



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

New School Councillors!

I am delighted to introduce our new school councillors (along with the children who were elected in the summer term). The children in Key Stage 1 were voted for by their classmates and the children in Foundation Stage were voted for by the adults.



Sanvika, Thomas, Robin and Dimitrios from Willow Class



Tamsin, Autumn and Rudy from Pine Class.



Rosalind, Sonny and Jesse from Larch Class.



Tommy and Nikodem from Beech Class.



Stanley, Ollie and Tara from Foundation Stage.

Democracy

We have learned all about democracy and why we vote; you can find the assembly on the website.

The screenshot shows a website editor interface. At the top is a green navigation bar with links: HOME, OUR SCHOOL, CALENDAR, STATUTORY INFORMATION, PARENTS, THE ZONE, EVENTS, NEWS, CALENDAR, PTA, VACANCIES, CONTACT US, OFSTED, and a plus icon. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Manage website » Parents » Democracy. The main editing area has a title 'Edit page: Democracy' and buttons for PREVIEW, SETTINGS, SAVE CHANGES, and CANCEL. On the left, a 'QUICK TIP' box says: 'Select a column then add content using the buttons below!'. The 'PAGE CONTENT' section shows a single item: 'Democracy.pptx' with a document icon.

I also found a great song (by Snoop Dog) that the children really enjoyed!
[Election Day](#) | [Doggyland Kids Songs & Nursery Rhymes by Snoop Dogg](#)



Amazing Portraits from Dove Class!

The children from Dove Class have painted the most spectacular self portraits which are currently on display in the classroom.



Can you spot your child?

Mobile Phones on the Playground

Please do not use your phone on the school site. This is for safeguarding reasons as I do not know if cameras or recording applications are being used.



Snacks in the Playground

We pride ourselves on being a healthy school; we will be applying for re-accreditation in the near future. Please could you refrain from giving your child an after-school snack until you have left the playground. Follow this link to discover more about a healthy diet for healthy teeth [Food-For-Teeth-Teacher-Resource.pdf](#). I know your children are hungry and deserve a treat at the end of the day, but please don't allow them to eat it in school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Healthy School

Changes to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding September 2026

IS YOUR INCOME BELOW £7,400 A YEAR? If so you child is entitled to Targeted Free School Meals which includes Pupil Premium Funding which goes to our school.



Are you entitled?

All the children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, so often parents do not check to see if their child is eligible for Free School Meals until they join a junior school. However, there are benefits for children who are eligible for Free School Meals before Year 3! Children who are entitled to a Free School Meal are also entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, which can be used to support them in school (please see the benefits below). They are also entitled to free holiday clubs [Holiday activities and food programme 2025 to 2026 financial year - GOV.UK](#)

From September 2026, changes have been put in place for working parents:

What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

From September 2026, there will be two types of free school meal eligibility:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covers pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM, a new category covers pupils who are in households receiving Universal Credit, earning above £7,400.

- Children eligible for Targeted FSM will be entitled to other educational entitlements such as the [HAF programme](#) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance. Pupil Premium funding will be provided to schools based on children eligible for Targeted FSM.
- Children eligible for Expanded FSM will receive free school meals but will not be eligible for the additional support that children eligible for Targeted FSM are entitled to and will not attract pupil premium funding.

Universal Infant Free School meal policy

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to be entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meals policy regardless of family circumstances. Schools should continue to encourage the parents of children in reception, year 1 and 2 to apply for free school meals. If they are eligible for Targeted FSM, the children can benefit from the HAF programme and school travel assistance, and the school receives pupil premium funding.

End of transition protections

Since 2018, some children have continued to receive free school meals, even if their family circumstances changed during the rollout of Universal Credit. Now that entitlement for free school meals is being expanded to all families on Universal Credit, these protections will end.

This means:

Some children may no longer be eligible from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year if their family does not receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit

Eligibility will now be based on current benefit status

Pupil Premium

From September 2026, children who received free school meals during the transitional protection period will be considered an 'Ever6' child and will attract pupil premium funding for their school. This includes pupils who are no longer eligible for free school meals under the new system, or who are eligible for Expanded FSM. These pupils will remain part of the 'Ever6' cohort for 6 years.

From the 26/27 academic year, only children eligible for Targeted FSM will be included in the 'Ever6' category in future years. This means that children eligible for Expanded FSM who cease to be eligible in future years will not be considered 'Ever6' and will not attract pupil premium funding for their school.

New FSM claims

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM criteria. To ensure that those families can receive free meals from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, schools should:

- **promote awareness of the new FSM entitlement so families, including families using early years provision, know about support they might be able to receive**
- **begin accepting new FSM applications as soon as possible.**

This is the link for the form: <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/sites/schoolshub/files/2026-09/Free-school-meals-claim-form.pdf> Mrs Janes will be very happy to support any applications.

For more information, please follow this link: [Free school meals](#)

Success inside and outside School



Jerald is an author; he showed me and Mrs Janes four amazing books about aliens and monsters. He has drawn amazing pictures and written some very interesting information.

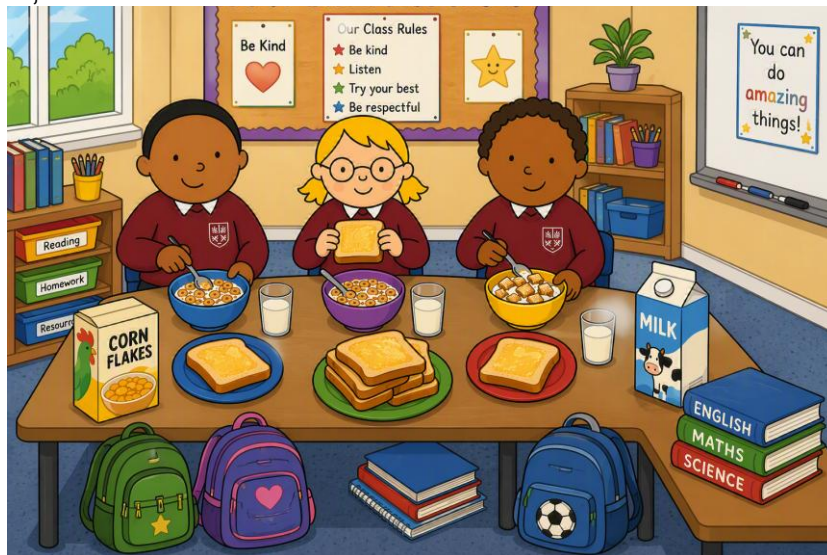


Tommy has been awarded a **BLUE PETER BADGE** for singing 'Golden' and dancing at Stage Coach! This is only the third one I can remember since 2015! Well done Tommy, this is something to feel very proud about.

If you would like to share exciting events with school to go in the flyer, please email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

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

October Half Term Holiday Camps!

Childcare from £3.33 an hour in a safe school environment

Open across Berkshire

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026*

**Dates and activities vary by camp. King's Academy Oakwood (Bracknell) is open for two weeks from Monday 19th October*

What's on offer:

New themed timetables: October Explorers or October Magic

Creative activities: arts & crafts, drama, science & baking

Energetic sports: archery, goalball, bocchia, new age kurling & more

Book Now:

 funtastickids.co.uk

 bookings@funtastickids.co.uk

 **07715643412**

Ages 4 - 13

Sibling Discount

Ofsted Registered

Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provide 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.



After School Club: Full Session

From 3:15pm – 6pm

£14.50 First child

£13.05 Extra siblings

Book

After School Club: Short Session (Early)

From 3:15pm – 4:30pm

£8.10 First child

£7.29 Extra siblings

Book

After School Club: Short Session (Late)

4:15pm – 6pm

£9.10 First child

£8.19 Extra siblings

Book

Additional Info

10% Sibling Discount!

Want to save another 20%? Sign up for Tax-Free
Childcare. Check if you are eligible at:
beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker

View FAQs

To book follow this link bookings@funtastickids.co.uk



We're Hiring!

We are looking for Supervisors, Playworkers and Sports Coaches this October Half Term at our holiday camps open across Berkshire!



One Free
Child
Place*



EMPLOYMENT DETAILS:

You must be able to commit to a minimum of 2 days as a Supervisor or 18 hours as a Playworker or Sports Coach during October Half Term (flexible shifts/ half day shifts considered). Future holiday work also available.

HOURLY RATES:

Supervisors: from £16

Playworkers: £9.50 - £13.50

Sports Coaches: £10.50 - £14.85, dependent on qualifications and experience

Looking to earn some extra income over the holidays? Are you a nurturing, enthusiastic and reliable individual who enjoys working with children?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For more information and to download an application pack, please visit our website:

funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies

Please send completed applications to:

hr@funtastickids.co.uk

**One free child place available, for dependents only*

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 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 lovely weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 5 th October – Monday 30 th October	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October – Tuesday 1 st December	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Foundation Stage – Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 9 th October	Wear something YELLOW to support World Mental Health Day	
Monday 12 th October	Year 2 African Drumming Workshop	
Tuesday 13 th October	Avenue Dance Assembly	10.15am
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 1 African Drumming Workshop	
Wednesday 14 th October	Flu Immunisation - Foundation Stage 2, Year 1, Year & The Zone	
Thursday 15 th October	Year 2 Legoland	
Thursday 15 th October	Foundation Stage 2 Reading Meeting for Parents	2.45pm
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival	
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Friday 23 rd October	Non-uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair	
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2 nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	

Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11 th November	'WOW! Wednesday'	3pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 12 th November	Diwali Dance Workshops	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'	
Friday 20 th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24 th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9am -10am
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 10 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11 th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4 th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Thursday 21 st January	Drama4all Workshops – ROAR!	
Tuesday 2 nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22 nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16 th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Monday 22 nd March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 24 th March	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	

Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18 th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Tuesday 25 th May	Foundation Stage 2 – Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 25 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 26 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7 th June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 8 th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 6 th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 21 st 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.**