



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

School Councillors

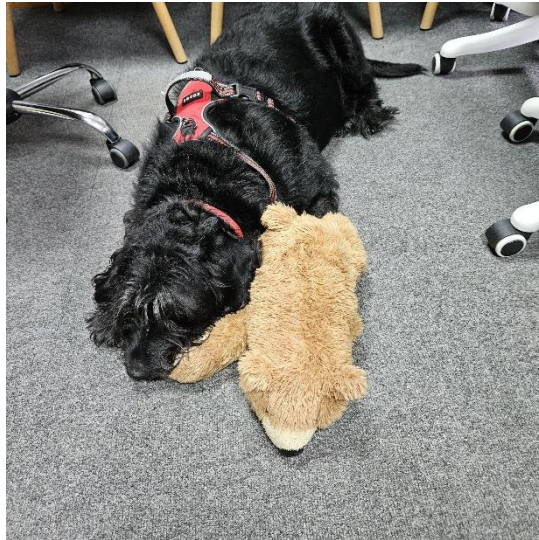
Congratulations to our new school councillors who have been elected by the children and adults in their classes. The children in Years 1 and 2 presented their manifestos to their classmates and each child had a vote. The children in Foundation Stage were selected by the staff. So, I am delighted to welcome these nine amazing children who will be able to work in partnership with our existing school councillors to ensure that the pupil voice is always heard!





Walter Loves Sharing his Toys

If ever Walter hears someone crying he arrives at their side with a toy! He is so loving and caring. However, he has had such a busy week, he is exhausted and needed to keep this bear all to himself.



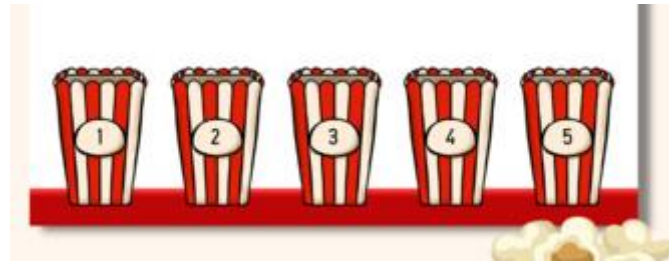
Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

It is Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday today; to celebrate nearly all the staff wore animal print as a mark of respect (and for fun)!



Snack Time

Snack time is going really well and the children enjoy having a little longer to enjoy their snacks from home as well as the fruit and vegetables. Please can I remind you that popcorn is not considered to be a safe snack for children under 5. Please can I ask that only Year 1 and Year 2 children bring in popcorn, just to be on the safe side!



Beale Park

On Wednesday Year 1 went to Beale Park; they had the most amazing time and their teachers were so proud of them! They enjoyed learning about the many different animals as part of our science curriculum as well as having a fantastic time on the giant pillow and in the playgrounds!



Celebrations

Mrs Seale sent me this amazing photo of Dimitrios with the following message: Dimitrios showed us his three medals he won at his Ninja club today! He is very proud of himself!



Well done Dimitrios; what an amazing achievement!

Shriya and her dance group participated in Wokingham's Got Talent on April 25th. Her group won third place and she was excited to bring the trophy to school.

Well done Shriya; we are so proud of you!

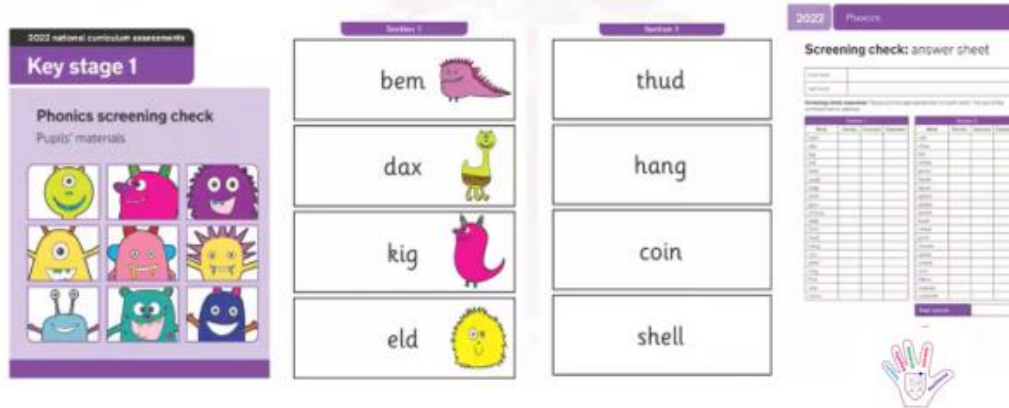


Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Parents

In the next few weeks will receive the Phonics Screening Check materials as the check takes place in the month of June. We will be having a meeting to explain what will happen, show you some resources and share with you how you can help your child to feel ready. The meeting is on Monday 11th May at 2:45 pm. If you have been before, with an older child, the information will be very similar, but it is still good to refresh your memory and your phonics skills. You can find out more about pseudo words (or alien words) by following this link: [phonics screening 2026 - Search](#)

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify pupils who need extra help to improve their decoding skills. The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words that pupils read aloud to the check administrator.



School Trips

The children in Foundation Stage 2 brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Wellington Country Park, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Wellington Country Park | An Award-Winning Family Day Out in Berkshire](#)



The Year 2 children brought home a letter about the school trip we have planned to Woolley Firs, please return the paper work, payment and packed lunch order as soon as possible. Thank you. [Download the Woolley Firs Programme.pdf](#)



The cost of trips has risen quite steeply this year; we do rely on the voluntary contributions made by our families to enable the trips to happen. If you do not feel able to pay for your child to go on a trip, please contact me directly on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Stars of the Week

I am delighted to share our stars of the week; especially as Larch, Oak and Beech were awarded class star of the week certificates for their amazing behaviour at Beale Park.



The Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is coming soon; it will be on Friday 26th June from 3:20 pm until 5:30 pm. We will soon be asking for your support as this is our biggest annual fundraiser organised by our amazing Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We will be asking for lots of different donations over the next few weeks so that we can try to make this summer fair the best one ever. There will be a fire engine, a police car and an ambulance AND Lightning McQueen! Please keep your eyes peeled for requests. If you would like to sponsor the fair or donate a raffle prize please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would really welcome the support of local businesses (big and small) so that we can raise as much money as possible for your wonderful children.



National Thank A Teacher Day

With National Thank a Teacher Day taking place this year on 17th June, we're inviting you to join schools across the country in publicly celebrating the incredible dedication and impact of your whole teaching community – from teachers and teaching assistants to lunchtime supervisors, librarians, admin teams, site staff and leadership.

This is a chance to recognise everyone who contributes to your school and to show them they are valued.

It's not just staff who can take part – parents and pupils can also get involved by sending their own free personalised messages of thanks

We encourage you to take part and help make this year's celebration even bigger by involving your whole school community and ensuring every member of staff feels recognised and appreciated.

Thank you for everything you do to support your school community.

The Thank a Teacher Team

Please use the link below:

www.thankateacher.co.uk

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,

As the weather starts to get warmer and sunnier, you may want to consider applying sun cream on your children before they come to school. You may also want to send your child with a sun hat and sunglasses as we do play outside a lot!

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term 1	
Monday 11 th May	Year 1 Phonic Screen Parent Meeting	2.45pm
Thursday 14 th May	Beech Class Assembly	2.45pm
Monday 18 th May	FS2 Trip to Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 19 th May	FS2 Trip to Wellington Country Park	
Tuesday 19 th May	Larch Class Assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 20 th May	'WOW' Wednesday	8.40am – 9am
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	
Thursday 4 th June	Police Visit – Foundation Stage	
Friday 5 th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Morning Held at St Paul's Junior School	9 – 11.30am
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 2 Trip to Woolley Firs	
Thursday 11 th June	Year 2 Trip to Woolley Firs	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 2 Leavers Photo	10-11am
Thursday 18 th June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's Assembly with Mrs Buchanan – Year 3 Leader @ St Paul's	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's Assembly with Mrs Taylor and treasure hunt	
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Meet the Teacher	9-10am
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 30 th June	Fire Fighter Visit – Foundation Stage	
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Meet the Teacher session 2	9 -10.15am
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 2 Children moving to St. Paul's – Watch the Year 6 dress rehearsal of their end of year production	2pm
Friday 3 rd July	Foundation Stage sports Afternoon	1.45 – 3pm
Monday 6 th July	Year 2 – Dress Rehearsal to the rest of the school	9.30am
Tuesday 7 th July	Story Suitcase – Foundation stage	

Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	'WOW' Wednesday	3pm
Thursday 9 th July	Year 2 – Show Performance to parents	2.00pm
Friday 10 th July	Pickle Ball Workshops – Key Stage 1	
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	

Dates for 2026 - 2027		
Tuesday 1 st September	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 2 nd September	School Closed – INSET	
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of Term for Year 1 and Year 2 only	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	

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.