

### Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

#### **Dear Walter Families**,

Welcome back to school and to the start of the Summer Term. It is lovely to see all the children happily settling back in to their classes and catching up with their friends. Many of the children are wearing their summer uniforms and today after school our wonderful PTA will be selling summer dresses, shorts and other items of uniform. Our children wear sky blue gingham summer outfits and grey shorts, along with navy, sky blue or white polo shirts. Most children choosing to wear a summer dress usually wear a pair of cycling shorts underneath because they get very active at play times and lunchtimes, including using the climbing walls, climbing frames, body boards and balances as well as cart wheeling and hand standing on the roundabout!



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We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a meeting to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1. The check will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th June 2025. If your year 2 child did not meet the benchmark last year, they will have a second chance this year.

We will be leading a workshop for Parents and Carers on Monday 12th May at 2:30 pm in the school hall.

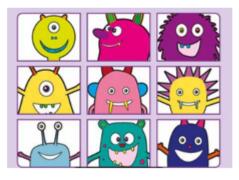
This will be an opportunity for us to share information about the screening check, our arrangements that will be in place in school and how you can support your child at home.

We will place the workshop PowerPoint on the website at the end of the meeting for those who cannot attend.

If a child is absent during the check week (9<sup>th</sup> ~ 13<sup>th</sup> June); we can administer the check with our pupils until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Any child who is absent from school for this entire period will be recorded as absent when we submit the data for the phonics screening check. Please ensure your child comes to school during this time period unless they are too unwell.

If you have a child in your family who has already completed the check and you attended a previous meeting; the content of the meeting has not changed, but we would love to see as many of you as possible.

Thank you.



#### **Sporting Legends!**

The South Berks hockey U8s had their final session of the season in April. Five amazing players from Walter did so well during the awards ceremony: Oliver won the Coaches Award, Ava won the Most Improved Girls Player Award, William B won

Player of the Season, William C was nominated for Coaches Award and Archie was nominated for Player of the Season and Most Improved Player. Well done all of you!

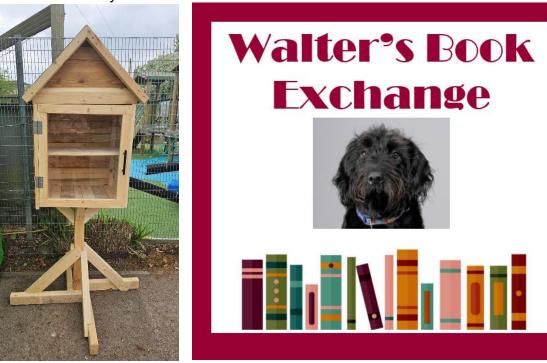


Isla earned her number 5 gymnastics badge. She now has numbers 10,9,8,7,6 and 5 and is working already towards her number 4. Her progress has been amazing, and we are all so proud of her achievements.



#### **Book Exchange**

Mr Herlihey has built a book exchange for us; it is fabulous. The children can swap a book from home with a book in the exchange (as often as they want to) at the start and end of the school day. All we ask is that the books are in as good as new condition. If a book gets spoilt, for whatever reason, please do not return it, but please do not worry either.



#### **Lunchtime Activities**

Starting on Monday (28<sup>th</sup> April 2025) we will be implementing some significant changes to our lunchtime arrangements; we will be running an indoor club for playing games and colouring and drawing activities. There will be a Lego club, once a week and a yoga club on Fridays. We will have more adults playing with the children, teaching them playground games and new skills, such as hula hooping and skipping. And the reading garden will be open and run by an adult, who will read with or to the children. I will take some photographs and publish them in the flyer next week. We are making these changes to reduce the number of incidents of rough play on the playground and on the pitch. We will limit the numbers of children inside to the capacity of the space being used. Most activities will take place in our Learning Hub. Mrs Adams-Price will be running a gardening club twice a week and we have just received 30 watering cans, lots of gardening gloves and forks, trowels and rakes. If you would like to donate plants or seeds, we would be delighted to receive them.



#### **Break the Rules Day**

On Friday we will have our annual 'Break the Rules Day' to raise money for the PTA to buy playtime and lunch club equipment.



Walter Infant School and Nursery PTA Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 Each rule broken has a fine of 50p! Here are our RULES! NO PYJAMAS! NO CRAZY HAIR! NO HATS! NO NAIL VARNISH! NO FACE PAINT! DO NOT WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES! NO TATTOOS! NO SUPER HERO CAPES! NO CHOCOLATE IN YOUR LUNCHBOX! NO SQUASH IN YOUR WATER BOTTLES! NO CUDDLY TOYS! DO NOT DO ANYTHING WEIRD OR WONDERFUL! NO STROKING WALTER!

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO BREAK THE RULES? There will be honesty buckets to collect your fines!

We are raising money for lunch time clubs!

#### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you to every one who attended their appointments for a consultation with their child's class teacher. If you have not had an appointment yet, please speak to the teacher or contact the admin team on <u>admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> we are almost at our 100% attendance target!

#### **Stars of the Week**

I was delighted to present our first stars of the Summer Term their certificates and pin badges; these children have all returned to school from the spring break with very positive attitudes and a determination to be '*The best that they can be*!'





#### **Excellent Work in School**

These children have been given headteacher awards for their superb new learning and amazing application of new skills; well done all of you. You have made us all very proud.





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## DON'T LET IT BE GRAE OVER LEVEL ++ YOUR ONLINE SECURITY

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 provided 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 <u>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</u>

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.

#### And finally,

If you have any exciting news or events you wish to publicise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Judy Hargreaves Headteacher



Date	Event	Time
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	PTA – Break the Rules Day!	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole Dance Workshops	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Stage 2 – Trip to Wellington	
	Country Park	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Stage 2 – Trip to Wellington	
	Country Park	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Parent's Phonics Workshop	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 – Beale Park Trip	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day – School Closed	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 – Woolley Firs Trip	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 – Woolley Firs Trip	
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Empathy Day	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA – Summer Fair	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production	2pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Pine	9.30am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Sycamore	10.15am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – Willow	<mark>11.00am</mark>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of School – Finish 1 hour early	

#### **Calendar Dates for Parents Summer 2025**

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