

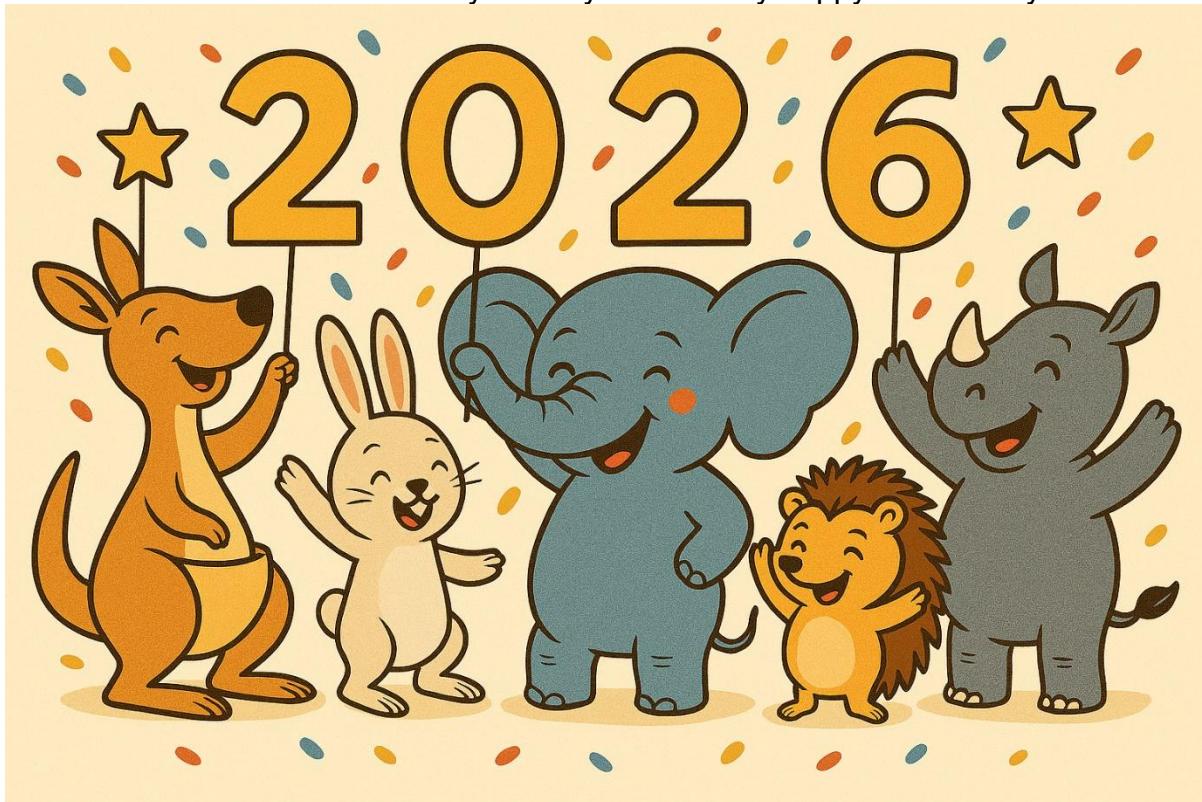


Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome back to school and may I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2026.



I have been working hard to improve my skills and ability in AI! Here we have our Values animals wishing every one New Year felicitations!

So, the snow didn't come to Wokingham today! I live on the Oxfordshire Border, so my car was covered in snow when I left home today! We will continue to monitor the weather, but hopefully we will be able to stay open every day! The children will be

playing outside everyday so please ensure that have a warm, waterproof coat, gloves, a hat and possibly a scarf if they really feel the cold. Please make sure everything is labelled. You can buy personalised sticky labels for everything, including book bags and water bottles if you follow this link:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=24476>

Our school code is 24476. The school will earn 30% on all purchases which will boost our funds and allow us to invest in our children's school environment, inside and outside.

The Invisible String

Every class in school has been reading The Invisible String by Patrice Karst.



We have noticed that an increasing number of children who are finding it hard to separate from their parents at the start of the school day; each one has a different worry or reason why saying goodbye and coming into school is so difficult for them. It can be extremely upsetting for the children and the adults. So, we decided to take a whole school approach and chose The Invisible String as it shares a very positive message about love and connectivity.

You can listen to the book by following this link: [The Invisible String Read Aloud](#) There are lots of versions available from You Tube and Vimeo. There is also a beautiful song, with lovely animation: [The Invisible String 🎵 | Heartwarming Kids Song About Missing Someone | Animated Nursery Rhyme](#)



During our assembly today, we 'connected' ourselves with a ball of string! We want the children to know how we care for them and that we love having them at school with us. The children have produced some really beautiful work this week and have shared with their classes, the people they are joined to with invisible string. Why not ask them who they think they are joined to?



Head Bumps in School

We have just completed a first aid audit and yet again, head bumps come out on top! I know that some of your children can bump their heads frequently and a phone call from school to home or work can be frustrating at times, but, we are obligated to follow very strict procedures, whenever a child has a head bump, however small, to record it and report it to parents or carers. This is so that anyone caring for the child in the following hours can check for signs of compression, concussion or even a fracture.

Worries about head bumps

When it comes to head bumps, it's important to know when to monitor and when to seek medical help. Here are some key points to consider:

- **Monitor for changes:** If someone has a head bump and appears otherwise well, apply a cold compress and monitor for changes in behaviour, alertness, vision, coordination, or signs of illness for at least 24 hours.
- **Seek medical help:** If symptoms such as vomiting, unusual drowsiness, worsening headache, blurred vision, balance problems, open wounds, bruising, swelling, or cuts larger than 5cm appear, or if the person is under one year old or taking blood-thinning medication, seek medical help.
- **Serious symptoms:** Clear fluid or blood coming from the ears or nose, knocked unconsciousness and not waking up, seizures, or a head bump that is rapidly growing, changing in color or texture, or has irregular borders, should be examined by a healthcare provider.

Remember, while many head bumps are minor, some can indicate more serious underlying conditions. If you're unsure, it's always best to err on the side of caution and seek professional medical advice.

[Head injury and concussion - NHS](#)

Consultation Meeting for Parents

On Monday 12th January at 7:00 pm Wokingham Borough Council will be hosting a consultation meeting about the proposal to open 2 Special Educational Needs Units (SEND) at Walter Infant School and Nursery and St. Paul's C of E Junior School. If approved, the Units will provide 12 places at Walter Infant and Nursery and 16 places at St Paul's C of E Junior School for children with Autism or who are on the Autism Pathway from September 2026.

The full proposals and initial public notices are set out on the Council's website here: [Planning new school places](#).

The public consultation runs until 29th January 2026, and the Council hopes to formally determine the proposals at the meeting of the Council's Executive on 26th February 2026.

Should you have any comments to make on these proposals or have any queries, please address them to me at piers.brunning@wokingham.gov.uk. Alternatively, comments, queries or objections can be sent to me at the following address: **Piers Brunning, Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN**

Birthdays in School



Harry, Alex, Jacob, Rudransh and Florence all had their birthdays recently; we sang them happy birthday in our singing assembly yesterday.

After School Clubs

There are still a few spaces available in our after-school clubs:

Monday

Spanish for Year 1 and Year 2 for 11 weeks: 5th January 2026 to 23rd March 2026 for £66.00

~~Tennis for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 5th January 2026 to 23rd March 2026 for £77.00 FULL~~

Tuesday

Street Dance for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026 for £83.00

Basketballers for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026 for £88.00

'Stageability': Age 5 to 18 years starting on Tuesday 6th January 2026 to 24th March 2026

Wednesday

Multi-skills for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 7th January 2026 to 25th March 2026

Thursday

Gymnastics for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 weeks: 15th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £80

Football for Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 Weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £92.40

Sports Club for F2 for 11 Weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 2026 for £92.40

French for F2, Yr1 & Yr2 for 11 weeks: 8th January 2026 to 26th March 26 for £66.00

Friday

iRock for Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 Weeks for a Monthly payment from 9th January 2026 to 20th March 2026

Tennis for F2 Yr1 & Yr2 for 10 weeks: 9th January 2026 to 20th March 2026 for £70.00

The two Friday clubs along with Gymnastics will run for 10 weeks and not 11 weeks.
We also have our Rise and Shine Club from 7:30 am until school starts and our afterschool club, with JAG until 13th February and then with Funtastic Kids.

Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will be starting at our school on Monday 23rd February 2026.



Wrap Around Care at Walter Infants!

Funtastic Kids is excited to be providing nurturing and dependable childcare at Walter Infant School.

Opening February 2026!

After School Club
Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 4:30pm
£7.80, includes a healthy snack.

Monday - Friday, from 3:15pm - 6pm
£14, includes a healthy snack plus a light afternoon tea.

Monday - Friday, 4:15pm - 6pm
£8.75, includes a light afternoon tea

Open to all children who attend Walter Infant School from Nursery (age 3) to Year 2.

We are an Ofsted Early Years Childcare Provider and accept Childcare Vouchers. Activities provided include arts, crafts, sports, games, and outdoor play!

10% Sibling Discount.

Follow us on social media for updates of what we get up to at our clubs!

 @FuntasticKidsWrapAroundCare  @funtastickidsuk  @funtastic_kids

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You can start booking your spaces by the above links. This is very exciting as it will make a huge difference in cost for our parents and they come very strongly recommended. You will notice that it is also open to Robin children. There will be no children in the club older than 7 so it will be a lovely, gentle fun environment for our very young children.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding we will be more than happy to fund an extra-curricular club for them.

Star of the Week





Successes and Celebrations at school and elsewhere!

This is the section within which we celebrate the successes of our children in and out of school: If you would like to share your child's achievements, please send in a photo, or like Madeleine (below), some medals, a certificate or a trophy and I will happily include the news in the flyer!



Madeleine won three medals for gymnastics. Wow! That is amazing Madeleine, Well done!

Walter has been doing a sponsored bike ride and has raised a whopping £300, please follow this link to find out more: https://www.justgiving.com/page/walter-1?utm_source=WA&utm_medium=DT#sharePage



Well done Walter: this is such an achievement, we are so proud of you.

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.

Walter's Pantry

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

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/>

And Finally,

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2026

Date	Event	Time
Dates for 2026		
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1	
Tuesday 13 th January	New Parent Tour	9.15am
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 1 Scooter Training	
Tuesday 3 rd February	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Thursday 5 th February	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day – Children to dress number related!	
Friday 6 th February	PTA Cinema Night (TBC)	4-5.30pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February	Parent Consultations	More information to follow
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February	Mental Health & Well-being Week – 'This is My Place'	
Wednesday 11 th February	'WOW' Wednesday!	8.40am – 9am
Wednesday 11 th February	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 12 th February	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 13 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	

Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	Start of Spring Term 2	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Bedtime Stories	Children invited to wear their pyjamas
Tuesday 10 th March	Governor Day	
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day in return for Chocolate Donations for the School Council Chocolate Tombola	
Thursday 19 th March	Drama4all Workshop Day	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day	
Wednesday 25 th March	‘WOW’ Wednesday	3.00pm – 3.20pm
Thursday 26 th March	School Council: Chocolate Tombola	
Friday 27 th March	PTA Break the rules day	
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 4 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Tuesday 19 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Thursday 21 st May	Oak Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 22 nd May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	May Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Tuesday 7 th July	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 14 th July	PTA Year 2 Leavers Disco	4-6pm
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Closed – INSET	

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