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Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to learn more about the year ahead for your child and we hope you found the sessions helpful. Your involvement makes a real difference and strengthens the vital partnership between home and school.

We are also grateful to the Friends of Walton Oak (FOWO) members who stayed on for the Open Committee Meeting. The new committee was confirmed on the evening and includes both familiar and new faces – more will be shared in due course. We truly value the dedication of FOWO, whose events and support enrich the children's experience and help to bring our community together. Please join me in sharing heartfelt thanks to Helen Allingham who has been the committee chair for the last three years and has so calmly and diligently organised and led a wide number of events for our community to enjoy. Helen passed the baton to Caroline Smart and Rochelle Wright who were unanimously voted in as the new co-chairs. I know they will do a wonderful job and we look forward to seeing the exciting projects they will lead this year.

We are also delighted to welcome Ashley Jeggo to our Local Governing Body. Ashley will be joining the senior leadership team and colleague governors for our monitoring activities this term. He brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to our school community. Please join us in offering him a very warm welcome.

Finally, I am very proud to introduce our new Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team (see below). We had an excellent number of applications this year and the quality was exceptionally high. After a careful shortlisting process, eleven candidates were interviewed on Tuesday. From this, we successfully appointed our new Head Pupil, Deputy Head Pupil and six further children who will join them as part of the pupil leadership team (PLT).

I would like to congratulate every child who applied. Their confidence, ambition and determination were remarkable. I would also like to recognise those not selected on this occasion, many of whom are already putting themselves forward for other leadership opportunities within Year 6. Their resilience and willingness to contribute is inspiring and we are excited to see what this new team will achieve in their leadership roles.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

New Pupil Leadership Team 2025

Head Pupil
Amelie



Deputy Head Pupil
Isaac



Encouraging pupils to reach their full potential in a safe, inclusive & nurturing environment



Pupil Leader
Effie



Pupil Leader
Ella



Pupil Leader
Molly



Pupil Leader
Nina



Pupil Leader
Skyler



Pupil Leader
Thomas



Through the application and interview process, the children showcased their care and commitment to their school and their understanding of inclusion and Walton Oak way. They truly are excellent role models.

A role model inspires people and follows the Walton Oak Way because all those values really matter. It's not about being the best at everything but you need good, kind qualities so people can look up to you and trust you. *Amelie*

It means including everyone, being kind to everyone and having fun with everyone. *Isaac*

It means doing my best and helping others to be their best. *Molly*

It means showing the Walton Oak Way values and helping people when they need it. *Skyler*

A role model is someone who is proud of their community, kind and makes everyone feel safe and comfortable. *Nina*

It means standing up for our school, standing up for each other and staying on green. *Effie*

A great role model involves caring for younger children, always behaving, following the Walton Oak Way and being kind. It takes a lot to be a good role model. *Skyler*

A role model is always kind and respectful to others and helps others when they need it. *Thomas*

Stay, Play and Learn Sessions for EYFS and KS1

We invite you to come and join in some phonics learning with your child in their classroom and get involved in their play and learning. This will be followed by a brief information session to help you support your child at home with their phonics. To book please follow the relevant link for your child's class and date that you would like to attend.

1B:

Tue 23rd September 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856073>

Wed 24th September 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856082>

1N:

Tue 23rd September 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856060>

Wed 24th September 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856077>

Reception Hedgehogs class:

Tue 7th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856144>

Wed 8th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856156>

Reception Squirrels class:

Tue 7th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856134>

Wed 8th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856151>

Nursery Butterflies:

Tue 14th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856166>

Nursery Ladybirds:

Thur 16th October 9-10am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/1856178>



Harvest donations

Between Monday 22nd September and the morning of Friday 26th September we will be collecting donations for our Harvest appeal which will once again be the Walton and Hersham Foodbank - a wonderful and much needed community resource. Please either send donations into class with your child or drop them at the school office. Please see the flyer below for recommended items. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Dropping children to classrooms

We've noticed some younger children being dropped at the main entrance and walking in alone. While staff are on duty to greet families and respond to brief queries, children remain the responsibility of their parents until they are handed over at the classroom.

Please ensure all children from Reception to Year 4 are walked to their classroom door, even if they have an older sibling at the school. Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe.

Earrings

We have an increasing number of children, with and without newly pierced ears, unable to take part in PE because they are unable to remove their own earrings.

It is a Trust-wide stipulation that school children must not wear earrings while taking part in PE lessons. Members of staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of children so a child must be able to remove their earrings independently or alternatively the earrings are removed before they come to school. Children with newly pierced ears are included in these guidelines and so are also required to remove their earrings; the duration of the lesson is not long enough to allow piercings to close over. Additionally, we are not able to allow children to take part in lessons with plasters covering earrings so it is imperative that children learn to remove/insert earrings themselves. If any parents/carers are finding it difficult to manage this expectation with their children, our pastoral team will be happy to support.

Transition

Prospective RECEPTION Parents Information Evening: Monday 22nd Sept September 2025 at 6.30pm
Come and meet the team and hear from the headteacher about our Ethos and Provision at Walton Oak.



Prospective Reception Open Morning Tours: Various dates – see our website [here](#)

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? Please come and have a look around our school. You can book [here](#) to join a tour - You are welcome to bring your child along.

Surrey CC Guidance for Secondary Transition

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026. You can apply for a secondary school place from **1 September 2025**.

The closing date for on-time applications for secondary schools is **31 October 2025**.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Local Secondary School Admissions information and open events for the 2026 Y6-7 Transition:

Heathside Walton:

<https://www.heathsidewalton.org/open-events/75.html>

Three Rivers Academy

<https://www.threeriversacademy.org/Admissions/Admissions/>

Thamesmead:

<https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/admissions-arrangements/>

Esher Church of England High:

<https://www.eshershigh.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=21>



Reading

Developing Reading for Pleasure at Home: Top Tips for Parents



Research by the National Literacy Trust has shown that children who read for pleasure not only develop better literacy skills but also improve their general wellbeing, emotional intelligence and social skills. Reading for pleasure has a long-lasting impact on a child's academic success, so it's vital to foster a love of reading from an early age.

The good news is that parents can play a key role in nurturing this love of reading. Here are 10 simple but effective tips for helping your child develop reading for pleasure at home:

1. Make Books Accessible

Keep books within easy reach around the house. This makes reading an everyday activity rather than a special occasion.

2. Read Aloud Together

Whether it's a bedtime story or a new chapter book, reading aloud to your child helps build vocabulary and strengthens your bond.

3. Let Your Child Choose

Allow your child to pick the books they want to read. Whether it's comics, picture books, or novels, let them explore different genres and interests.

4. Create a Cozy Reading Space

Designate a special reading nook in your home. A quiet, comfy spot with good lighting encourages your child to read more often.

5. Make Reading Fun

Incorporate games, challenges, or book-related activities like acting out stories or drawing scenes from their favourite books.

6. Be a Reading Role Model

Children are more likely to value reading if they see adults enjoying books too. Set aside time for your own reading, whether it's for pleasure or information.

7. Talk About Books

After reading together, discuss the story with your child. Ask questions and encourage them to share their thoughts and opinions.

8. Use Technology Wisely

Audiobooks and e-books can be a great way to engage reluctant readers. Use devices in moderation, but don't let them replace the experience of reading physical books.

9. Join the Library

Local libraries often offer free activities and reading clubs. Regular trips to the library can motivate your child to discover new books and authors.

10. Celebrate Books

Make reading a part of special occasions. Give books as gifts, or start a family book club to enjoy stories together.

By making reading an enjoyable part of daily life, you can help your child develop a lifelong love of books that will support their education and personal growth.

Tiny Happy People

'Playing the face game'



This week's activity is aimed at 4-5 year olds and it's called 'Playing the face game'. This is a game all about facial expressions and communicating about emotions. It can sometimes be hard for children to communicate and express their feelings. This is an activity that can be used to help children express themselves. You could play this at home, on the school run, in the car or even at bedtime. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/face-game/z8sgr2p> Let us know how you get on. We'd love to hear from you.



Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let’s Talk!



TAKEHOME

8th - 14th September

What makes a building special?



In the news this week

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Enrichment Activities

We Need Your Help!

After October half term, Mrs Bailey will again be starting the Forest School programme in Nursery. Miss Bessant will begin her programme in Year 1 after Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to come and support the Forest School programme in school. It is a very valuable experience as the children learn about the natural environment as well as develop their independence and team building skills. If you enjoy getting outside, don't mind getting messy and would like to support our children in learning about our natural world please express your interest and availability by emailing our school office. All support in running this programme is very much appreciated.



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We are also currently making a plan across the year for every year group to have a Forest School Experience Day. Further information on this will be shared in due course.



Diversity and Equality

Special Places



In assembly this week, the children learned about a wooden church in Kiruna, Sweden that is being moved because mining has made the ground beneath it unstable. Together they explored what makes buildings special, looking at famous landmarks as well as places that are important to us personally.

Everyone agreed that buildings are special, not because of the bricks and mortar, but because of the activities,

relationships and memories within them. For Walton Oak, it is our learning, play and community that make the school special – wherever we are, we remain part of the Walton Oak family.



The children were also introduced to Ade Adepitan, Paralympian and campaigner for accessible design, who works to ensure buildings and transport are welcoming and inclusive for all.

"Polio didn't make me disabled. Being in a wheelchair doesn't make me disabled, but an obstacle in my way – like a stage without a ramp - that's what makes me disabled. We should try to remove life's obstacles, for everyone." Ade Adepitan



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The church has travelled across the city to reach safer ground. When people move location and join a new community, we should be welcoming and respectful.

Protected Characteristics

Different buildings and places of worship can be important to people, based on their religion or beliefs. We should never be discriminated against because of a religion or belief.



UN Rights of the Child



The building was relocated to protect it. Adults should make choices which have the best interests of children in mind. This could mean trying to preserve important history and places, so that children can learn from and experience them.





Pastoral News

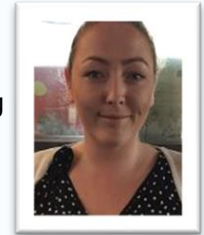


Meet our Pastoral Team:



My name is Natasha Herron-Duke and I am the Home School Link Worker here at Walton Oak. I work closely with the families of our school community to support in various ways, for example, I can provide referrals for local charity support such as the Food bank or meet with parents/guardians to talk through behaviour or potty-training strategies. I can help sign post our families for further information/support. I work to support the link between home and school. You can contact me via the school office or alternatively you can call or text 07938 645 949

My name is Miss Williams and in July 2023 I was appointed to the ELSA (Emotional Literacy support assistant) position at Walton Oak. An Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) is a trained teaching assistant who provides targeted emotional support to pupils by developing their emotional literacy, social skills, and mental wellbeing. I work with children individually or in small groups to address issues like managing emotions, loss, anxiety, friendship difficulties, and anger, creating a safe space for pupils to share feelings and learn to understand their own emotions and those of others.



House Competitions



House Captains - The Big Launch!

In our Celebration Assembly today, the children were informed that the applications for this year's House Captains are now open! Children in Years 2 and 6 have the opportunity to apply to be a House Captain if they feel this is a role that they would be well suited to. The children in Years 2 and 6 have looked at the job description in their classes to gain a better understanding of what the role entails. If they would like to apply, they will need to get an application form from the office and ensure this is handed back in - completed - no later than Monday 29th September.

Look out for more information in the coming weeks about the next stage of the House Captain process - the campaigns! Best of luck to everyone who is putting in an application!

Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Darley Dene in Addlestone are recruiting

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 qualification who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. For more information **click in the link on page 1**





FOWO

FOWO AGM Update

What an amazing turn out for the FOWO AGM on Wednesday, 17th September. We were delighted to see so many new faces. Look out in next week's Wire for full details of the new committee, which has a number of new members from across the school.

FOWO Financials 2024-25

FOWO has finalised its numbers for 2024-2025. We're thrilled to say that we raised **£15,363** and donated **£10,988**. Look out for our posters at the end of the Wire detailing the breakdown of how funds were raised and spent between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

First donation of 2025-2026

Just a couple of weeks into the new school year and FOWO has already made its first donation. This year we're contributing **£3,000** to fund two Delight workshops for Years 3 and 5. Delight is a leading arts-based charity delivering innovative arts-based learning programmes.

FOWO Class Reps finalised

A big thank you to everyone who has offered to be a class rep. We're pleased to say that we've filled the final gaps in Nursery. With thanks to Gemma Breakspear and Sabrina Khanna.

Nursery: Gemma Breakspear, Sabrina Khanna	Year 3: Caroline Smart, Gemma Goodison, Rebecca Lunn
Reception: Isabel Williams, Laura Dean	Year 4: Caroline Feltham, Sarah Shotton
Year 1: Dovile Cook, Vania Oliveira	Year 5: Anika Mann-Patel, Kirsty Hubbard, Rebecca Lunn, Vania Oliveira.
Year 2: Alison Wong, Lucy Bishop, Sarah Shotton, Toni Lockhart	Year 6: Lex Holness, Lucy Bishop

Find FOWO on socials

With the beginning of a new term, why not connect with us to be part of the amazing FOWO community?!

- Instagram ([@friendsofwaltonoak](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwaltonoak))
- Facebook ([Friends of Walton Oak - FOWO](https://www.facebook.com/Friends of Walton Oak - FOWO))

We're looking forward to connecting with you all!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

£15,363 RAISED **£10,988 DONATED**

IN 2024-25
1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025

FOWO DONATIONS 2025-26

- LIBRARY REVAMP** £8,737
- RUNNING VESTS** £250
- Y1 WINDSOR TRIP ICE CREAMS ON A VERY HOT DAY** £129
- YEAR 6 POST-SATS ICE CREAMS AND LEAVERS' CELEBRATION** £809
- YEAR 2 TIES** £240
- CHRISTMAS BOOKS** £643








FOWO FUNDS RAISED FROM EVENTS AND SALES 2024-25



 CHRISTMAS FAIR £3,201	 QUIZ NIGHT £714	 MATCH FUNDING, £3,489
 SUMMER FAIR £4,325	 CAKE SALES £691	 BREAK THE RULES £600
 WREATH MAKING £526	 UNIFORM SALES £423	 DISCO £361

FOWO PASSIVE FUNDRAISING 2024-25



 CLOTHES COLLECTIONS £298	 EASYFUNDRAISING £212	 CHRISTMAS CARDS £263
 ELMBRIGE LOTTERY £186	 AFFILIATE INCOME £73	

**ASDA CASHPOT, BARRACUDAS*

Celebrations



Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a gold leaf this week for following our Walton Oak Way Values:

Hedgehogs	Maaz, Saffia, Lucas, Emilia, Kai
1B	Alex, Mera, Dhruv & Finn
1N	Mariana, Isla, Muhammad & Sophie
2S	Ibrahim, Chloe, Tijan, Bertie, Tiya, Victoria
3B	William, Sienna, Pia & Sid
3G	Tommy, Phoebe, Sam, Isla & Rory
4C	Nela & Kacey
4A	Theo, Mudasir, Elizabeth & Jazib
5M	Kiri-Mai
6BD	Jasmim, Nina & Skyler
6J	Dino



On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a pleasant weekend.



Upcoming dates for the diary

Mon 22 nd Sep	Prospective RECEPTION Parents Information Evening 6.30pm
Tue 23 rd Sep	Stay, Play & Learn Year 1, 9-10am
Wed 24 th Sep	Stay, Play & Learn Year 1, 9-10am
Mon 22 nd Sep	Harvest donations welcome this week
Fri 26 th Sept	Harvest Celebration for children (not parents) – donations welcome
Tue 7 th Oct	Reception Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Wed 8 th Oct	Reception Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Tue 14 th Oct	Year 6 Bristol Residential (3 nights) Butterflies Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Thur 16 th Oct	Ladybirds Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Tue 21 st Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations 1.50-4.30pm
Wed 22 nd Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00-7.00pm
Fri 24 Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 27 th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd Nov	Children return to school
Mon 17 th Nov	Individual/Sibling photos
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 19 th Nov	Parent Learning Conference 5-7.30pm
Mon 24 th Nov	Year 1-6 Flu Vaccinations Year 6 Height and Weight checks
Fri 19 th Dec	End of Term 1.45pm





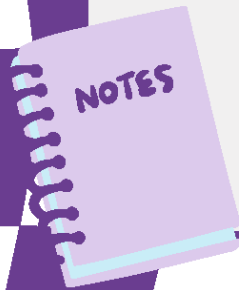
Walton Oak Parent Learning Conference 2025

SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday 19th November
5.00-7.30pm

You are invited to an evening led by our teaching team to provide parents and carers with up-to-date information regarding ways that they can support their child's learning across a range of subject areas.

Please complete the short survey below and share with us what areas you would like workshops in so we can make it as beneficial for parents as possible. Either click the link or scan the QR code to access the survey.

<https://forms.gle/R3rN4tE5bTForcdC7>





Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the Walton & Hersham food bank will provide over 300 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



Shopping list

- Tinned meat / fish
- Tinned Macaroni / Ravioli / Spaghetti Bolognese
- Coffee / hot chocolate
- Jam / peanut butter
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Fruit juice / squash
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Washing up liquid
- Pull-up nappies – 6, 7, 8



www.waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk



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AUTUMN CRICKET TRAINING AT HEATHSIDE WALTON

U8s to U11s 5:30 pm til 6:30 pm
FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

U12s to U15s 5:30 pm til 7:00 pm
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

No sessions on 24th or 31st October due to half term.

Cricket training for juniors playing in age groups under 8 soft ball to under 15s hard ball with the desire to continue working on their skills through the off season.

What's included:

- A mixture of batting, bowling and fielding skills training
- Use of cricket nets
- Match-based training



Scan here

Location:
Sport hall, Heathside Walton, Waterside Drive, Walton-On-Thames, KT12 2JP

Contact details:
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**Halliford
School**
SHEPPERTON

Open Morning
Saturday 4th October
Tours at 9am & 11:30am
Personal tours available throughout the year

*Come as you **are...** go as all you **can be***



**Three Rivers Academy
Morning Tours**



New dates added due to demand!

To book a morning tour of Three Rivers Academy,
please click on the following link:

[Three Rivers Academy - Admissions & Open Evening](#)

We look forward to welcoming you!



ESHERRUGBY

ESHERRUGBY FIREWORKS NIGHT

31ST OCTOBER 2025

VENUE: 369 MOLESEY ROAD, KT12 3PF

GATES OPEN AT 5PM
DISPLAY STARTS AT 8PM

<p>FAMILY (4) - £35 ADULT - £12 CHILD - £7</p> <p><small>Under 2s are free Under 16s - Must be with an adult (prices are subject to change)</small></p>	<p>FUNFAIR STREET FOOD VENDORS BEER & MULLED WINE DJ & HALLOWEEN AFTER PARTY</p>
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 **TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH EVENTBRITE**
(BOOKING FEES APPLY)

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

TO PURCHASE GO TO WWW.ESHERRUGBY.COM
(TICKETS) OR SCAN QR CODE