



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We had our final tours for prospective new families this week and were delighted when all of them decided that Walter was the school for them! We are hopeful that our numbers will be high enough for us to remain as the BIG School we are, and that we will continue to be able to offer outstanding education for as many Wokingham families as we can.

At the end of the school day

Please could I politely ask that everyone vacates the playground before the sports clubs begin for Safety Reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you!

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful messages of congratulations on our OFSTED Report; it is all down to you and your amazing children!
And of course, Walter, the only member of staff to get a special mention!



Walter, the school therapy dog and friend to all.

SEND Voices

Wokingham Borough Council have developed a programme of information and training for parents who have children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).



Drop-in & Chat Sessions Tuesday 28th January

**Come and have a drink on us
and join us for a chat**

Daytime: 10.00 – 12 noon

**@ The Acorn Centre, Fernlea Drive, Woosehill,
Wokingham RG41 3DR**

All SEND parent carers welcome. Claire Doyle (WBC Early Years SENDCO) will join us to chat to anyone who has a 0–5 year old and is looking for information about support available in the early years.

Evening: 7.00 – 9.00pm

**@ Elizabeth Room, Radstock Community Centre,
Radstock Lane, Earley, RG6 5UZ**

Members can also collect **Max Cards** at both sessions
(please remember to bring proof of SEND for Max Card collection
you can also join as a member at the sessions)

No booking required, just pop in!

For more information please email:

info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

or see our website: **www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk**

Spring '25 Half-Term 1 Dates for your Diary



For Wokingham Borough Families

Date	Event
Tuesday 21 st January 7.00 – 8.30pm (Zoom)	EHCP Annual Reviews - A Parent's Guide SENDIASS Training Course
Tuesday 28 th January 10.00am – 12 noon	Daytime Drop-in & Chat Come and have a cuppa and join us for a chat @ The Acorn Centre Fernlea Drive, Woosehill, RG41 3DR All Welcome. Claire Doyle (WBC Early Years Area SENDCO) will also be attending for anyone who has a 0–5-year-old looking for information about support available in the early years. 
Tuesday 28 th January 7.00 – 9.00pm	Evening Drop-in & Chat Come and have a cuppa and join us for a chat @ Elizabeth Room Radstock Community Centre, Radstock Lane, Earley, RG6 5UZ 
Thursday 6 th February 10.00 – 11.30am (Zoom)	EHCP Process – A Parent's Guide SENDIASS Training Course this course is for those going through the EHCP process for the 1 st time

More Information about all our events and training sessions and how to book on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk or email
info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk



SEND Voices Wokingham - The Parent Carer Forum for Wokingham Borough families of children with SEND

We have a number of events, training courses and drop-ins for families in the Borough who have a child with any special educational need and/or disability. These include; SENDIASS training courses and our Drop-in & Chat sessions. There are more details in the events section of our website here:

www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/events

Dates for this Half-Term

- **Drop-in and Chat**
- All SEND parent carers are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat. We will be holding 2 sessions this half term, both on Tuesday 28th January.
- **Daytime 10.00am - 12 noon**
- Venue: The Acorn Centre, Fernlea Drive, Woosehill, RG41 3DR
- All Welcome. We are pleased that we will also be joined by Claire Doyle (WBC Early Years Area SENDCO). Claire will be able to chat to any parent carers with 0-5 year old looking for information about SEND support available in the early years.
- **Evening 7.00 - 9.00pm**
- Venue: Elizabeth Room, Radstock Community Centre, Radstock Lane, Earley, RG6 5UZ
- There is no need to book. Members will also be able to collect a Max Card, you can also join on the day (please remember to bring proof of your child's SEND to collect your max card). More details about the Max Cards and the discounts offered are their website here: [MAX CARD](#)

SENDIASS Training Courses

We are pleased to be able to host the following SENDIASS Training courses via Zoom this term. To book please email info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk stating which of the training courses you would like to attend.

EHCPs Annual Reviews ~ A Parent's Guide

- Does your child have an EHCP?
- Do you know what should happen with their Annual Review?
- This training will help you to understand the process and to participate fully in the EHCP process.
- Date: Tuesday 21st January
- Time: 7.00m - 8.30pm

EHCP Process ~ A Parent's Guide

(for those going through the EHCP process for the first time)

- Are you thinking of applying for an EHCP Needs Assessment, or have you just applied?
- This SENDIASS training course will help you to understand the process and to participate fully. (Please note, this training is not suitable if your child already has an EHCP)
- Date: Thursday 6th February
- Time: 10 - 11.30am

For more information about any of our events, free training courses or drop-ins please visit our website here: [SVW Events](#).

SENDIASS Drop-in sessions

We attended the SENDIASS drop-ins which are held at Wokingham Youth Centre, 35 Reading Rd, Wokingham RG41 1EG, 10.30am - 12.30pm. We provide a cuppa and chat with parents attending. The dates for next terms sessions are:

- Friday 31st January
- Tuesday 11th February
- Friday 28th February
- Monday 10th March
- Friday 28th March

More details are available on the SENDIASS website.

Who are SEND Voices Wokingham?

SEND Voices Wokingham is the parent carer forum for the Borough. We are an **independent** group of parent carers of children & young people with SEND. We act as a **collective voice** to represent all parents of children & young people up to the age of 25 with any special educational need or disability in the Wokingham Borough.

SEND Voices Wokingham act as a **critical friend** and work with the Local Authority, Education and the NHS to help improve services today and in the future.

We run various activities for parent carers in Wokingham Borough which include:

- Coffee Mornings
- Zoom drop-in sessions with the Local Authority
- Produce information guides and leaflets
- Run the Local Offer Family Information Day
- Share information and updates through our membership email and Facebook page
- Organise surveys, consultations and focus groups
- Run training and information sessions for parent carers in the Borough
- Provide FREE [Max Cards](#) to our members

It is completely free for parents to join, full details and more information about what we do as well as links to all the resources above is on our website:

www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

Bikeability and More in Wokingham

Follow this link to see how you can help your child learn to ride a bike and much, much more! [Wokingham Events](#)

Scooter training in School

Thank you to the parents that have booked the Year 1 Scooter Training. There are still places available, if you would like your child to attend, please book by Friday 24th January using the link below.

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school>

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 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.

Spring Census Day

Thank you for ordering your child a school lunch for our Spring Census; we were delighted to be able to serve 237 lunches yesterday; hopefully that will have a positive impact on our budget! We have noticed a few more children ordering a hot dinner; it is such a good idea to take advantage of a freshly prepared hot meal in the

winter months, which is free of charge for all our Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year children.

Year 1 Geography Field Trips

If your child is in Year 1 they will be bringing home a consent letter for your child to go on a geography field trip (a local walk) in the coming weeks. Please return the form to school as soon as possible. Mrs Bell, Miss Palmer and Walter went on a recce this week and are now really looking forward to taking our children on this intrepid adventure for the first time EVER!

Stamps to School for RNIB

Mrs Clements is collecting used stamps for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).

We want your stamps!



On behalf of the RNIB, we would love to collect your stamps and raise money to support blind and partially sighted people. For every kilogramme of stamps received, the RNIB will raise £20.

We would love you to save the stamps from envelopes you receive in the post and drop them off at the box in the school office. When saving your stamps, trim carefully around them, leaving approximately **one centimetre** of paper around the edge.

RNIB will accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Please don't save large gold Post Office labels or pre-printed postage marks as these have no value to RNIB.

Follow the link for further details about RNIB and their stamp collection:

https://www.rnib.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/save-your-stamps-for-rnib/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=stamps_appeal_2024&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlxbuS9NqxigMVnphQBh3_HhJOEAAAYASAAEgINFPD_BwE

**Vacancies in School
Clerk to the Governors**



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St Paul's CE Junior School
Oxford Road, Wokingham
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finance@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Clerk to the Governing Bodies

We are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance, to work with both governing bodies

Salary: Grade 5 (point NL12 – NL17, £26,421 - £28,770 pay award pending) pro rata per annum (term time only) – hours to be confirmed at interview to be confirmed at the interview.

The Governing Bodies of Walter Infant School and St. Paul's CE Junior School are looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance. You will need skills in good administrative practice and experience of minute taking. You will also need to be confident in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and email and have access to the internet. Most meetings will take place via TEAMS and will be recorded to aid minute taking. The successful candidate will be able to work from home.

Responsibilities will include working effectively with the chair of governors, headteacher and other governors to secure the continuity of governing board business.

To advise on procedural and legislative matters to ensure the Governing Board works to the legal framework. An understanding of confidentiality is essential for this role.

Tasks include the preparation and circulation of papers, taking minutes at meetings, providing procedural and legal advice as appropriate, record keeping, and other duties as agreed with the governing board.

Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

We warmly welcome visitors, so if you are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Mrs Anita Pugh at Walter Infant School and Nursery on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk to arrange a visit or to request an application pack.

Closing Date: Applications considered on receipt

Walter Infant School & Nursery and St. Paul's CE Junior School committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS Clearance will be sought from the successful candidate. Walter Infant School & Nursery welcome applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

SEND Learning Support Assistant

Walter Infant School and Nursery



Murray Road
Wokingham
RG41 2TA
0118 978 0825



Headteacher: Mrs Judy Hargreaves
www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk
email: finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

'To be the best I can be'

Walter Infant School is an equitable, safe, secure and happy place to learn; our children grow as individuals in a stimulating and exciting environment which values respect, kindness, honesty, empathy and resilience.

SEND Learning Support Assistant

30 hours a week, term time only WBC Grade 3 (SCP depending on experience) permanent contract

WE ARE AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!

We currently have a vacancy in school to work one to one (1:1) with young children with very specific needs; we would love to employ a wonderful person to take care of our precious children and keep them happy and safe. It will be a very rewarding role.

We can offer you:

- Amazing children who love coming to school and show natural curiosity and are kind and loving
- Very supportive colleagues and a leadership team committed to the well-being and continuous professional development for all staff
- An **OUTSTANDING** and exciting learning environment
- An opportunity to work in a setting where your contributions will be welcomed and your hard work valued.
- All the support and on the job training you will need to fulfil your role

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant for SEND who is:

- Always focussed on the well-being of the children in their care
- Has a desire to do all they can to support the social skills, learning and behaviour of our children
- has a good standard of numeracy and literacy skills to support very young [children](#)
- Flexible, kind, caring and hardworking

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Rise Shine Assistant

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Headteacher: Mrs Judy Hargreaves
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'To be the best I can be'

Rise and Shine Club Assistant

7:30 am to 8:45 am 5 days a week term time only (Grade 3 Pay Scale WBC)
Required as soon as possible

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WE ARE AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!

Due to the expansion of our popular breakfast club "Rise and Shine" we are seeking to recruit a new Rise and Shine team member: This role involves supporting children at the start of the school day. The successful candidate will be able to organise fun and interesting activities that children from 4 to 11 years old will enjoy, for example, reading stories, playing games, small world play and craft activities. They will also assist children with breakfast snacks from home.

We can offer you:

- Wonderful children who know how to behave well
- Kind and supportive colleagues
- Wonderful resources and a pleasant environment
- All relevant training including Safeguarding and First Aid

We are looking for a colleague who can:

- Support children at the start of the school day when eating and playing
- Nurture children with different emotional and educational needs
- Manage behaviour in a positive, therapeutic way
- Work effectively in a busy environment where no day is the same as the next!
- Liaise kindly and respectfully with colleagues

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs Anita Pugh finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk to request an application pack. We welcome visitors to our school, if you would like to see our club in action. Closing date: Applications will be considered on receipt.

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Star of the Week

Ten more OUSTANDING Stars!





Songs for this term

We will be learning some new songs this term; as we begin practising I will share the links so you can sing along with your children at home and help them to learn the words and the tune. This week we have begun learning "I am the One and Only" by Chesney Hawkes: [I am the one and only lyrics](#) the children have picked it up so quickly and they are amazing on their air guitars!!!

Dates for your Diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Lunar New Year Dance Workshop (Day 1)	
Friday 24 th January 2025	Lunar New Year Dance Workshop (Day 2)	
Friday 31 st January	NSPCC Virtual Assembly	
W/C 3 rd February	Maths Week in School in the mornings Mental Health Week in the afternoons Number Day 7 th March 2025	
Thursday 6 th February 2025	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 13 th February 2025	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term	
W/C 17 th February 2025	School Closed - February Half Term	
Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Drama4All Workshop Day	

Thursday 6 th March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 th March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 th March	Science Week	
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day: Homelessness	
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 th March 2025	School Council – Chocolate Tombola	3.25pm
Friday 28 th March 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Friday 28 th March	Parent Consultations	8.00 – 1pm
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term (Finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bunny & Easter Cake Sale	2.15pm

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

And finally,

Have a wonderful weekend, and if you want to share anything with me to put in the flyer, you know what to do...

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves
Headteacher