



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had two very busy Parent Consultation Evenings; thank you to everyone who has attended. We would very much like to meet with the parents of every child in school so if you have not been able to attend or make an appointment, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an appointment after half term. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received for the Foodbank and for our own pantry. We are so pleased that we will be able to help so many families in Wokingham.





All the children took part in the Harvest Festival and Mrs Bell will be placing the videos on our Facebook page.

African Drumming

October is Black History Month; our children have been learning about people of colour who made a difference to the world and did all they could to stop racist behaviour. We have celebrated by learning to play the African Drums.



Packed Lunches

All the children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, until they leave to go to Junior School. Our school lunches are cooked freshly every day by our lovely team from Caterlink. There is a varied menu, but we recognise that sometimes your children will bring a packed lunch. When preparing your child's packed lunch, please remember that we are a NUT FREE ZONE! Some of our children have nut allergies, and having nuts of any sort in school can be a risk to life.

It is imperative that you check the ingredients of everything you include in the lunch box: do not include peanut butter, chocolate spread, chocolate waffles as they could contain hazelnuts, do not include pesto of any sort, or coconut. Do not bring in any cereal bars that contain nuts in the list of ingredients. Do not bring in any almond cakes or biscuits. There are so many other foods to choose from that are healthy and do not contain nuts, this should not be too much of a problem. Thank you for your co-operation with this medical issue.

Please remember we are a healthy school, so do not include any fizzy drinks or sugary drinks or sweets, or chocolate bars. Chocolate biscuits are fine as long as they do not contain nuts.



Cashew



Peanut



Macadamia



Hazelnut



Pecan



Almond



Pistachio



Brazil



Walnut



Chestnut



Sunflower seeds



Kola nut



Pumpkin seeds



Flaxseeds



Cacao



Cedar

This area is intended to be a

NUT FREE ZONE



Please, do not bring items with
peanuts or tree nuts into this area!

peanutfreezone.com

3 Reasons why we ask your children to wear School Uniform

There are many reasons why children wear a uniform to school; the following three reasons may help to explain why we like our children to wear the correct school uniform to school each day.

Reason Number One

A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it can play an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging for the children. All these factors positively contribute to children's overall wellbeing.

Reason Number Two

By wearing a school uniforms, our children and parents (carers) do not have to worry about what to wear to school. Wearing a school uniform means that our children are focused on their education and not on their attire.

Research has shown that when all pupils are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are calmer, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from pupils.

Reason Number Three

It reduces levels of inequality; all the children have something in common and we are able to support those families who are struggling during the cost of living crisis discreetly so that the children are not at a disadvantage from their peers.

Last week, Mrs Janes sent out an email detailing what our uniform requirements are: here are some children, who are appropriately dressed for the school day at Walter. How smart they all look.





Our children can wear grey trousers, skirts or pinafores, with white, pale blue or navy polo shirts and our burgundy school jumpers and cardigans. They can also wear a navy or burgundy fleece, available from Gooddies. We would like them to wear black, navy or grey tights and black school shoes or trainers.

On PE days our children should come to school in their PE kit! This is a PLAIN NAVY BLUE sweatshirt or hoody, PLAIN NAVY BLUE joggers, legging or shorts and a plain white T-shirt. They can wear any colour of trainers for PE.



Our PTA have lots of pre-loved school uniform for sale at a very reasonable cost. All the large supermarkets sell school uniform and the plain white T-shirts can be as little as £2.

If your child receives Pupil Premium Funding, we can use this to buy them everything they need to wear for school.

Please make sure everything they wear to school has their name in.

PE Days at Walter Infant School and Nursery.

Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker all have PE on Monday.

Beech: Monday and Thursday

Larch: Monday and Wednesday

Oak: Monday and Wednesday

Pine: Monday and Wednesday

Sycamore: Tuesday and Wednesday

Willow: Monday and Tuesday

**Please wear the correct school uniform on all the other days of the week!
Please do not wear red cardigans, red jumpers, red dresses or red tights.
There is no red in our school uniform. Thank you for your understanding.**

Halloween!

Those of our families who are new to Wokingham and to the United Kingdom, will be learning so much about our culture, both locally and nationally. As the years have gone by Halloween has become very much a focus during the autumn for parties and celebrations, including pumpkin carving, dressing up as scary creatures and Trick or Treating. Our children have talked about Halloween during our Autumn/Harvest Assembly!

Here is some information for all our families about Halloween in Wokingham [Pumpkin Picking and Halloween Events near Wokingham | Wokingham Rocks](#)



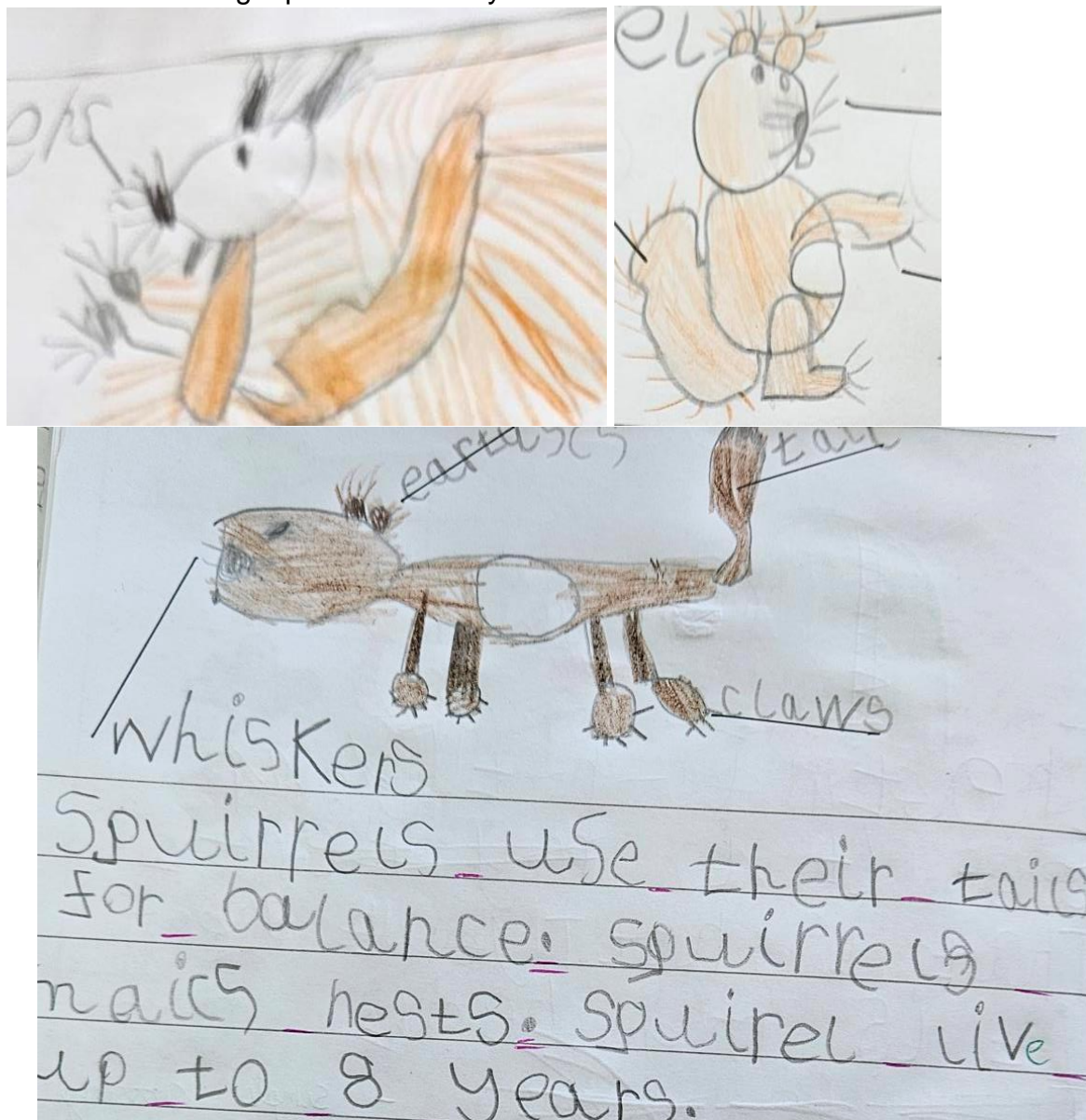


Noah has made an absolutely superb cake for Halloween. I am so impressed by his modelling skills and it has inspired me to want to make one myself. Well done Noah.



Autumn at Walter

We have been talking and learning about autumn; the children are able to talk about the seasonal changes and describe what happens during the autumn and why. Here are some amazing squirrels drawn by some of the children in Larch Class.



Anti-bullying Week

Monday 11th is the start of Anti-bullying Week; we will be asking the children to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November as a symbol of togetherness as we will be learning about bullying behaviour and how to prevent it from happening. The children will be learning what bullying behaviour is and how it can make you feel. They will learn how to recognise if they or some one they know, is being bullied and what to do about it. All our staff will have up to date Anti-bullying Alliance Training and the children will make posters to display in school. If you would to know more, please follow this link: [Odd Socks Day](#)

Lunchtime Controllers @ Walter

We would like to appoint two new Lunchtime Controllers to work 5 days a week during the children's lunch break. This is a very rewarding job, as you are able to join a happy supportive team, within our wonderful school staff and spend an hour or so helping the children to eat their hot dinners or packed lunches, supporting them with self-care and first aid and supervising or joining in with their play. Our children

are extremely well-behaved, they have impeccable manners are they are really good fun to be around! If you would like to know more about they role please contact Mrs Pugh on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk for an application pack. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin a new career in a school!

Bilingua Sing at Bracknell Library

Cari Weston, one of our parents and the leader of our Spanish Club at school is running a free Spanish song and craft session at Bracknell Library on Thursday October 31 at 10am. It is suitable for 4-8 year olds and there's no need to book, the children can just turn up and join in the seasonal fun! They will be learning about Day of the Dead, along with some appropriate Spanish words.

Bilingua Sing

Love Learning Languages

Multi-Award
Winning!

FREE Spanish Halloween session

Thursday 31st October, 10am



A fun, **FREE** Spanish song and craft session – suitable for ages 4–8

Find out more about Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead and have some fun!

Bracknell Library, RG12 1BH

Learning a second language has a whole range of developmental benefits for your child:



It boosts
their brain
power



It enhances
their speech
development



It increases
their self-
confidence



Suitable for ages 4–8

No knowledge of Spanish needed – everything will be in English too!

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No need to book – just turn up!

Suitable for children aged 4–8 years

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cari@bilinguasing.com



Some of our staff and families have already registered for Asda Rewards **Cashpot for Schools** and we already have £85 of donations ~ thank you so much. Please help us to raise more, if you shop at Asda.

Cashpot for Schools is a donation initiative operated by Asda, whereby Asda will donate 0.5% of Qualifying Purchases during the Qualifying Period to eligible schools.

- **To participate: Participant must be a registered Asda Rewards member. Participants must opt in to the 'Cashpot' for Schools initiative via the Asda Rewards app.**
- **Participants must select a school, hopeful Walter Infant School and Nursery, for Asda to donate 0.5% of the participants Qualifying Purchase.**

Stars of the Week

9 Harvest Stars of the Week; well done everyone and thank you so much for being the best that you can be!





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. Unfortunately, we do not have any more spaces for I-Rock at the moment.

And finally,...

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Have a wonderful half term.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2024

Date	Event	Time
28 th October 2024	Half Term	
7 th November	Food Waste Assembly	10.15am
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
11 th November 2024	ODD SOCKS DAY!	
11 th November	Remembrance Day	
25 th November	Reindeer visit	All Day
29 th November 2024	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
6 th December 2024	iRock Concert	2.30pm
10 th December 2024	Beech Class Nativity – For Parents	2pm
11 th December 2024	Larch Nativity – For Parents	2pm
12 th December 2024	Oak Nativity – For Parents	2pm
13 th December 2024	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9am
18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
18 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
18 th December 2024	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2pm
20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term (Children 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.