



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been Well-Being Week: the children loved coming into school in their bright colours (actually all the staff did too)! And Walter...





The children had work shops with Naomi from Gabrielle's Education where they have been learning how to identify their feelings and emotions to enable them to talk about how they are feeling, increasing their personal vocabulary...all the children had the opportunity to make meaningful souvenirs of the workshop to help them remember what they had learned.





Meridian Television

If you would like to watch our news broadcast, we now have the link: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/what-has-black-hair-four-legs-a-tail-and-is-proving-to-be-a-hit-at-a-berkshire-school/qg1nbqm> It so wonderful. We all watched it together as part of our assembly today. We have awarded Walters (The equivalent of an Oscar) to the children who took part in the recording, Saskia, Mabel, Ronnie, Remi, Walter the Boy!, Rosa, Amelie and Ianthe. Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Bell got one as well. Felix didn't think it was fair, so he kindly asked Mrs Bell to present one to me too!





Active Movement



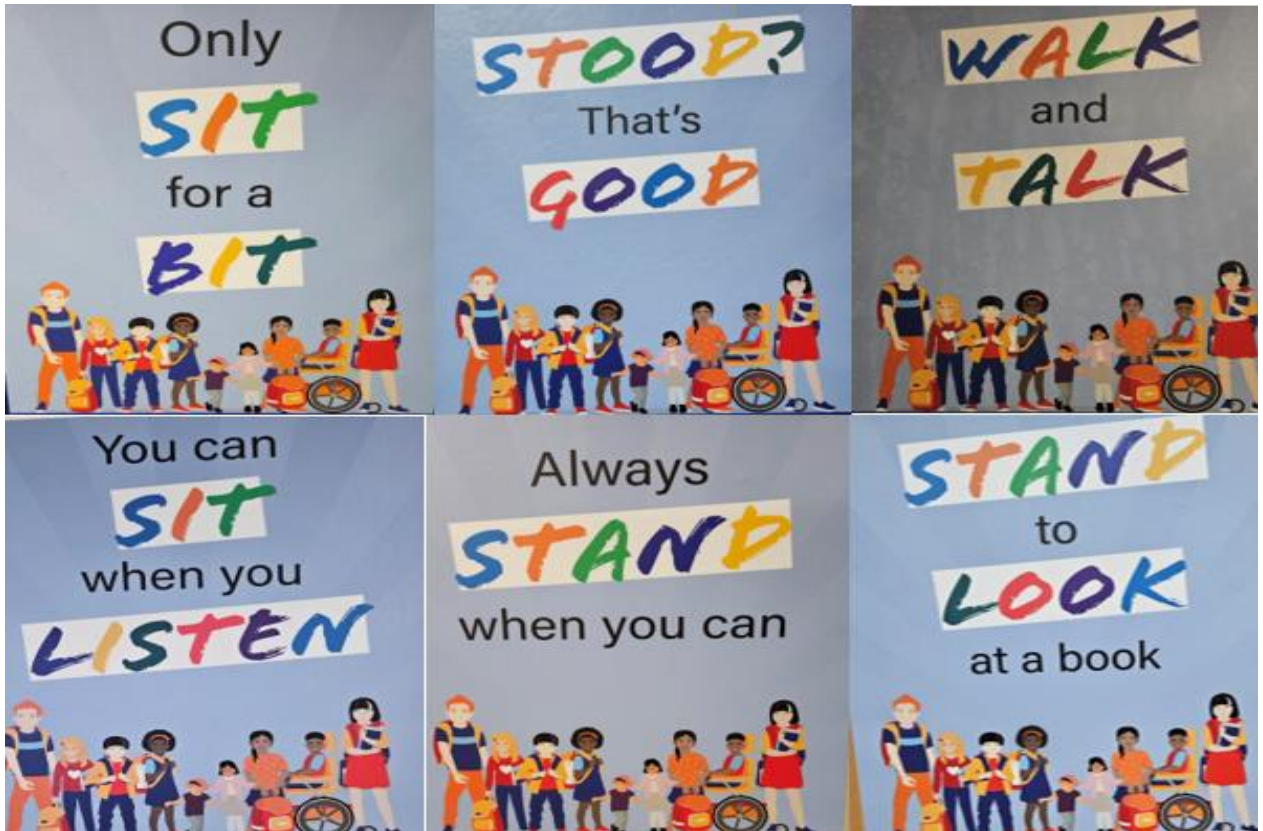
ACTIVE MOVEMENT

30 schools in Wokingham have been able to share in a grant from Wokingham Borough Council to help children in staff in school be more active! This is not a Physical Education Scheme, it is a strategy to support children in moving more each day. We have had assembly today from Mr Peter Savage; the CEO of Active Movement. He has shared a number of facts about how to improve our levels of activity. The children in Key Stage One really enjoyed the very active assembly and learned some interesting facts. For example: Which creature do you think can move for the longest? A leopard, a horse, an antelope or a human?



Ask you child if they can remember?

These posters are all around our school to remind us to be more active...



The children loved getting up and down in response to different instructions and we are all determined to try to move more. Mr Savage has designed a walk for us all to do; it is 150 steps and if we do it every day, we will walk 17 miles in a year.





He has also planned some homework about moving more for the half-term break where the children can design their own walk.

The Foundation Stage will be learning about moving more in a different format which we will launch after half-term.

Beech Class Wokingham Field Trip

Beech Class went for their very exciting walk around our local area looking for physical features. They had a wonderful time and we have found that it has really enhanced our geography curriculum so will be planning a warmer walk later in the year!





Pine Assembly

On Thursday Pine Class held their class assembly to share what they have been learning about in school; they eloquently talked about the Antarctic and Captain Cook. They sang a delightful song about penguins. They showed the most beautiful

art working, demonstrating how truly talented they are. They told us all about Nelson Mandela and explained about apartheid. When they started singing Count On Me, I was moved to tears. Thank you so much for coming to see them.





Amazing Work in School

Alexandar produced some absolutely amazing writing in her Independent Writing Journey; it is the best writing she has done and we are so very proud of her. Well done Alexandra.

The year 1 children have been painting self-portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso. I was absolutely delighted on my way to the finance office when I saw a truly magnificent display. They are all so talented.

Litter Picking

Tamsin went on a litter pick after school with her sister, Isla, and her friend, Bethany. They did really well and you can see from the pictures how much litter they collected - two big (and very heavy!) bags full! Well done Tamsin, Isla and Bethany.





Household Support Fund can help you

There's more than **£500,000** available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

The Household Support Fund has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply. Apply now:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>

From:
Sarah Isaac
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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you've had an opportunity to participate in some of the workshops and online sessions since the '**Keep Safe in Wokingham**' campaign was launched earlier this month. Further events for children and parents, providing practical tips on keeping safe online and in the real world, are available throughout February. Details can be found here: [Keep Safe in Wokingham](#)

With half term approaching, please remember that should you or your child(ren) experience incidents or behaviours that cause concern, either online, or in person, the **Community Safety Partnership**, which includes Wokingham Borough Council and Thames Valley Police, encourage you to report this to the school or directly to the police, by phone: 101 or online at: [Report | Thames Valley Police](#). We would also encourage you to advise your child(ren) on how to keep safe and what do to in the event of an emergency.

Please do make the most of the campaign workshops and sessions, including the **NSPCC Online Safety for Parents and Carers** session taking place on Monday 17th February at 6pm.

Sarah Isaac
Education Safeguarding Lead
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Stars of the Week

Here are our wonderful shining stars who have all excelled in their independent writing this week showing us just how much progress they have made. They have all been demonstrating our value of the week ~ Respect. Sadly, two stars were away so we will award their certificates and gold star badges after half-term.





New Recycling Bank at Walter

We now have our new recycling bank and it is already filling up. Please use it as much as you can and tell all your friends and family too as we will make money for the children and it is extremely sustainable.



New Playground Equipment

We have got so much wonderful equipment for playtimes and the School Councillors worked with Mr Dale and Miss Dutton to demonstrate how to use everything correctly.





NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe



The children in Year 2 had workshops to help them learn how to keep themselves safe, which were delivered by volunteers from the NSPCC. They met 'Buddy' and learned what they must do if they feel worried. Mrs McDonough said the workshops were excellent. Diane, the volunteer, said the children's behaviour was exemplary!

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 of 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.

Dates for your Diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
W/C 17th 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	
W/C Monday 3 rd March 2025	Book Fair (Books available to buy at the end of the school day)	
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 th March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 th March 2025	Science Week	
Tuesday 11 th March 2025	Y1 Scooter Training	
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Class Photographs	
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	9.00am – 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 half term and see you on the 24th February 2025.

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Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves

Headteacher