



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been wonderful for so many reasons!

School Reading Garden

Thank goodness the sun has begun to shine on our Reading Garden; our PTA donated money for us to have a reading garden and we have been waiting until the weather has been clement enough for us to use it. It was very popularly received and we are all delighted. Another big box of books arrived today!





Please choose a book to share with your children from our diverse range of texts and please encourage your children to treat the books with respect. Thank you.

Year 1 Assemblies

It was a joyous experience watching the Year 1 class assemblies; the children sung and used actions to share the stories of Goldilocks and the Three bears and Red Riding Hood. They also shared the photographs of Beale Park and read about their experiences on their first ever school trip. The children are amazing scientists and seem to remember all there is to know about animals!





Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage 2 children have been learning all about different places in the world and sharing the book Emma Jane's Aeroplane. The children 'visited' a different city of the world each day!



On Tuesday they visited Venice and ate 'gelato' and listened to Italian music outside in the sunshine!



The children learnt to say 'Bonjour', count to ten in French, looked at colours in French and sung heads, shoulders, knees and toes in French. The children also had croissants and listened to French music.

Learnt to say 'Ciao', went on a virtual gondola ride (watched on smartboard) around Venice and ate gelato whilst listening to Italian music.

On Wednesday they explored different weather conditions in America, and learned about New York. On Thursday they listened to Chinese music. Finally, on Friday, they compared native animals in the United Kingdom to Australia.

Each day we used google earth to find the country and landmark - Sydney harbour was fun to find. We also found our school and Wellington Country Park. What a busy week!

African Drumming

The whole of Year 1 learned to play our African Drums today; it was incredible! They were so talented (with thanks to our amazing teachers) and learned how to play the rhythm and the bridge to a song about our school and animals! AMAZING! Walter joined in too!



Sports Days

Key Stage 1 will have Sports Day on **Friday 23rd June** from 9:00 am until 11:00 am led by Jack Dillon and his wonderful team of sports coaches. Our theme for this year is 100 years of Disney. Your children will bring home a letter informing you of the team they will be part of and the logistics for the morning. We will have 4 teams; Mickey (wearing red), Goofy (wearing green), Donald (wearing blue) and Pluto (wearing yellow); we will ask that the children come to school wearing a t-shirt the colour of their team and any Disney accessories you choose to include e.g. Mickey Ears, a badge or a sash, a Disney flag to fly etc. The children LOVE sports day and it is great fun...who will win the golden baton for the relay in Year 2?????



Foundation Stage Sports Day will take place in our school on **Friday 30th June**; this will be an opportunity for parents, grandparents and younger siblings to come along and take part in lots of activities organised by Jack and his team. More information about times will follow soon; it will be in the morning so you may want to book some time off work and get other family members to come along.

Bags to School

Thank you to everyone who donated a 'bag to school'; we had a wonderful response and earned £141 which is much more than we have in the last few collections! Well done everyone.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 1st July from 11:00 am; this is our biggest fund-raising event of the event of the year! Please can you help us by coming along with your friends and families to have a really great time playing games, winning prizes chatting to each other hopefully in the sunshine and really making a difference to the children's opportunities at Walter. We are hoping to buy outside gym equipment for the children to enjoy and to help them keep healthy and fit. Lots more information will follow; there will be raffles and tombolas, singing from the children, burgers and sausages, including vegetarian choices and so much more. Please contact our PTA as soon as possible if you would like to donate, sponsor or volunteer via walterinfantspa@gmail.com Thank you.

Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Wednesday 7th June at 2:45 pm.

We will be holding a meeting to explain the Phonics Screening Process for Year 1 parents on Wednesday 7th June at 2:45 pm. The screening process begins on Monday 12th June for two weeks. Come along if you would like to know more about what happens. Your children are well prepared, they have been working hard, some children have some homework from Mrs Starbuck to practise over the half term, please try to find time to help them so that they don't forget their very new learning.

Woolly Firs

The first group of Year 2 trippers are off to Woolley Firs on Tuesday 6th June (our first day back), please do not send your children in PE kits. Please check all the information sent to you from the Year 2 teachers. If you have any questions, please contact me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Star of the Week

Mrs Bell awarded the certificates today as I was leading a training session on emotional literacy! These stars clearly all feel very proud!





Support with Food and Fuel

Money to help with food, bills, energy costs and other essentials

You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

If you have applied and received a grant from Age UK Berkshire or Citizens Advice Wokingham between October 2022 and March 2023, you can now apply again. If you have a child or children who receive free school meals, apply for School Meals Grant option. This means you will get the most appropriate support for you and your family.

Apply for a Household Support Grant: open to anyone struggling with food or energy costs

Support is available to households who feel they are struggling with rising costs of living as well as people in receipt of benefits.

Our partners can provide £100 per household with a food, fuel or cash voucher.

Call Citizens Advice Wokingham One Front Door on [0808 278 7958](tel:08082787958)

[Apply on Citizens Advice Wokingham website](#)

Apply for a School Meals Grant – if you have a child who receives free school meals

If you received this support from First Days Children's Charity since October 2022, you do not need to apply again. You will automatically receive support from May 2023 half-term onwards.

If you are a new applicant, you can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive means-tested free school meals.

For new applicants from April 2023 onwards, once you've successfully applied, payments will be made for every school holiday until Easter 2024.

If you miss any school holidays due to applying later, you will get a back payment up to the previous school holiday when you've applied.

- [Apply now through First Days website](#)

Go on a bug hunt

SHARE Wokingham: [Food map - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

And finally

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful few days over half term with your wonderful children; please take time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air away from tablets and televisions. Remember that exercise and fresh air make children very tired, hungry and ready for a good night's sleep. Tablets and television do not!!!! A day at the park, a walk in the woods, a swim in a pool, a visit to a nature reserve, or The Look Out, are free or cheap and will work off lots of energy. A bus ride or train ride into Reading to visit the Museum or Forbury Gardens or even the reconditioned outside paddling pool at Kings Meadow, is cheap and accessible and will create wonderful memories. You could visit the library in Wokingham or search for mini beasts in the garden or park. Times are hard for everyone at the moment so keep it simple and fun. Enjoy your holidays if you are going away and see you on Tuesday 6th June.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher