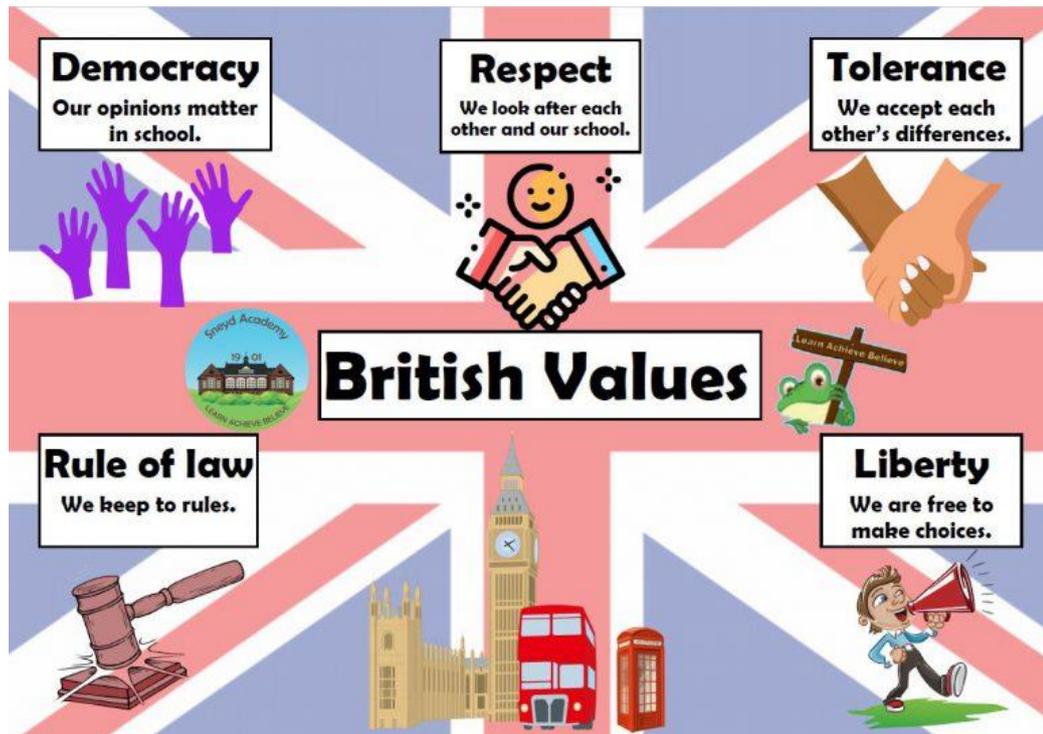
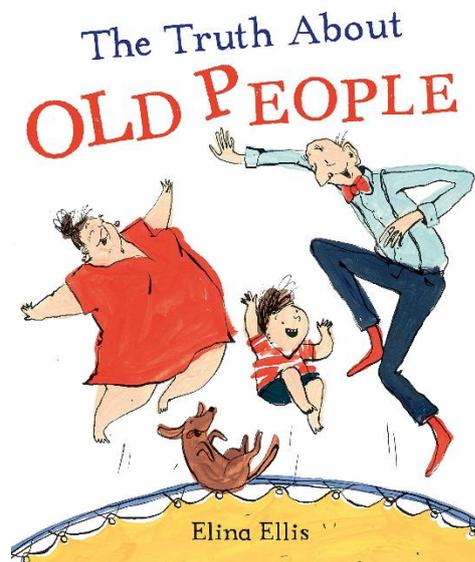


We will be holding our School Council elections next week; this is the week children learn about the importance of democracy, one of our Fundamental British Values. Your children will bring home a form that they can complete as their manifesto where they can explain why they would like to be a representative for their class. Please return by Thursday 6th October.



WADE Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly

We were asked to hold another Non-Uniform Day to raise money for the elderly residents of Wokingham. This morning we had an assembly about older people and shared this book 'The Truth about Old People'



The children really enjoyed it; they were able to express empathy and respect for older people and we discussed how much we can learn from them.

The Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly (Wade) has been caring for such people for over 50 years.



'We provide a safe and stimulating environment for our members where they can spend the day enjoying good company and care.'



There are over 30,000 people aged over 65 living in Wokingham.



About 7,500 of them live on their own - which can be very lonely.



Many have health conditions like dementia that require a lot of care and their carers need somewhere that will look after them while they have a rest.

Here are some photographs of the children learning wearing their favourite clothes!



Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity; I will let you know how much we made very soon.

The Foundation Stage Picnic

The Foundation Stage Picnic was absolutely wonderful; the sun shone and the rain stayed away. It was fabulous to see so many of our families enjoying the time and space together. The PTA were so well organised (as always) and the event was really good fun. The PTA are always looking for new members so please look out for information on how you can be involved or email: walterinfantspa@gmail.com. Thank you to all the PTA members who helped to make it so successful and to all the members of staff who came along to spend time with the children and their families.

Reading and Phonics Meeting

The meeting on Wednesday was very well attended; thank you all for coming. We hope it was useful. The Power Point will be placed on the website next week.

Head Lice

As the term begins, so do the head lice infections; head lice spread very quickly between young children as they play so closely together. Some of you will never have come across headlice before as your children have started school for the first time. The eggs (nits) of the lice stick themselves to the hair shaft close to the head:



They are not as easy to see in fair hair.
They hatch very quickly:



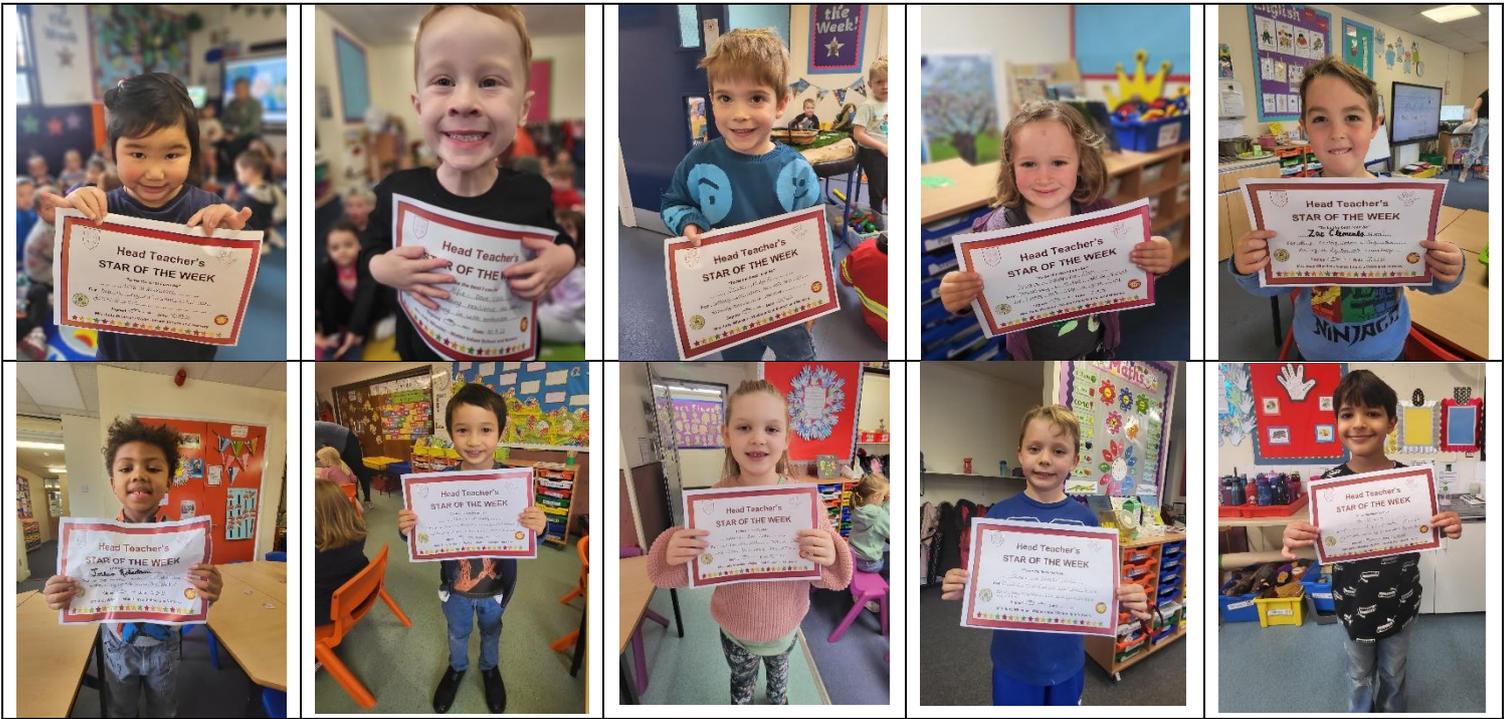
They are parasites, piercing the skin and feeding off your child's blood. They are very itchy and unpleasant and can quickly become infected if your child scratches the bites.

There are many different ways to treat headlice: visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please do not send your child to school with headlice or nits without treatment. If we see headlice on your child we will contact you, request that you collect your child, treat them and then bring them back to school. We do recognise that this is not always possible; especially for working parents a distance away. Wet combing with conditioner is one of the cheapest and most effective ways. Once a head louse has been broken it immediately dies. (Now I can't stop scratching)!!!!

Star of the Week

These wonderful stars have all excelled this week by showing us just what they are capable of and what a wonderful asset each and everyone of them is to our school. Well done all of you and thank you for inspiring other children to do their best.



Kindness Leaves

10 children have received Kindness Leaves today; we are so proud of these children for showing so much kindness instinctively, without being asked!



School Tours

We have begun our weekly school tours for prospective families who may want their children to join our FAB Foundation Stage in September 2023. It was so lovely to show our school to them as it looks wonderful and the children were all so amazing as they demonstrated how sensibly and calmly they behave in school. I thought you would like to

see some of the beautiful work already on display around the school. If anyone you know has expressed an interest in their children joining our school please encourage them to visit.



Become a School Governor



Due to some unexpected changes we are again looking for a School Governor to help us make strategic decisions about our school and how we can ensure the best possible education and environment for your children to learn in. We are looking for a governor who may have experience of building, site or project management as well as someone with a good knowledge and understanding of Information Technology. If you would like to know more please contact our Chair of Governors Ghislene Lokuciewski on Ghislene.Lokuciewski@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Foodbank and Fuel Vouchers

Mrs Janes in the school office will be able to support you in getting Food Vouchers for a home delivery if you are struggling to make ends meet (as many of our families are). We are also able to help with fuel vouchers, but for pre-paid metres only. If you are having

problems in providing elements of our school uniform; please get in touch with us immediately. We are here to help.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Teaching Staff are happy for you to email them on the work emails; please do not email late at night or at the weekend. If you have an urgent matter, please contact me on: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

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Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Larch Miss Lisa Palmer	Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Mrs Amy Stevens	Amy.Stevens@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Mrs Laura Starbuck	Laura.Starbuck@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Pine Mandy McDonough	Mandy.McDonough@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Parent Consultations October 2022

We will be holding our parent Consultations on Monday 17th October and Wednesday 19th October from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. You will be able to book an appointment online once the pages go live. You will be informed when this is. If you would prefer a telephone conversation or cannot attend, we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

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 sessions, 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/>

And finally

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns, Mrs Bell is now our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, alongside myself.

	
Mrs Judy Wheeler Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Stephanie Bell Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term September and October 2022		
Date	Event	Time
12 th ~ 16 th September 2022	Foundation children starting school	
21 st September 2022	World Active Day	All day
22 nd September 2022	Individual Photographs	All day
23 rd September 2022	Jeans for Genes Day	All day
25 th September 2022 (Sunday)	Foundation Stage Picnic	12 noon until 2:00pm
28 th September 2022	Year 1 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
30 th September 2022	Non-uniform Day for WADE	All day
4 th and 6 th October	Year 2 trips to Lego Land	All day