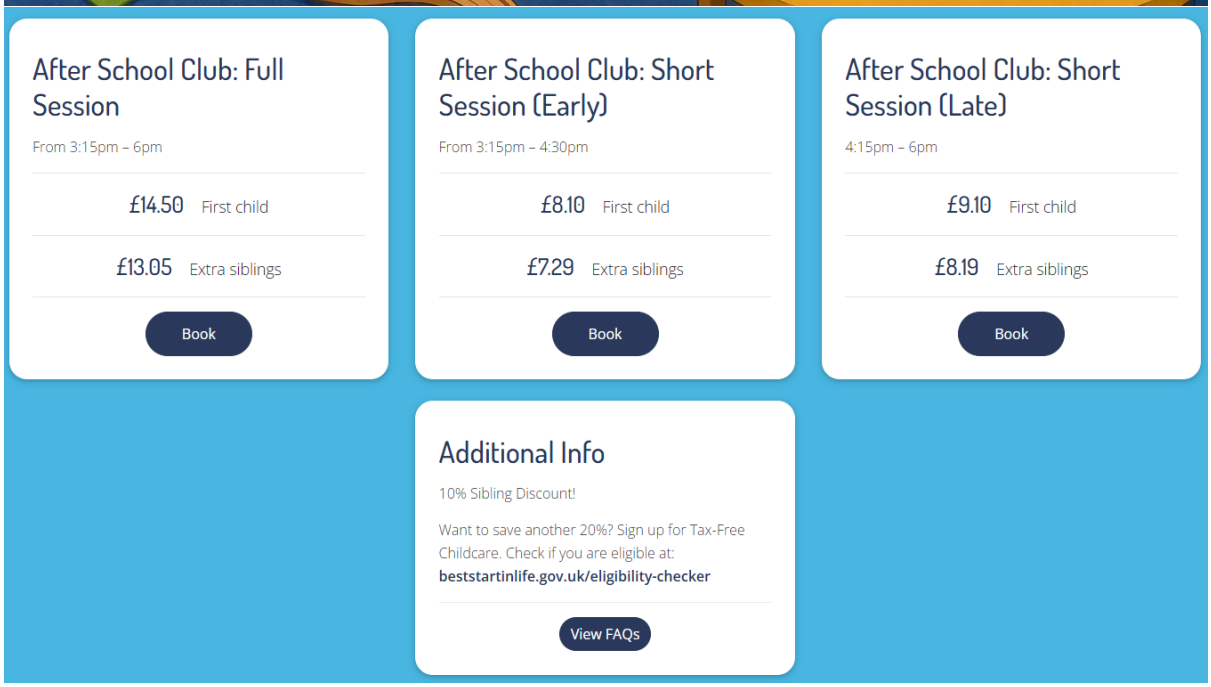
The cost is £8.00 per session and will need to be booked at least one day prior to the day you require your child to attend. We will apply sibling reduction: 2 for £15.00 and 3 for £21.00.

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

Star of the Week!

Here are seven super stars of the week.

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/

And Finally,
If you would like to share events and successes from home, please do send your comments and photographs via email to Mrs Janes on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Have a wonderful weekend!

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

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	Non uniform Day - In return for a £2 donation to the Christmas Fair	
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	9.15am -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	