



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Parent and Carer Consultations on Line

You will have received a link and joining instructions for our new online system for Parent and Carer Consultations. The link went live today at 12 noon.

<https://waltoninfantschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> There are no appointments available on Friday 10th October or Friday 17th October. If you are experiencing difficulties, please speak with your class teacher or our admin team.

Flu Immunisations

Your child will be eligible for their annual flu vaccine on Wednesday 8th October in school. Please complete the YES or NO consent form following the details as per the attached letter. Our school's unique code is: BK109869. Forms need to be submitted by 9am, one full school day (24 hours) before the session so the team can review them in time. For more information, please follow this link: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

NHS

flu: 5 reasons

to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

School Photographs

Your children will be bringing home their school photographs today. Mrs Hemmings has sent an email to all.

WOW Wednesday

As you know, we have changed from having face to face consultations to on line consultations but we still want you all to be able to see your children's work and classrooms! So, we are going to have a WOW Wednesday every half term this year; on Wednesday 22nd October we are having our first WOW Wednesday at 2:45 pm. Parents and Carers (no more than two per child) can come into school, visit their child's classroom and look at their work (with them) for half an hour until it is the end of the school day. Our second WOW Wednesday will be on Wednesday 26th November 8:40 am for half an hour.



Harvest Festival Food Bank

We will have our Harvest Festival in school on Friday 17th October 2025; the children will learn about Harvest during the week and why we celebrate harvest in school! We will be collecting for Wokingham Foodbank and our own Walter's Pantry! We would be very grateful to receive tins of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish. Pasta, tea bags, rice, coffee, cereal, soup, biscuits, crisps, toothpaste, baby wipes, jam, pasta sauce and long-life milk.



At the foodbank they are specifically asking for:

- **Soup**
- **Tinned tomatoes**
- **Tinned meals (eg. curry, chilli, casserole)**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Hotdogs**
- **Coffee**
- **Tinned pies**
- **Snacks (eg. cereal bars, crisps, noodles)**
- **Long life fruit juice**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Antibacterial cleaning spray**



World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October 2025 it will be World Mental Health Day; we are inviting everyone to come to school acknowledging how important good mental health is for all by wearing a splash of yellow!



You can wear as much yellow as you like from a hairclip to a tracksuit! Please do not buy anything specially, a subtle touch will be just as good as yellow from head to toe!



To find out more, follow this link [Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | 10 October | YoungMinds](#)

Parking on Oxford Road

Some of our parents are parking on the single yellow lines close to the entrance of the school car park on Oxford Road. The cars are being parked there not long after 8:00 am. This is causing so much traffic to build up as cars cannot get passed and the whole of the Oxford Road is often at a standstill. Please could I politely request that people refrain from parking there until the roadworks close to Tesco are completed. There is plenty of parking space on Caroline Drive which is not very far to walk from.

School Council



We are delighted to introduce 15 new school councillors; Year 1 and 2 children voted for their class mates and in Foundation Stage the adults voted.



**Kamaria
Woodpecker**



**Arla
Dove**



**Rowan
Robin**



Joe and Rosa from Pine



Taryn and Kyrie from Sycamore



Abir and Amelie from Willow



Caia and Owen from Beech



Amelie and Lexie from Oak



Autumn and Tamsin from Larch

YouTube

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and freedoms to children as young as five. All inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information about children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the deinstaller Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

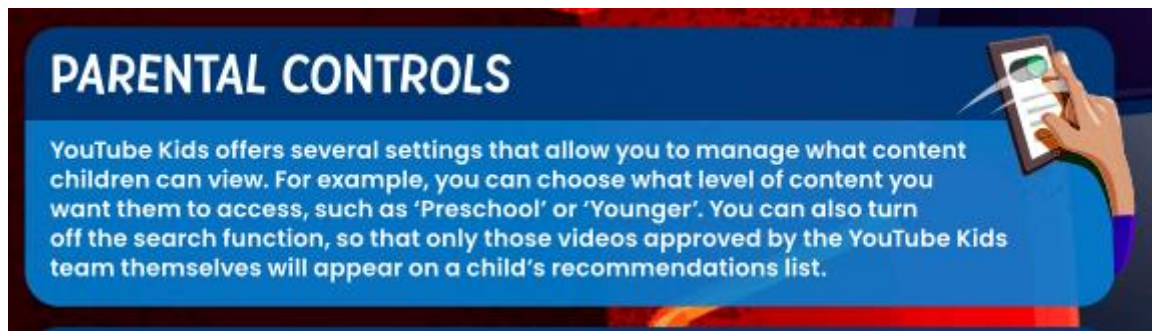
Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, The Inquirer, The Metro, Uswatch, and WIRED.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://www.wakeupwednesday.com/guides/youtube-kids-1009>



[youtube-kids-2025.pdf](#)

More and more of our VERY young children are sharing what they have been watching on Youtube; a lot of the content is not appropriate for 3 to 7-year olds and could have a very negative impact as the children are too young to make sense of the things they are seeing. Please follow the advice above on how you can set up parental controls. Nursery and Foundation children should have controls set to 'Pre-School' and Year 1 and 2 should have controls set to 'younger'. You can turn off the search function which will reduce the risk of your child seeing something they shouldn't.

Successes and Celebrations in and out of school!

Arham thought I might need cheering up so he chose to print this picture for me; it certainly made me smile, as did Arham.



Tesco Stronger Starts in Wokingham

Please do all your shopping at TESCO! And get all your friends and family to as well! If you can, please get as many blue tokens as possible so that we receive the first prize of £1500! This would make such a difference to our school as finances are not as good as they used to be.





Raffle Prizes

Thank you so much for the amazing raffle prizes we have already received; it is so exciting. If you or your family, or company can donate a prize, we would be so grateful. We would be very happy to advertise companies who make a donation in the flyer.

Tombola Donations for the Christmas Fair



Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated Raffle Prizes; you are so kind and we are very appreciative. **On Friday 23rd October** we will be having a **Non-Uniform Day** in exchange for a bottle! The children can come to school in their favourite clothes and bring a bottle for our bottle tombola! We would welcome bottles of anything except water! You could donate wine, gin, vodka, whiskey, prosecco, beer, bubble bath, squash, hot sauce, perfume...anything nice that comes in a bottle. Our tombolas are always very popular so we love to have the best bottle tombola ever this year!



If you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair please get in touch with Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk Last year we had some very successful stalls from crafty people and businesses.

Walter Infant School and Nursery PTA

A vertical poster for the Mid-Autumn Festival. The background is dark purple with a large, glowing yellow moon at the top left and several smaller, glowing yellow lanterns floating in the sky. Two white rabbits are featured: one is jumping and carrying a large, square, orange lantern on its back, and the other is sitting and looking up. The text is in white and yellow. The title 'WALTER INFANT SCHOOL PTA MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL' is prominently displayed. Below it, a paragraph describes the festival. The date and location are listed in bold. A yellow box at the bottom contains information about lanterns.

**WALTER INFANT SCHOOL PTA
MID-AUTUMN
FESTIVAL**

Join us to find out more about this annual festival within the Chinese community - also known as the Moon or Mooncake Festival - celebrating family, unity and love.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER
**In the playground
after school**

**Colourful paper
lanterns available
for a £2.50
donation**



Stars of the week!

Here are 9 amazing Stars of the Week; we are so proud of them all!



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.

Walter's Pantry

We have a very well-stocked pantry and a Recipe Book with healthy recipes to follow using ingredients from our pantry. You can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal; we have rice, pasta, tinned tomatoes, beans, spaghetti hoops and much, much more. You can also pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies,

toothbrushes etc. Bring a bag and fill it up! We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

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/>

And Finally,

Please remember to send your children to school with a jumper and a coat as it is getting much colder and the children play outside every day.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Dates for your diary



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2025

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Monday 6th – Thursday 9 th October | Parent Consultations | Further information to follow |
| Wednesday 8 th October | PINS Parent/Carer Meeting | 9-10am |
| Wednesday 8 th October | Flu Immunisations | |
| Friday 10 th October | Wear something YELLOW for World Mental Health Day | |

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| Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th October | Parent Consultations | Further information to follow |
| Monday 13 th October | FS2 Reading Meeting for Parents | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th October | Year 2 trips to Legoland | |
| Friday 17th October | Harvest | |
| Tuesday 21 st October | Year 2 – African Drumming Day | |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | WOW WEDNESDAY! | 2.45pm Further information to follow |
| Friday 24 th October | Non-Uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair | |
| Friday 24 th October | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time | |
| Monday 27 th – Friday 30 th October | Half Term | |
| Monday 3 rd November | Start of Autumn Term 2 | |
| Friday 7 th November | Governor Day | |
| Monday 10 th November – Friday 14 th November | Anti-Bullying Week | |
| Monday 10 th November | ODD SOCKS DAY! | |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Remembrance Day | |
| Monday 17 th November | Reindeer visit | |
| Friday 21 st November | Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair donations | |
| Friday 28 th November | Christmas Fair | 3.30 – 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd December | Pantomime in School - Scroogical | |
| Tuesday 9 th December | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 2.15pm |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 9.15am |
| Thursday 11 th December | Year 1 Nativity – For Parents | 2.15pm |
| Friday 12 th December | Foundation Stage Christmas Singing | 9.15am |
| Friday 12th December | iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children | 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children) | |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Lunch | 11.30 – 1pm |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents | 2.15pm |
| Friday 19 th December | Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early) | |
| Dates for 2026 | | |
| Monday 5 th January | Start of Spring Term 1 | |
| Thursday 5 th February | Sycamore Class Assembly | 2.45pm |

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| Wednesday 11 th February | Willow Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Thursday 12 th February | Pine Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Friday 13 th February | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time | |
| Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February | Half Term | |
| Monday 23 rd February | Start of Spring Term 2 | |
| Friday 27 th March | Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early) | |
| Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April | Easter Holiday | |
| Monday 13 th April | Start of Summer Term 1 | |
| Monday 4 th May | School Closed – Bank Holiday | |
| Thursday 14 th May | Beech Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Larch Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Thursday 21 st May | Oak Class Assembly | 2.45pm |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time | |
| Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May | May Half Term | |
| Monday 1 st June | School Closed – INSET | |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | School Open – Start of Summer Term 2 | |
| Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June | Year 1 Phonic Screening Week | |
| Friday 26 th June | Summer Fair 3.20pm – 5.30pm | |
| Friday 17 th July | Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early) | |
| Monday 20 th July | School Closed – INSET | |
| Tuesday 21 st July | School Closed – INSET | |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | School Closed – INSET | |

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