



Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very busy week, the Spring Term is always so busy because lots of things happen in a very short space of time! On Thursday the children brought home their red envelopes as part of our celebrations of the Lunar New Year. Brayden came to school dressed to celebrate which was lovely!



**We are famous!**

We are a featured school in Wokingham Today: take look by following this link, you might see a picture of your child! [Walter shows off his outstanding school – Wokingham.Today](#)





Here are our wonderful school councillors in the Bracknell News! [Walter Infant School rated Outstanding by Ofsted in recent inspection | Bracknell News](#)



We will be having our elections in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February with the results being shared on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February in assembly.

### **Meridian Television**

A film crew and reporter will be visiting our school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February early in the morning, to see our wonderful school in action, to meet the children, the staff,



possibly some parents at drop off and of course, Walter. They are hoping to speak to the children about their school and Walter. If you do not want your child to be filmed for television, please contact Mrs Janes on [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) on Monday morning (3<sup>rd</sup> February); we will then ensure that they are not included on our list of possible contributors. Once we are sure which children are going to take part, we will ask the parents or carers to give formal consent. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

### **Year 1 Geography Field Trip to Wokingham**

Oak Class went on their field trip around Wokingham today and had a truly magnificent time learning about different physical features including speed cameras (which were particularly exciting)! It was so successful and so rich in learning that we will do another one for each class in Year 1 later in the school year.















### **New Recycling Bank at Walter**

We will be getting our own recycling bank next week, this has been organised by the PTA and is great way to recycle as well as fundraise for our school. It is a free service and we will receive 20p per kilo. Please use it as often as you can: they are

able to collect all types of clothing, including branded uniform, accessories such as hats, scarves, gloves, handbags and belts, as well as bed linen, towels and soft toys. We are using a company called: Astra Recycling  
This is a great way to fundraise as well as promote the importance of recycling. The textiles collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so less than 1% of what we collect ends up in the ground. It arrives on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.



### NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe



The children all attended the Speak Out, Stay Safe NSPCC school (virtual) assembly, hosted by Ant and Dec this morning. Next week the KS1 children will continue their learning in class and on 12<sup>th</sup> February Year 2 will have a work shop with the staff from the NSPCC. If you do not wish your child to partake in the survey (if they are 7 years old), please complete the form you received last week. Thank you.

### Maths Week at Walter

We will be having maths week at Walter starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February; the children will be linking their maths to their learning across the curriculum; culminating in **Number Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, when the children and adults are invited to come into school in clothes celebrating numbers! This could be a football shirt, a



hat, a decorated t-shirt or sweatshirt; it could be one item or a whole outfit! They do not need to wear school uniform on this day. Remember patterns are mathematical so shapes and stripes are good too.



Here are some ideas from last year!



### Shine Bright Wear Bright





On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, we are inviting all our children, staff and families to express themselves by 'Shining Bright', to raise the awareness of Children's Mental health.

**SIX CHILDREN IN EVERY CLASSROOM  
HAVE A DIAGNOSABLE MENTAL HEALTH  
DISORDER. (Chums Charity 2025)**

The children may come to school in the brightest, boldest colours or patterns they choose. During the day, every class will participate in a Well-being Workshop, led by Gabriel's Education. The children will still have their usual time outside, so please ensure the children have appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

**Stars of the Week**

Here are our wonderful stars of the week ~ we are now also awarding a shiny gold star pin badge for your children to wear to school. They were very excited to receive them.







**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.

### **Stamps to School for RNIB**

Mrs Clements is collecting used stamps for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).



## We want your stamps!



On behalf of the RNIB, we would love to collect your stamps and raise money to support blind and partially sighted people. For every kilogramme of stamps received, the RNIB will raise £20.

We would love you to save the stamps from envelopes you receive in the post and drop them off at the box in the school office. When saving your stamps, trim carefully around them, leaving approximately **one centimetre** of paper around the edge.

RNIB will accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Please don't save large gold Post Office labels or pre-printed postage marks as these have no value to RNIB.

Follow the link for further details about RNIB and their stamp collection:

[https://www.rnib.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/save-your-stamps-for-rnib/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=paid\\_search&utm\\_campaign=stamps\\_appeal\\_2024&gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIxbuS9NqxigMVnphQBh3\\_HhJOEAAYASAAEgINFPD\\_BwE](https://www.rnib.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/save-your-stamps-for-rnib/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=stamps_appeal_2024&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIxbuS9NqxigMVnphQBh3_HhJOEAAYASAAEgINFPD_BwE)

**Vacancies in School**  
**SEND Learning Support Assistant**

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### **'To be the best I can be'**

*Walter Infant School is an equitable, safe, secure and happy place to learn; our children grow as individuals in a stimulating and exciting environment which values respect, kindness, honesty, empathy and resilience.*

## **SEND Learning Support Assistant**

30 hours a week, term time only WBC Grade 3 (SCP depending on experience) permanent contract

**WE ARE AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!**

**We currently have a vacancy in school to work one to one (1:1) with young children with very specific needs; we would love to employ a wonderful person to take care of our precious children and keep them happy and safe. It will be a very rewarding role.**

#### **We can offer you:**

- Amazing children who love coming to school and show natural curiosity and are kind and loving
- Very supportive colleagues and a leadership team committed to the well-being and continuous professional development for all staff
- An **OUTSTANDING** and exciting learning environment
- An opportunity to work in a setting where your contributions will be welcomed and your hard work valued.
- All the support and on the job training you will need to fulfil your role

#### **We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant for SEND who is:**

- Always focussed on the well-being of the children in their care
- Has a desire to do all they can to support the social skills, learning and behaviour of our children
- has a good standard of numeracy and literacy skills to support very young children
- Flexible, kind, caring and hardworking

**We warmly welcome visitors, so if you are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Mrs Anita Pugh on [finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) to arrange a visit or to request an application pack.**

**Closing Date: Applications considered on receipt**

*Walter Infant School & Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS Clearance will be sought from the successful candidate. Walter Infant School & Nursery welcome applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.*



### Songs for this term

We will be learning some new songs this term; as we begin practising I will share the links so you can sing along with your children at home and help them to learn the words and the tune. This week we have begun learning "I am the One and Only" by Chesney Hawkes: [I am the one and only lyrics](#) the children have picked it up so quickly and they are amazing on their air guitars!!!

### And finally,

Wrap up warmly forecast is cold and please remember to send your children in to school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves. If you would like to share any news, please contact me on...

[admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary



### Calendar Dates for Parents Spring 2025

Date	Event	Time
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	Maths Week in School in the mornings Mental Health Week in the afternoons	
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	HSBC Maths Workshops	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	NSPCC Number Day	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Beech Class – Local Area Walk	9.15 – 10.30am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Pine Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of Half Term	
W/C 17th February 2025	School Closed - February Half Term	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2	



Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Drama4All Workshop Day	
W/C Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Book Fair (Books available to buy at the end of the school day)	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Willow Class Assembly	2.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Governor Morning	
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Week	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Y1 Scooter Training	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Class Photographs	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Red Nose Day: Homelessness	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	School Council – Chocolate Tombola	3.25pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	INSET – School Closed to children	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations	9.00am – 1pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term (Finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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.**