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Headteacher's Message

This week has been one of reflection across our school community. In Monday's assembly, the children learned about the extraordinary life of Walter Tull, an inspirational figure whose courage, resilience and leadership make him a powerful role model for us all (see the Diversity and Equality section below). On Remembrance Day, the whole school joined together in a two-minute silence at 11am. As always, the children showed great maturity during this moment of reflection. The silence that echoed through the school captured not only their respect but also the strong sense of community that binds us together.



It has also been National Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme 'Power for Good'. Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to help them understand the importance of kindness, inclusion and speaking out. From Odd Socks Day, to the Circle of Kindness carousel, dedicated lessons on what bullying really means and the beautifully creative identity-focused art projects, the children have engaged with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. Today, our activities linked with Children in Need with children and staff wearing spotty clothes or Pudsey themed accessories whilst taking on their class "Challenge to 25". As I write, we are preparing for our families to come and view or purchase their children's artwork for a donation. We will share more on this in next week's Wire. Thank you to Miss Stanbrook and Mrs Brace for organising this important week of learning and reflection for children and staff.



Behind the scenes, staff are busy preparing for next week's Parent Learning Conference. Considerable time and thought has gone into planning this event so that it feels welcoming, relaxed and genuinely helpful for all families. There will be no expectation for parents to do anything other than listen, reflect and take away strategies that support children's learning and wellbeing at home. We really hope to see a large number of you there. Scan the QR code on the posters around the school to book.

I end with a poem by *Alex* in *year 5* that was written as part of his work on anti-bullying this week. I think it provides a powerful reminder for us all:

Power for Good

Power isn't about control, it's about affection and warmth,
Openly welcoming people with good thoughts.
Walk next to those who feel isolated and weak,
Empathy and encouragement is all they need.
Remember that kindness connects us, raise your voice.

Forgive, be sorry and make a good choice.
One kind word can make anyone smile,
Respect and kindness makes it worthwhile.

Goodness glows in what we do,
Only kindness will heal the blue.
Offer happiness and kindness you should,
Do make sure to use your power for good. -By Alex 🧡

Siân McCarthy





General Information

Individual & sibling photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 17th November to take individual photographs. Please ensure your child is in full uniform. If your child has PE on Monday, please bring their PE kit in a named bag. Sibling photographs will ONLY be taken of children whose parents completed the googlesheet by the set date.



A Kind Reminder About Appropriate Attire on School Grounds

We love the sense of community that our parents and carers bring to school each day. As role models for our children, we kindly ask that everyone visiting the school site — whether for drop-off, pick-up, or school events — dresses in a way that is appropriate for a family and learning environment.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a welcoming, respectful atmosphere for all members of our school community. Thank you for setting such a positive example for our children.

Lost Property

We currently have an overwhelming amount of unlabelled lost property in school. Unfortunately, without names, it's very difficult for us to return items to the correct child.

Please ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled, especially coats as the colder weather approaches. Labels do not need to be sewn in - a clearly written name in pen is absolutely fine.

If items are named, we can quickly and easily get them back to your child. Thank you for your support in helping us reduce lost property.

Flu Vaccinations – R to Yr6

On Monday 24th November the Surrey Immunisation Team will be in school holding flu vaccinations for children from reception to year 6. If you wish your child to be vaccinated, please use the link below to consent. The deadline to consent is **Tuesday 18th November**: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk/

Please quote our school's unique code **SR134557**.

Festival of Light - Saturday 29th November

We are excited to share that our school choir has been invited to perform at this year's Festival of Light celebration, held in Walton's town centre. If you would like to join in with the festive celebrations and support our choir, please come along to the main stage - located between The Method Gym and 55 High Street (Rentstart) - at 1.00pm on Saturday 29th November. There will be a range of festive stalls and other exciting activities and performances throughout the afternoon. We would love to see many of our Walton Oak families supporting our choir at 1.00pm.

Christmas Performances

We are pleased to share that plans for this year's Christmas performances are underway. Below, you will see the dates for each of the performances.

Tuesday 2nd December:

- Reception & Y1 Nativity (babies/toddlers welcome) - 9.15am

Wednesday 3rd December:

- Nursery Nativity - 11.00am
- Reception & Y1 Nativity - Weds 3rd Dec - 2.15pm
- Nursery Nativity - 2.30pm

Thursday 4th December:

- Reception & Y1 Nativity - 9.15am



- Y2 & 3 Christingle Service - 2.00pm

Monday 8th December:

- Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert (babies/toddlers welcome) - 9.15am

Tuesday 9th December:

- Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert - 9.15am
- Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert – 2.00pm

Wednesday 10th December:

- Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert - 2.00pm

On Monday next week, you will receive a letter detailing how to book tickets for the performances; tickets will then go live at 10am on Tuesday next week.

Transition

Prospective Reception Open Morning/Afternoon 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.



Reception - school applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place between **3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026**.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

Contact the office if you need support with this. Please note: you will still need apply even if your child is our nursery.

Reading

Michael Rosen Day



This week, Walton Oak celebrated Michael Rosen Day, honouring one of the nation's favourite children's authors and poets. Classes took part in an online webinar where Michael Rosen himself read aloud some of his much-loved poems, funny stories and personal memoirs. The children were captivated by his performance and inspired by his playful use of language.

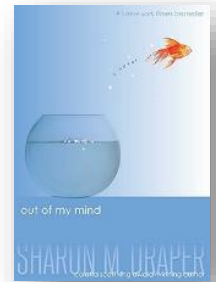
Our KS1 pupils also took part in a special poetry-writing activity. Inspired by Rosen's famous *Chocolate Cake* poem, they wrote brilliant poems all about the foods they love to eat. The children had great fun experimenting with rhythm, rhyme and vivid description and produced some wonderfully imaginative pieces of writing.





Book Recommendation

This week, Miss Jambert is recommending *Out of My Mind*, a powerful and thought-provoking novel that invites readers to see the world through the eyes of Melody, an eleven-year-old girl with cerebral palsy. Although she cannot speak or walk, Melody has an extraordinary mind and a story that challenges us to rethink the assumptions we make about others. Miss Jambert chose this book because it offers a meaningful insight into the experiences of a child with special educational needs, helping us to understand life from a different perspective. It is a moving, inspiring read that encourages empathy, understanding and inclusion. She would recommend it to children in Y5 or Y6.



Tiny Happy People

Colours



This week's activity is a colour-themed day. It is a fun way to learn and reinforce colours and new words. A quick and easy activity that can be done by all in the family. What colour will you pick?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/colour-theme-your-day/z77bbdm>

Did you know that Tiny Happy People has a page dedicated to SEND? Here is the link for the page, there is some really useful information [here](#)



Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME

17th - 23rd November

Can technology ever help us too much?

In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Pastoral News

Supporting your child with worries

It's completely normal for children (and adults!) to have worries from time to time. Whether it's about friendships, schoolwork or changes in routine, a little bit of worry is part of growing up and learning how to manage feelings.

As parents and carers, there are simple ways you can help your child feel supported and confident when worries arise:

1. Let them talk about it

Encourage your child to share what's on their mind. Listening calmly, without immediately jumping in with solutions, helps them feel heard and reassured. Sometimes, just talking things through can make worries feel smaller.

2. Normalise worrying

Let your child know that everyone feels worried sometimes, even grown-ups! This helps them understand that worrying doesn't mean something is "wrong" with them.

3. Help them find calm

Simple breathing exercises, quiet time with a book or getting outside for a walk can all help children feel more relaxed and in control.

4. Focus on what they can control

Help your child notice the things they *can* do about a situation, like preparing for a test or talking to a teacher and remind them it's okay to let go of the things they can't change.

5. Model calm and reassurance

Children take cues from adults. Showing them how you manage your own worries calmly helps them learn to do the same.

This BBC bitesize video is a helpful tool to help children understand that feelings do not last forever.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zcpqkty>



Extra-Curricular Events

3G Mini Olympics:

The children in 3G proudly represented Walton Oak at Cleves School at the Mini Olympics last Friday. They competed against six other schools and achieved an impressive joint 4th place. The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and wonderful support for one another throughout the event. Well done 3G!



Year 3 and 4 AIM High Writing Day

On Tuesday, six children across Years 3 and 4 attended an AIM High Writing workshop - led by former English teacher and author, Stephen Davies - at Cardinal Newman School. Throughout the day, the children were inspired by some of Stephen's writing; the workshop led to them all writing their own Titanic themed story.



"I enjoyed writing my Titanic story and seeing Stephen's wonderful books. He thought I was in Year 4. I want to be an author when I am older." Pia, 3B

"I enjoyed writing my Titanic story and I felt very happy when Stephen signed my book. It was also fun trying to imagine Thomas with his gold suit and chest pocket." Samuel, 4C

Here is an extract from Samuel's Titanic story:

Connor shook the sweat out of his dark brown hair. He was on the rowing machine in the gym and he could see the world map in one corner of the room. Out of the window he could see towering icy icebergs. He was listening to the waves slapping the Titanic's hull and seagulls squawking in the sky. Suddenly, an old man hobbled in.



Enrichment Activities

Year 5 - Forest School Day

On Monday, Year 5 embraced the great outdoors for their Forest School day, not even the rain could dampen their spirits! Splitting into groups, the children rotated around a variety of hands-on activities, each linked to their classroom learning.



Miss Bessant's Raft Building



Armed with sticks and plenty of teamwork, the children got creative building their very own miniature rafts. Using wool to tie their constructions together, they couldn't wait to test them out — with lots of excitement (and a few splashes!) as they discovered whether their rafts would float or sink.

Miss Courtenay's Leaf Printing

Over in Woody Oaks, the children rolled up their sleeves to mix their own salt dough using flour, salt and water. Once ready, they explored the woodland to find an interesting leaf to press into their dough, creating beautiful, nature-inspired prints to take home.



Miss Maddin's Mud Volcanoes

Things got a little messy (and a lot of fun) as the children built their very own mud volcanoes! After shaping their creations, they added vinegar and baking powder to trigger a fizzing, erupting explosion right in the heart of the forest.



Mrs Bailey's Wooden Ornaments

On the back field, the children each received a wood slice to sand smooth and decorate with colourful acrylic pens. Working in pairs, they showed fantastic perseverance and teamwork as they used hand drills to make a hole for threading wool, ready to hang on a Christmas tree or wear proudly as a necklace.



Although the weather wasn't quite kind enough for a fire this time, Year 5 will be heading back outside before Christmas to enjoy some woodland cooking over an open fire. What a fantastic day of resilience, creativity and outdoor learning! We were so proud of the children and the way in which they got involved and behaved in the outdoors.



Diversity and Equality

Remembering our heroes

This week's Monday assembly focused on Remembrance - a time when we pause to think about the people who lived through past and current wars, the sacrifices they have made and the hope for peace that continues today.



The children learned why, following the first world war, poppies became such an important symbol. The fields of red that appeared where the battles had taken place felt so meaningful that they have become a lasting sign, not only of remembrance but also of hope, peace and new beginnings. It has been lovely seeing our school community wearing their poppies with pride.

To help the children understand some of these themes and ideas, they learned about a remarkable war hero: **Walter Tull**.

Walter Tull was born in 1888 in Folkestone. His father came from Barbados and his mother was from England. Life was not easy for Walter. After both of his parents died, he and his brother grew up in an orphanage. Even in difficult times, Walter showed resilience, kindness and determination.



He loved football and went on to become one of the first Black professional footballers in Britain, playing for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town. Despite facing discrimination because of his heritage, Walter played with dignity and courage, earning the respect of teammates and fans.



When the First World War began, Walter joined the army. He proved himself to be a brave and thoughtful leader and he became one of the first Black British Army officers which was a hugely significant achievement at a time when opportunities were limited for people of mixed heritage.

Walter cared deeply for the men he led and was known for his fairness, compassion and unwavering bravery. Sadly, he was killed in battle in 1918. Though his life was short, the example he set continues to inspire people today.

You can find out more about his life and legacy through a short video here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/43504448>

The children reflected on why Walter inspires us today and agreed that he reminds us that:

- Courage can be shown in many forms - on the football pitch, on the battlefield, and in everyday life.
- Fairness and kindness matter, even when others are not fair or kind to us.
- Determination and resilience can help us overcome challenges.
- Hope for a more peaceful, respectful world begins with how we treat one another.





FOWO

Volunteers always make the fair sparkle – We Need You!!

To make this year's Fair a massive success, **we're calling on our fantastic school community for support!**

Could you help on the day of the Christmas fair? These events rely entirely on volunteers to happen and for the fair we need around 60 – 70 people to help set up, run stalls and clear up. So, if you can spare 30 - 60 minutes on the day it is hugely appreciated. Your children are always welcome to help alongside you, and w Timings as follows:

- **1.30 – 3.15pm:** Set up. We will need help putting out tables, setting up the tombola and the other games stalls.
- **3.30pm – 6.00pm:** can you do a 30 minute slot on a stall?
- **6.00 – 7.00pm:** can you help take down stalls, pack away the grotto, clear up rubbish etc?

Please email sign up using the following [volunteer form](#) (or QR Code on the FOWO notice Board by reception) if you can help. If you have any questions, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk here that is the case, we try to put you on a games stall that is more interactive for them!

Santa Claus is coming to town – Book your tickets now!

That's right! If you aren't aware yet, Santa is coming to the Walton Oak Christmas Fair!

To book tickets to see Father Christmas, all you need to do is choose a 15 minute slot on Classlist and children will go into the grotto in groups (with parents!) and receive a small gift. Friends, family and younger siblings are also welcome to join, please book each person a ticket.

For any children who would prefer a smaller group, or a quieter session, there are slots available after 5.30. Book on Classlist here:

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1360002194?s=841151101&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

Mufti in Exchange for Tombola Donations

All students are encouraged to come to school in mufti on **28 November (26 November for Nursery)**, in exchange for donations of Tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair.

We ask for different things depending on whether you are in KS1 (Nursery & Reception - Yr2) or KS2 (Yr3 - Yr6):

- Lower School (KS1), we are asking for donations of **unopened and in date sweets, and chocolates**, including boxes of chocolates, biscuits and sweets
- Upper School (KS2), it's bring a bottle to school day! Examples include **unopened and in date bottles ANYTHING** - Pop, wine, and even toiletries!!

Anything goes, as long as it's in date, and unopened.

Please bring all donations in to school, and give them to the class teacher so that they can be collected by the FOWO team.

Your chance to win incredible prizes – Raffle tickets on sale now

Christmas fair raffle tickets are available for sale now on Classlist.

There is an amazing list of prizes including fragrance sets, beauty treatments, holiday clubs and loads of brilliant days out. Buy your tickets now to beat the rush ahead of the fair to be in with a chance of winning!

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1395430652>

Click on the logos below to connect with us and to keep up to date





Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to a appoint highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information **Click on the link on page 1.**

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Celebrations

Gold Leaves

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



Butterflies	Aliyah
Squirrels	Henry
1B	Lucy, Teddy, Alex, Filip, Ciara & Jessica-Rose
1N	Bella, Violet, Teddy, Arlo, Arabella & Dylan
2L	Jax & Sienna
2S	Bobby, Eden, Emily & Cecie
3B	Pia, Finley & Natallie
4C	Samuel & Kacey
4A	Brodie, Maddi & Emmy
5M	Sophie, Vaughan, Mahek & Mustafa
6J	Jack, Asenath, Daisy, Josephine, Poppy, Willow-Hope, Dino, Ronnie & Daisy

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



Upcoming dates for the diary

New dates in red

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	R-Yr 6 Flu Vaccinations
	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight checks
Wed 26 th Nov	Nursery Mufti - donations for Christmas Fair
Fri 28 th Nov	Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm
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Tue 9 th Dec	Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
Wed 10 th Dec	Yr4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 th Dec	End of Term 1.45pm
Mon 5 th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 16 th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 23 rd Feb	Children return to school






SURREY FOOTBALL COACHING

Saturday Morning Football – Every week
9.30am – 11am

Surrey Football Coaching Centres are delighted to announce that Saturday Morning Football will be taking place at Cleves School, Weybridge for children aged 4-13 every Saturday.

The course will include the following:

- Development of Skills
- Confidence Building
- Fun and Enjoyment
- Making New Friends
- Warm up and Technical Session
- Small Sided Games
- Coaches DBS Checked and Fully F.A. Qualified

For regular updates on Saturday Morning Football, please follow our Instagram page [@surreyfootballcoaching](#)

Cleves School (KT13 9TS) **Every Saturday 9.30am – 11am**
£10 per session

You can pay online in advance on our website surreyfootballcoaching.com or you can turn up and pay on the day.
01932 454866



Halliford School

SHEPPERTON

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



Register for your place at Halliford School before our Admissions deadline of **Friday 28th November 2025**

Personal tours available throughout the year
Independent Senior Day School | Boys 11-18 years | Girls 16-18 years
01932 223593 | registrar@hallifordschool.co.uk | hallifordschool.co.uk

[Click to register](#)



Babies & Toddlers

Join our Baby & Toddler Group

St Erconwald's Church Hall


Fri 28th Nov
Fri 19th Dec

10-11.30am

Join our WhatsApp group by contacting the Parish Office or messaging 07494749833

We need volunteers to help ensure this runs regularly - if you can help please get in touch!

www.sterconwalds.org.uk

Do we need your support?

App-solutely!

3rd November to 30th November

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CHRISTMAS Fair

Friday 28th November
3.30pm - 6pm

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GAMES STALLS | REFRESHMENTS

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN WITH SEND

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Finding the right support can feel overwhelming.

Explore how we're supporting families, children and young people with SEND through our Local Offer, a one-stop online support hub to navigate SEND services.

surreycc.gov.uk/sendsupport

