



# WALTON OAK WIRE

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## Headteacher's Message

It was such a pleasure to welcome so many Year1 parents and carers into school this week for our first Stay, Play and Learn sessions of the year. We are very grateful to everyone who came along to see phonics in action and to share time with your child in their school learning environment. We hope the sessions gave you a useful insight and that the phonics workshop was both supportive and informative. Most of all, it was lovely to see the children's excitement as they shared their school life with you. We're now looking forward to inviting our new Reception families to join us the week after next.

Today we were delighted to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning in our staffroom, kindly organised by Mrs Murray. Macmillan Cancer Support provides vital care and guidance for people living with cancer, a cause that touches so many lives. We're very grateful to Mrs Murray for helping us play a small part in supporting such an important charity.



We rounded off the week with our Harvest assembly this morning, a wonderful celebration of our community spirit. The children listened attentively and reflected on the meaning behind Harvest, showing real thought and care. As always, their joyful singing filled the hall and brought plenty of smiles! A heartfelt thank you to all of our families for the generous donations to the Walton and Hersham Foodbank. The team collected everything today and were so grateful - your kindness will make a genuine difference to local families.

Next week marks the start of Black History Month and this year our theme is *Standing Firm in Power and Pride*. Throughout October, children will explore inspiring stories of courage, creativity, leadership and resilience; from civil rights campaigners and cultural trailblazers to today's changemakers. Each focus highlights the strength and pride at the heart of Black History and reminds us that Black history is British history. Through assemblies, discussions and activities, children will learn about the achievements and contributions of Black individuals across time, understanding the impact of their actions on society. We hope these stories encourage our Walton Oak children to stand confidently in their own identities and appreciate the richness of our diverse community.



Sián McCarthy

## General Information

### Parent-Teacher Consultations

As you will be aware from our calendar dates, our first Parent-Teacher Consultations of the year are taking place on **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October**. You will need to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher via Scopay. The 10-minute time slots will **go live at 9.00am on Wednesday 1st October** so please log into Scopay to select a time that is suitable for you. These first parent consultations of the year are a great opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new year group and discuss some key areas to support your child's progress across the learning areas.



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



**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.

**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>

**Forest School Provision**



We are really excited to be enhancing our curriculum through the use of Forest School. The research shows that getting outside into nature provides children with positive experiences and supports their mental wellbeing. The ethos of Forest School helps to develop connections with nature, build positive relationships, extend specific skills, build independence and support the understanding of our own environment. As a team we have decided to ensure every child has a unique Forest School experience at some point each year. Please see details below:

Nursery	The Forest School Programme run by Mrs Bailey.	Autumn 2 - Summer 1
Reception	Weekly Forest Fun sessions	Every Friday afternoon
Year 1	The Forest School Programme run by Miss Bessant.	Spring 1 - Summer 2
Year 2	A Full Forest School Day	2S - 7th July 2026 2L - 8th July 2026
Year 3	A Full Forest School Day	18th May 2026
Year 4	A Full Forest School Day	10th October 2025
Year 5	A Full Forest School Day	7th November 2025
Year 6	A Full Forest School Day	13th October 2025

We will be in contact with each year group to explain how your child's session will work and what they will need to bring with them for their session. If your child is in a year group that will be having a Forest School day, please save the date and look out for more information.

**Parent Learning Conference 2025**

We are pleased to be running our popular Parent Learning Conference again this year. As always, we have taken onboard suggestions to ensure it best meets the needs of our parent community and by popular demand we have decided to run in the autumn term to provide key messages and support early in the year. In order to tailor the workshops to best suit parent interests and needs, we would be grateful if parents could complete the following survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0HBVaZCndfVbOGSZnUw-0hHytL24kfmA6jOUuPi3oln6DZg/viewform>

There is also a handy QR code on the flyer below. Further information will be shared with everyone along with booking details in due course.



Transition



Prospective RECEPTION & NURSERY Open Morning: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10.0am – 11.30am. Come and meet the team and have a play in our reception and nursery classrooms.

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>

Tiny Happy People



Iceberg Game

With the sunshine and dry weather set to continue over the weekend, this week it is a physical, outside game. This week's activity is called 'The Iceberg Game'. This is a chance for children to be active whilst having fun and using their imagination. On the link below is a short video of how to play the game. It can be played with 1 child or a group, why not play as a family?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/rangers-iceberg-activity/zf8v3i6>

We hope you have fun playing this game.





Reading

The Power of Reading Together

Reading with your child even just for 10 minutes a day has a big impact. It helps build vocabulary, supports their learning across all subjects and most importantly, it helps children develop a lifelong love of books. Whether your child is just beginning to sound out words or is reading independently, sharing books together creates valuable bonding time and shows them that reading is fun and important. Even if you're short on time, listening to an audiobook, talking about a story, or letting them read aloud while you cook can make a difference! Here are some online resources which you can use to support reading at home:



Storynory – Free Audiobooks

Classic and new stories to listen to on the go or at bedtime [www.storynory.com](http://www.storynory.com)

BookTrust Bookfinder

Find book recommendations by age and interest [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

BBC Bitesize Reading Games

Short videos and interactive reading activities [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)



Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME 15th - 21st September



In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- > Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- > Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Empty box for notes and comments



## Enrichment Activities

### Year 1 Zoologist Visit



Year 1 were excited to welcome a visiting zoologist as part of their science topic on animals and classification. The children had the opportunity to see and learn about a range of animals up close and asked thoughtful questions throughout the session. They impressed us with their enthusiasm and knowledge, confidently identifying which animals were reptiles, amphibians, omnivores, or carnivores. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought their learning to life!



### AIM High Writers Day

On Thursday, we attended a Writing Day at Cardinal Newman School. 6 people from 5 schools attended the event. The school invited an author, Margaret Bateson-Hill, to host the workshop. Throughout the day, Bateson-Hill described her adventure on what it was like to meet a dragon and asked us questions as a group, which would help us write our final piece. We wrote about dragons all day, a dragon fact file, writing a poem about us as a dragon and meeting our dragons. At the end, Margaret signed our work! It was an extremely fun experience and we thought it massively helped our creative writing skills. *Nina 6BD and Annabelle 6J*

#### Nephellia the Night-Light dragon

If I were Nephellia the Night-Light dragon instead of me...

My body would be smooth and scaly and cold with purple scales sprinkled on like stardust

My eyes would be like the fiercest flames in a campfire

My breath would hiss and roar, sending shivers down your spine

My talons would claw everything in sight, scratch at the diamond sky

My tail would swish and loop and cut exactly like a knife flying freely like a falcon

I think perhaps I'd like it as Nephellia! *By Aurora*

#### Strawberry the Strawberry Short-Cake dragon

If I were Strawberry the Strawberry Short-Cake dragon instead of me...

My tiny body would be as tiny as a coin, you could fit me in your pocket

My baby pink eyes would glimmer when I fly through the sky

My breath would fill the room with an aura that would make you a little more happy

My tiny short talons couldn't even pierce through your clothes

My microscopic tail would sway through the air

I'd eat as many strawberries as I can and glide through the sunset sky, swaying and swishing across the sun

I'd comfort you when you're sad and try to make you happy

I'd shoot out my breath to every corner of the world

I think I'd like it if I were Strawberry the Strawberry Short-Cake dragon instead of me! *By Ayla*



The Day I Met My Dragon

The day I met my dragon I was snuggled up in a duvet when I smelt him. He smelled like fresh rosemary and sizzled bacon all at once. I felt him before I saw him. I felt his loneliness, his longingness. Then I saw the circle of his tail then the wing then the entire thing. His skin was a snake scaly and rough. His beard fluffier than the cotton clouds. My heart started to beat different emotions as he started to speak. "I'm Meteor" he said his voice raspy and words slow. "What's your name?" "My name is is is Milo. What are you?" I said failing to say anymore. Meteors scales were purple, blue and black like the night sky around us. He looked like the galaxy. His tail has a moon that shone brighter than all the stars around him. "How can you speak?"

"I'm not speaking dummy I'm talking in thoughts. Anyway I'm 500 years old! I know what you're thinking" he said in his raspy voice. "I'm from where you lot call the universe." His voice sounded like a grinding machine in a factory. I started to shake. My hands turning red. I had a real life dragon! *By Milo*



**Extra-Curricular Events**

**KS2 Choir – New Members Welcome!**

**KS2 CHOIR**

Come and join our school choir, a fun, welcoming group where everyone's voice matters. Whether you've sung in a choir before or are brand new, there is a space for you.

**TUESDAYS, 12-12.30**

**EVENTS COMING UP**

**Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena (10 spaces left!)**

**Christmas Fair & Summer Fair**

**Care home events**

**Lumen Summer of Song and more!**

Our KS2 Choir meets every **Tuesday lunchtime, 12–12.30**. Everyone is welcome to join - no auditions needed! Choir is a fantastic way to build confidence, make new friends and share a love of singing.



This year we have lots of exciting opportunities ahead, including performing at the **Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena** (10 spaces left!), singing at our **Christmas and Summer Fairs**, taking music into the community with **care home visits**, and joining other schools in our trust for a special **Summer of Song** event. Come along on Tuesdays and be part of something amazing – we'd love to see you there!





Pastoral News



Time Together Group

Last Friday we welcomed Louise, Barbara and Anita from Elevate Life to lead on various activities with a selected group of children from across the school (Years 1-6). The group consists of children who have been resettled in the UK and have experienced a great deal of change and uncertainty. We are so pleased to be able to provide a safe and secure environment where they can thrive. They are a welcome addition to our school community.

During the Time Together Session the children competed in who could build the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows, which proved more challenging for some than others! They used bubbles when practising their mindfulness and they created a collage of words related to things about themselves and decorated a picture frame to hold this.



Diversity and Equality

Why do we vote?



In assembly this week, the children learned about an upcoming change to elections in the UK with 16-year-olds being given the right to vote. They thought about democracy and why it matters that everyone has a chance to be heard. We talked about how fortunate we are to live in a place where people can share ideas and make decisions together. We also reflected on how our voices as children are valued in school through class discussions, sharing our thoughts with teachers and the work of our Pupil Parliament. We agreed that listening to one another helps make our school happier and fairer and that every voice, big or small, has the power to make a difference.

We also learned about Greta Thunberg, the young climate activist who has inspired millions by speaking out about protecting our planet. Greta has autism, something she describes as her "superpower," because it helps her to see issues clearly and stay determined in her mission. Her story reminded us that being different can be a real strength and that young people's voices - just like ours - can have the power to bring about change.





**Protected Characteristics**

Lowering the voting age highlights the importance of listening to young people and their ideas. Valuing people of all ages helps us recognise that everyone has something to contribute.

Sex	Sexual Orientation	Age
Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief

**British Values**

**Democracy**

Learning how to vote helps young people see their views matter. When we respect their voices and give them the chance to take part, we help build a fairer future together.

**UN Rights of the Child**

As children grow, they start to learn how choices shape their lives. Adults can guide children to understand voting, while showing respect for their views and encouraging them to take part with confidence.

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RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS

### House Competitions



### House Captain Applications

It has been great to see applications coming in from our children in Years 2 and 6. Remember, the deadline is this **Monday, 29th September**. Remember to showcase your very best within your application form, detailing why you think you'd make an excellent House Captain. We look forward to reading all applications; we'll then have the difficult job of shortlisting the candidates that will go through to the next stage where they will then need to begin their campaigns

### Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

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



**Saxon Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to recruit a permanent term-time Office Assistant to join our busy school office. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a friendly, dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children. For more information **click on the link on page 1**.



## FOWO

### Introducing your New FOWO Committee!

We have the pleasure of introducing your new FOWO Committee for 2025/26!!

- **Co-Chair:** Caroline Smart (Y3)
- **Co-Chair:** Rochelle Wright (R & Y3)
- **Treasurer:** Lizzie Mullen (Y1 & Y4)
- **Secretary:** Tilly O'Neil (Y3)
- **Comms & Social:** Toni Lockhart (Y2)
- Rachael Huang (R, Y4 & Y6)
- Ashley Boyce (R & Y3)
- Laura Treacy (R & Y3)
- Katie Kumar (Y5)
- Ellie Baugh (R)
- Ceri Orrell (R & Y5)
- Rebecca Lunn (Y3 & Y5)
- Karine Harvey (Y4)
- Jo Blythe (Y2)
- Sarah Shotton (Y2 & Y4)

We are all looking forward to working together on some new and exciting events and fundraising opportunities for the school and students.

If you have any ideas you wish to run past us, or have any questions, please do email [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or grab us in the playground to have a chat.

### 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 to the school for student enrichment. Look out for our posters at the end of the Wire, or on our Notice Board by the internal school gates detailing the breakdown of how funds were raised and spent between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

### FOWO Class Reps

Please see below for all you class reps who do a fantastic job circulating messages throughout you class whatsapp groups. If you aren't part of a class WhatsApp, please reach out to your rep, and they should be able to add you!

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



**FWO 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


**FWO 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

**FWO PASSIVE FUNDRAISING 2024-25**



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

\*ASDA CASHPOT, BARRACUDAS

## Celebrations



### Achievements outside of School



Well done to Cecie who won a bronze medal last Sunday at her first karate tournament. We are all very proud of her!



Well done to Eva, Immy, Madeline, Amelie, Suraiya, Sophie, Libby, Sienna, William and ex Walton Oakers Thomas, Katie and Jemima who took part in the final triathlon of the session recently. They all did an amazing job at completing the event!



Gold Leaves

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



<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Luca, Hannah, Hope, Saffia, Josh, Arlo & Maaz
<b>Squirrels</b>	Theo, Martha, Billy, Ibrahim, Nathan, Zakariya, Louis & Iris
<b>1B</b>	Jacob
<b>2L</b>	Lydia & Isabel
<b>3B</b>	Ata
<b>3G</b>	Sofia M & Thomas
<b>4C</b>	Kornelia, Mia & Mary
<b>4A</b>	Maddi, Lydia, Emily, Elizabeth, Hayden & Alaia
<b>5M</b>	Sophie & Kiri-Mai
<b>5C</b>	Zach & Brody
<b>6J</b>	Zulaikha, Lailah, Willow-Hope, Freddy, Kiara, Grace & Asenath

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



Upcoming dates for the diary

New dates added in red

Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Bristol Residential (3 nights) Butterflies Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ladybirds Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Prospective Reception & Nursery Open Morning 10-11.30am
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations 1.50-4.30pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00-7.00pm
Fri 24 Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual/Sibling photos
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Learning Conference 5-7.30pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1-6 Flu Vaccinations Year 6 Height and Weight checks
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 1.45pm





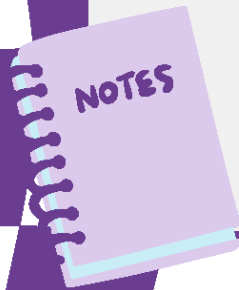
# Walton Oak Parent Learning Conference 2025

**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>





**JM COACHING**  
NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE

# AUTUMN CRICKET TRAINING

## AT HEATHSIDE WALTON

**U8s to U11s 5:30 pm til 6:30 pm**  
FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

**U12s to U15s 5:30 pm til 7:00 pm**  
THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

No sessions on 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> 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:**

📞 07741319292

✉️ joel\_miah@outlook.com





## 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!

**REGISTER NOW**  
**SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS**  
**Thursday 2 October 2025**  
**Tuesday 7 October 2025**  
[surbitonhigh.com/visits-open-days](http://surbitonhigh.com/visits-open-days)