



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a great week at school: On Tuesday we were visited by our School Improvement Officer from Wokingham Borough Council. It was his first visit to the school and he was extremely impressed by the children and their positive behaviours for learning. He enjoyed visiting every classroom and thought that our environment was wonderful. He was also amazed by the work that is on display in school and by the beautiful resources the children have to work and play with. I felt exceptionally proud of the children and staff at Walter.

Foundation Stage Gymnasium Equipment.

As many of you know, we were hoping to have new gymnasium equipment installed in our Foundation Stage Garden, however, the engineer came today and explained that it would not be possible in the spaces that we have available. This is very disappointing; however, he came up with some other exciting ideas and Mrs Bennette and her team will now be making different choices to increase the fun for the children outside! Watch this space!

The New Roof

The new roof is complete; which is wonderful and a huge relief as during the thunder storms this week, we had NO leaks. Yay! The scaffolding remains as we are now having new solar panels fitted to the roof. The scaffolding is due to come down over half term, all being well.

Scooters in the Playground at the start and end of the day

We know that almost every child has remembered to push their scooters (and bikes) once they are on the school site. Please can I politely remind parents that it is not safe to scoot in the playground for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

Kindness at Walter

This week our Value has been kindness; the children heard the Origin Story for Kindness Kangaroo, perhaps you would like to ask how the kangaroo got her name?



in a world
where you can
be anything.
BE KIND.

Ten children have received Kindness Leaves today because they have shown exceptional kindness to others without being prompted. We are very proud of them all.



Cashpot for Schools at Asda



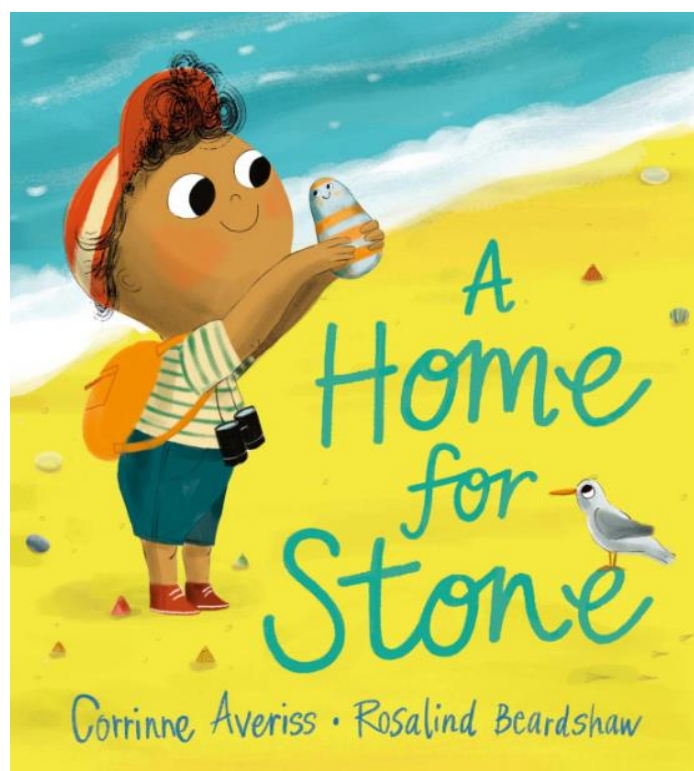
Some of our staff and families have already registered for Asda Rewards **Cashpot for Schools** and we already have £70 of donations ~ thank you so much. Please help us to raise more, if you shop at Asda.

Cashpot for Schools is a donation initiative operated by Asda, whereby Asda will donate 0.5% of Qualifying Purchases during the Qualifying Period to eligible schools.

To participate: Participant must be a registered Asda Rewards member. Participants must opt in to the Cashpot for Schools initiative via the Asda Rewards app. Participants must select a school, hopeful Walter Infant School and Nursery, for Asda to donate 0.5% of the participants Qualifying Purchase.

A Home for a Stone (Year 1)

Year 1 have all been learning from a new book this week; A Home for a Stone by Corrine Averiss. It is a delightful caring tale about a little boy who finds a stone that needs a home. The stone finally feels safe with a diverse group of other characters; the children have been able to discuss how being different is a good thing and we should celebrate our differences. They have painted their own stones and taken them home!



Here are some photographs of their published work based on the book Sharing a Shell. We can see that we have got some very talented artists and writers in Year 1.









Miller's Ark

Miller's Ark Travelling Farm came to school on Wednesday and Thursday and it was wonderful, even though Larch Class got caught in the rain! The children loved learning all about the goats, pigs, donkeys, chickens and the very noisy duck!







Bag2School

We have a Bag2School collection on Friday 18th Oct 9am. Please bring your donations to school on that day and pop them on the train. We will send bags home but you can use any bag - big or small, there is no limit. The more they weigh, the more they pay - we are currently raising funds for reading books at school.

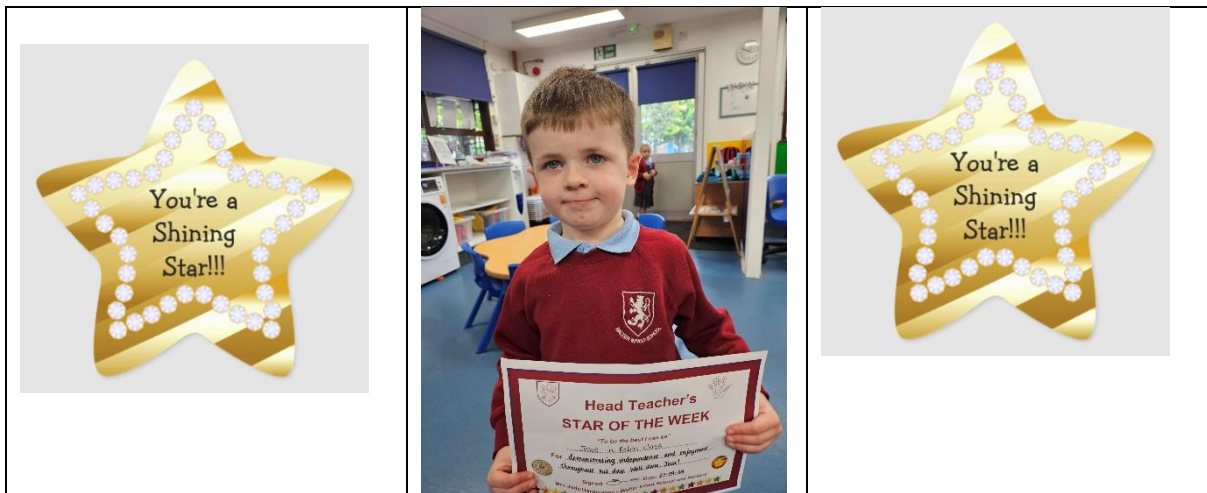
If you'd like more info about Bag2School or for more info about what you can donate please visit the website <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



Stars of the Week

Here are this week's shining stars! Well done all of you.





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 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.

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2024



Date	Event	Time
23 rd September – 9 th December	Weekly Tours for New Parents begin	9:15am
24 th September – 10 th December	Weekly Tours for New Parents begin	9:15am
1 st October 2024	Individual Photographs	All day
14 th October 2024	FS2 Parents Reading and Phonics meeting	2:45 pm
15 th and 17 th October 202	Year 2 trips to Lego Land	All day
18 th October	PTA AGM PTA Halloween/Diwali Packs/Candy Floss	2.30pm After School
21 st and 23 rd October 2024	Parent Consultations – Face to Face (Further details to follow)	3:30 till 6:30 pm
22 nd October 2024	Flu Immunisations	
26 th October 2024	PTA ~ Cake Sale	After School
28 th October 2024	Half Term	
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
11 th November	Remembrance Day	
29 th November 2024	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
10th December 2024	Beech Class Nativity – For Parents	2pm
11 th December 2024	Larch Nativity – For Parents	2pm
12 th December 2024	Oak Nativity – For Parents	2pm
18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
18 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
18 th December 2024	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2pm
20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	

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