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## Headteacher's Message

This week we began our annual series of visits for families of children due to start school in September 2026. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers exploring our school and experiencing the welcoming atmosphere that makes Walton Oak so special.

A fortnight ago, we hosted our Open Evening, where families were introduced to our school values and had the opportunity to learn more about our provision and facilities. Since then, we've welcomed visitors to two prospective parent tours, expertly guided by our Head and Deputy Pupil Leader who impressed us all with their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm as they answered questions and showcased life at Walton Oak. We've greatly enjoyed meeting this new community of prospective families and look forward to hosting further tours throughout the autumn term.

It's been a joy to welcome our Reception parents and carers this week, to our Stay, Play and Learn sessions. These sessions provided a lovely opportunity to see your children's learning in action, particularly during our phonics activities. We hope you found the discussions on supporting phonics at home both practical and informative. A huge thank you to Miss Sandell for her thoughtful preparation and delivery of these engaging sessions. Next week, we look forward to welcoming our Nursery parents and carers to take part in their own Stay, Play and Learn experience.

Our Forest School programme is officially underway, with 4C leading the way in Woody Oaks this week. Pupils took part in a range of outdoor activities linked to their classroom learning, developing teamwork, problem-solving and practical skills in nature. The day finished perfectly with toasted marshmallows around the fire — a well-deserved treat after all their hard work! We'll share some photos and pupil reflections in next week's edition of *The Wire*.

Excitement is building as our Year 6 pupils prepare to set off on their three-night city residential to Bristol next week! We can't wait to hear about their adventures and the valuable experiences they'll gain from exploring a new city together. For those pupils remaining at school, we've planned an enriching week of learning full of curiosity, challenge and creativity.

*Sián McCarthy*

## General Information

### Parent-Teacher Consultations

Don't forget to sign up for a parent-Teacher consultation on either **Tuesday 21st** or **Wednesday 22nd October**. You will need to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher via Scopay. Log on to your scopay account to select a 10 minute time slot 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.



### Stay, Play and Learn Sessions for EYFS

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.

### 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 Volunteers



Do you have green fingers? Like being outside? Want to help build a love of the outdoors at Walton Oak? We need your help! We're looking for enthusiastic parent or carer volunteers to support our Forest School sessions. If you're able to spare some time to join us in our lovely 'Woody Oaks' for sessions starting after half term, please email the school office to let us know your availability and register your interest. We would love to have you involved!

[office.waltonoak@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.waltonoak@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

### Parent Learning Conference 2025

We are pleased to share that, following parent feedback from our initial survey, bookings for our Parent Learning Conference on Wednesday 19th November are now live! Earlier today, parents/carers were sent an email detailing the key information for this exciting event. Attached to the email was our 'menu' of workshops and information on how to book the sessions you'd like to attend. The poster is also attached to the end of The Wire for your reference. Scan the QR code or click on the link to book your preferred sessions. We can't wait to welcome as many of you as possible to an evening that is designed to give our parents/carers key tools and strategies to support their children along their continued learning journey.

### Protect your 2-and 3-year-old children from flu with nasal spray vaccine now available at local pharmacies

From 1 October, parents of 2- and 3-year-olds can now get their child's free flu nasal spray not just at their GP practice, but also at local pharmacies that offer the service.

This safe, painless nasal spray is a simple way to help protect your child from flu and serious complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. It also helps protect vulnerable family members and reduces the chance of you needing to take time off work due to illness.

You can still book at your GP practice or pop into your local pharmacy if that's easier.

To find out more, speak to your GP, local pharmacist, or visit the NHS website [Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)

### Transition

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>

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.

IS YOUR DATE OF BIRTH ON OR BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 & 31ST AUGUST 2022?

IF SO, YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE BY **15TH JANUARY 2026** AND ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR

## WALTON OAK PRIMARY RECEPTION 2026 & NURSERY OPEN MORNING

**SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025**

JUST COME ALONG BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING TIMES - ALL WELCOME!  
**10:00AM - 11:30AM**

### Extra-Curricular Events

#### Year 4 Mini Olympics



Last Friday, 4C took part in a Mini Olympics event at Cleves School. All the children showed amazing resilience, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship – not only cheering on their own classmates but also supporting children from other schools.



Everyone gave their best effort throughout the day, and it certainly paid off – 4C were announced as the overall winners!

A huge well done to all the children in 4C – we're so proud of you!

### Reading

#### Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is such an important part of learning. It helps children to develop their imagination, creativity, vocabulary, understanding of the world and even their empathy. At Walton Oak, we are proud to nurture a love of reading that will last a lifetime. We also love sharing good books that we have read with others to support their love of reading too!





**Recommended reads**

Children in 2S have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Fing' by David Williams as their reading for pleasure book. Here's why Isabel, Thomas and Shay would recommend it:


Isabel

### Book Review

Author: David Williams  
Book Title: Fing

Star rating: ★★★★★

The Characters



Why do you like this book?

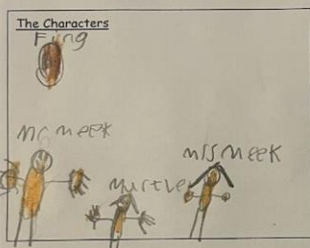
I like the book because it was scary and also interesting and I like it also because it was very interesting and scary I didn't know what was going to happen.

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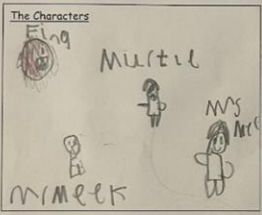
I like this book because it is funny and it is exciting. It's very silly.

### Book Review

Author: David Williams  
Book Title: Fing

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The Characters



Why do you like this book?

I like this book because it has a monster and I like monsters.

Anoushka in 5M has been reading 'Northern Lights' by Philip Pullman. Here's why she would recommend it:

*I would recommend this book because it's a cliffhanger and you never want to put it down. In the story, Lyra goes on a quest to the North after she is given the alethiometer (a device to find truthful answers to your questions). My favourite part was when Lyra discovers the Daemon Cages! I would recommend this to anyone in Y5 or Y6 that likes mysteries."*

Miss Maddin in 5M has been reading 'Grimwood' by Nadia Shareen. This is why she would recommend it:

*If you love stories that are full of fun, friendship and laugh-out-loud moments, then Grimwood is the perfect book for you! When fox siblings Ted and Nancy have to run away from the big city, they end up in the strange and hilarious forest of Grimwood, where the animals are wild, weird, and wonderfully funny. I would recommend it to anyone that loves a silly adventure!*



### Enrichment Activities

#### Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip



Our Year 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their educational visit to Butser Farm. The day provided a rich, hands-on learning experience that brought their Stone Age history lessons to life. Activities included clay pot making, chalk carving, creating natural paint from dock leaves, and learning traditional fire-making techniques. The children also had the opportunity to handle historical artefacts and reflect on life in ancient times during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age.



### Pastoral News



#### Supporting Your Child with Fiddle Tools & Ear Defenders

We aim to provide a positive and supportive learning environment for all of our pupils, recognising that every child has unique needs and preferences when it comes to their learning. Some children benefit from using tools like fiddle toys or ear defenders to help them focus and feel more comfortable in class.

If you feel that your child would benefit from these resources, we kindly ask that you speak with your child's class teacher before sending any items in from home. This way, we can ensure that the resources are appropriate for your child's needs and are used in a way that supports their learning and well-being.

Our teachers and staff are always happy to work with you to make sure your child has everything they need to thrive, and we appreciate your cooperation in this process.



Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let’s Talk!



Diversity and Equality

Black History Month – What’s in a name?



As Black History Month begins, children across the school have been taking part in assemblies and discussions exploring how this important month came to be, why it matters and how learning about the past helps us to shape a fairer and more inclusive present. Together, we’ve reflected on some of the inspiring individuals—both from history and today—who have made a lasting impact on our world.

In Monday’s assembly, pupils joined a live virtual session through Picture News on the theme *Standing Firm in Power and Pride*. The session featured Swarzy Macaly, TV personality and radio broadcaster, who spoke powerfully about the significance of her name and her experiences of people mispronouncing, laughing at, or changing it because they found it difficult to remember. This led to thoughtful conversations across the school about the importance of names—how they form part of our identity, carry meaning and deserve to be treated with care and respect. Children reflected on how taking the time to learn and pronounce someone’s name correctly is a simple yet powerful act of kindness and inclusion.

Through these discussions, pupils are developing a deeper understanding of respect, identity and belonging, which sit at the heart of our school values and our ongoing commitment to celebrating diversity.

The children also thought about the question **“What makes a community feel proud of its history?”** They learnt about the West Indian Sports and Social Club in Manchester which was founded in 1953 by people who came to England from the Caribbean, known as the Windrush generation. It became an important place where people could meet, celebrate and feel proud of their history. Children thought about how, at Walton Oak, we can all make sure that every person’s story is seen, heard and celebrated.



**Protected Characteristics**

The West Indian Sports and Social Club was created by members of the Windrush generation, who came from the Caribbean. The club celebrates their cultural heritage and supports racial equality, by giving people a safe space to come together.

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

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**British Values**

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

The West Indian Sports and Social Club was founded to provide a safe and welcoming space for people arriving from the Caribbean (the Windrush generation). It represents how communities can celebrate their heritage, culture and history with pride.

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**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 lifelong 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.**

**Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:** At Darley Dene, we are seeking to appoint 2 highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information **click on the link on page 1.**

**Saxon Primary School is recruiting:** Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Nursery Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For more information **click on the link on page 1.**



FOWO

### Make Spirits Bright! We need your help for the Christmas Fair!

We are currently planning the Christmas Fair, which this year is being held on **Friday 28 November 2025**, with the school hall and library being transformed into a festive feast for the eyes.

**Please email if you can help in any way - [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)**

Can you help and support FOWO with:

- **Sponsorship** - if you or the company you work for would like to support the school, with anything from sponsoring the grotto to donating a hamper for the Raffle, please do get in touch with FOWO to find out how you can help!
- **Match Funding** - Match funding the Christmas Fair is a fantastic way to double the impact of every penny raised!
- **Raffle Prizes** - Any donations for prizes for the festive raffle would make a huge difference. Prizes can be anything from gift certificates, to experiences, to products. Every donation is gratefully received
- **Volunteers** - Any help you can give on the day with running stalls, staffing Santa's grotto or any general support again will be gratefully received
- **Cake donations** - Who doesn't love a sneaky mince pie or festive treat at a Christmas Fair? Donations will be accepted on the day...

### FOWO Uniform Rail – Bag scarily good bargains

As you are all aware, the second-hand uniform rail in the foyer is always full of a bargain.

In the run up to spooky season, and just in time for 'Break the Ghouls' day, we are asking for donations of children's fancy dress costumes to go on the rail.

All items are £1 so why not do your bit for the environment and school community and take a look?

As we are now into the cooler months, we are looking for uniform such as - trousers, pinafore dresses, jumpers and skirts (please no old logos!). There is also plenty of PE kit, including black joggers and hoodies

### Raise money for the school while Breaking the Gouls (Rules)

"Come spooky, come sporty. All non-uniform goes. These rules are for breaking 'til school comes to a close"

Get ready for the ever-popular Break the Rules (Ghouls) Mufti Day on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 for Nursery to Y6.

You can pay in advance on [Classlist](#) (minimum £1 spend) or hand cash to teaching staff on the day - 50p per rule broken, £3 for all.

You can break the rules by:

- Wearing Mufti clothes/fancy dress
- Doing the "Creepy Crawly Challenge" - attach them to your hair!
- Having spooky facepaint
- Putting on nail varnish
- Having crazy hair
- Wearing temporary tattoos
- Put squash in water bottle
- Bring in any snack (no nuts!)

### Autumn FOWO Events – Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 22 October 2025 - Break the Ghouls (Rules) Day - break the school rules for a small donation
- Friday 28 November 2025 - Christmas Fair - Full school mufti in exchange for tombola donations

More details to follow, but keep your eye on *The Wire* and *Classlist* for future communications.

Click on the logos below to connect with us





### Celebrations

#### Achievements outside of School



Congratulations to Mr Pete Linnegar (parent of Madeleine & Sam) who took part in an Ironman Triathlon in Barcelona last week.

Quote from Mr Linnegar:  
*3000 athletes from 102 countries took part in the event amongst a carnival atmosphere on the Catalanian coast. Approximately 80% of them managed to complete the 3.8km swim, 180km bike and 42.2km (marathon) run in the allotted time. Personally, I did it in 10 hours and 36mins.*



*The Ironman motto is "anything is possible". With hard work, consistency and discipline I believe this to be true, and not a bad message for the Walton Oak School children to hear.*

Well done Mr Linnegar, what an achievement - we are all really proud of you!

#### Gold Leaves

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



Ladybirds	Aliyah
Hedgehogs	Phoebe, Mila & Eli
Squirrels	Louis, Alex, Benaiah, Toby, Moriam, Emily, Freya, Nathan & Iris
2L	Holly & Arlo
3B	Edward
3G	Rory & Sandra
4C	Henry-James, Nikyle, Nancy, Heidi, Mia & Chase
4A	Cara, Elizabeth, Eliza, Theo & Emily
5C	Summer, Ayla, Zach & Elliot
5M	Kiri-Mai, Lola, Eva T, Vaughn & Henry

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



Upcoming dates for the diary

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
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	FOWO Break the Gouls (Rules) Day
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
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nursery Mufti - donations for Christmas Fair
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti - donations for Christmas Fair
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 1.45pm



## Walton Oak Primary School

### Penalty Notice and Fines

**Changes effective 19/08/24**

1

**FIRST OFFENCE**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:  
**£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.**  
**Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days**

2

**SECOND OFFENCE**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:  
**£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.**  
**No reduced rate will be offered**


3

**THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY OTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

**10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD** Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.


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# Walton Oak Parent Learning Conference 2025

Wednesday 19th  
November  
5.00-7.30pm

Take a look at our 'menu' of workshops on offer for you during our Parent Learning Conference. Click on the link below to select which workshops you'd like to attend.

## Menu

### Reading Workshops

#### Early Language

To share the importance of Early Language in children and how to support at home. (Nursery, Reception & Y1)

#### Comprehension Skills

To share reading comprehension questions, the process and strategies used in school and ways to support at home. (Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6).

### Writing Workshops

#### Developing Fine Motor Skills

To share the importance of developing fine motor skills and how this leads into handwriting, strategies used in school and ways to support at home. (Nursery, Reception & Y1)

#### Spelling

To share the key elements of the spelling expectations within the curriculum and to equip parents with ways to support with this at home. (Y2, 3 & 4)

#### Grammar

To share the key grammar features explored in KS2 and their importance within writing. (Y4, 5 & 6)

### Editing & Up-levelling

To explore strategies to support children when editing and up-levelling their writing independently. (Y4, 5 & 6)

### Maths Workshops

#### Early Number

To share the key elements of the Early Number curriculum with parents and to equip parents with ways to support with their child's Maths learning at home. (Nursery, Reception & Y1)

#### Introduction to Fractions

To explore how children are introduced to fractions through the curriculum and provide parents with ways to support this area of learning at home. (Y2 & 3)

#### Problem Solving & Reasoning

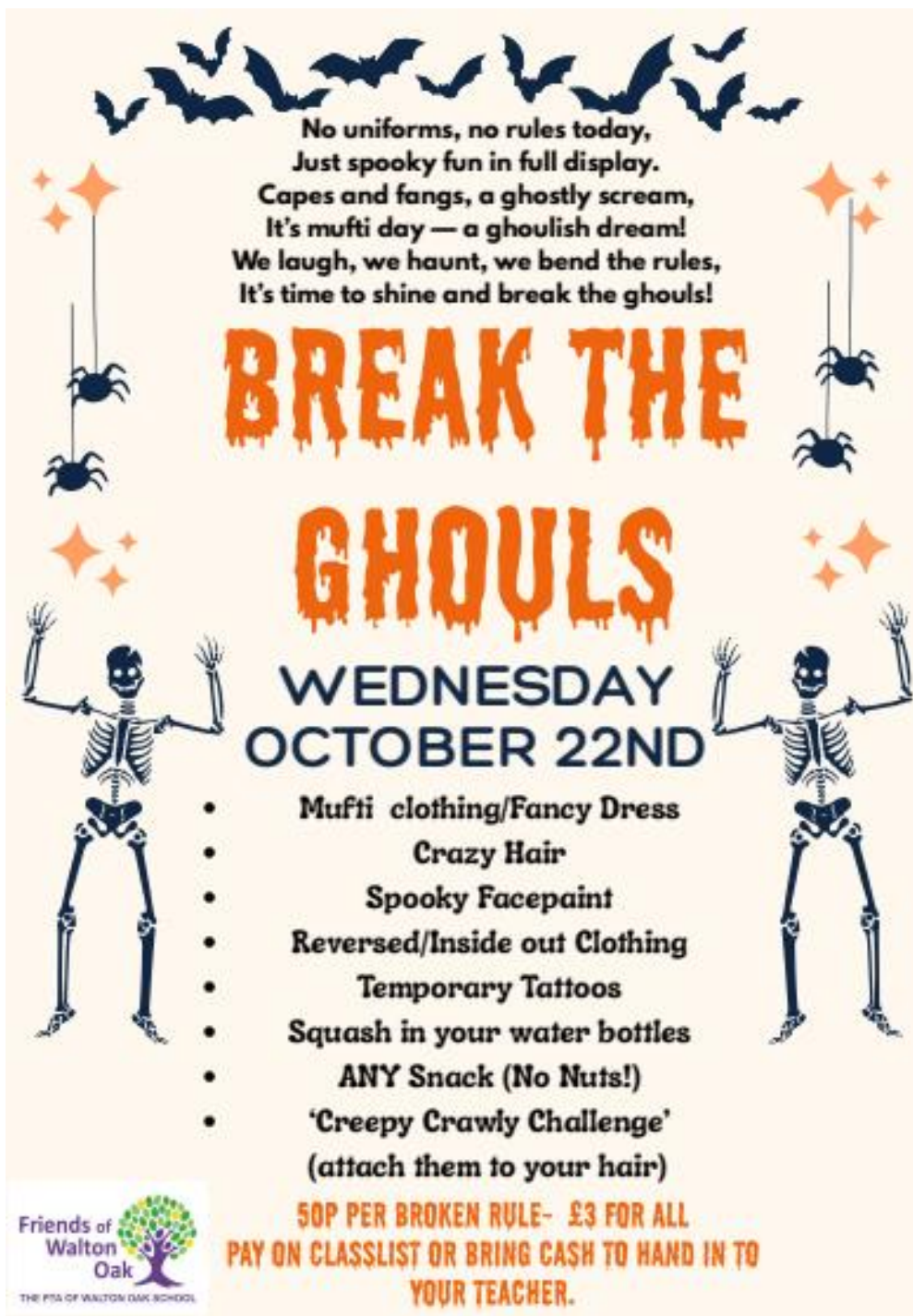
To provide parents with detailed examples of how to solve maths problems and how to verbally reason and justify answers to mathematical problems. (Y4, 5 & 6)

**Book onto your preferred workshop sessions here:**

<https://forms.gle/1o6gsNJFurTVPrmZA>

Click on the link or scan the barcode to select the workshops you'd like to attend!





No uniforms, no rules today,  
Just spooky fun in full display.  
Capes and fangs, a ghostly scream,  
It's mufti day — a ghoulish dream!  
We laugh, we haunt, we bend the rules,  
It's time to shine and break the ghouls!

# BREAK THE GHOULS

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 22ND**

- **Mufti clothing/Fancy Dress**
- **Crazy Hair**
- **Spooky Facepaint**
- **Reversed/Inside out Clothing**
- **Temporary Tattoos**
- **Squash in your water bottles**
- **ANY Snack (No Nuts!)**
- **'Creepy Crawly Challenge'**  
(attach them to your hair)

**50P PER BROKEN RULE- £3 FOR ALL  
PAY ON CLASSLIST OR BRING CASH TO HAND IN TO  
YOUR TEACHER.**

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THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL



## Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027



Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2027.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available via this link: [Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools - 2027](#).

### Why Surrey County Council is consulting

Surrey County Council has a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if it intends to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Cranmere Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 30
2. **The Grange Community Infant School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
3. **Chennestone Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Year 3 from 40 to 30
4. **Manby Lodge Infant School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
5. **Oatlands School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
6. **Oakfield Junior School** – introduction of a feeder link from Fetcham Village Infant School



7. **Fetcham Village Infant School and Oakfield Junior School** – introduction of a reciprocal sibling link
8. **Closure of waiting lists** – bringing forward the date that waiting lists will close for the normal year of entry, from the end of the academic year to the end of December in the year of admission

**How can you respond to the consultation?**

The consultation on the admission arrangements for 2027 for community and voluntary controlled schools, which include the proposed changes above, will run from Monday 6 October until Tuesday 18 November 2025. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools - 2027](#) or by using the following QR code:



Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy.

Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

**What happens next?**

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 27 January 2026. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then be ratified by the full County Council on 3 February 2026. Once determined, the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027 will be placed on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).