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Headteacher's Message

Our Spring term enrichment clubs began this week, bringing a real buzz of activity into the early evening. It has been wonderful to see so many children signed up for these opportunities, which play an important role in developing confidence, teamwork, resilience and a love of learning beyond the classroom.



There has been enrichment in other ways too. Our youngest children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Little City, where the hall was transformed into a mini city. Through role play, the children explored real life jobs, developed language and vocabulary, interacted positively with one another and used their imaginations with great enthusiasm.

Year 6 also had an exciting opportunity as they attended their Junior Citizen trip, where they developed vital life skills linked to staying safe. As they grow older and become more independent, these skills are more important than ever, helping them to recognise risks to themselves and others and to act as responsible, positive citizens. There is more about this in the enrichment section below.



Last Friday I joined the FOWO open meeting to discuss the funds raised so far this year and how they can be used to enhance provision for the children, as well as to look ahead to upcoming events. We are incredibly fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and active committee, supported by parents and carers from across the school community. There are some exciting events planned for the rest of the year, designed not only to raise funds but also to give back to the children and the wider community. Please keep an eye on the Wire and Facebook for details and do get involved where you can. I am particularly looking forward to the Quiz Night on 6th February. This will be the fourth one I have attended and it has always been great fun, even though I have yet to win. Do come along, and see the FOWO section of this newsletter below for more information.

I also enjoyed meeting with our Pupil Leadership Team this week to discuss their Spring project. Last year's PLT worked hard to support children and families in developing understanding and awareness of diversity and equality. This year, their focus is on nurture and what it means to be a nurturing school. As always, I have been hugely impressed by their ideas and commitment. They have already begun planning ways to deepen understanding of what nurture looks like at Walton Oak, what children and families need to know and how to share this message across our community. They have some exciting plans, which will be shared soon, so watch this space.

Planning ahead for the rest of the term, new dates have been added to the school calendar (accessed by the links on the left-hand side) and the bottom of this newsletter. Please make a note of important dates – more information will follow about key events as appropriate.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

School Dismissal Update - Action Required

Earlier this week, a letter was shared with all parents/carers regarding dismissal procedures and the changes we are making to this. Please ensure you have read this letter as it includes





important information as well as a link to a Google Form that all parents/carers are required to submit (one form per child).

Maths Week - 2nd-6th February

Mrs. Bourne shared a letter earlier this week, detailing some of the plans for Maths Week including children being invited to dress up as a Times Tables Rock Star on Friday 6th February in aid of NSPCC number day. In addition, parents/carers are warmly invited to the Maths Week Showcase from 2.45pm on Friday 6th February. Please read the letter that was shared for the key information.

Reading

Congratulations to all the children who have reached 100 reads! We are also thrilled to see some children already reaching 150 reads, keep up the fantastic reading effort!



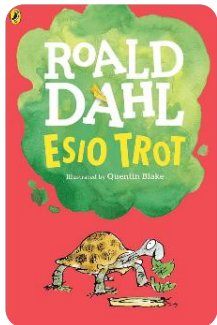
100 Reads:

Moriam – Squirrels	Albie P – 1B	Aatif – 1B
Ben – 1B	Oscar – 1B	Eva B – 3B
Kirthana – 3B	Thomas G – 3G	Charlotte – 4A
Charlie – 4A	Cora- 4A	Eliza – 4A
Emily – 4A	Ruby – 4A	Theo L – 4A

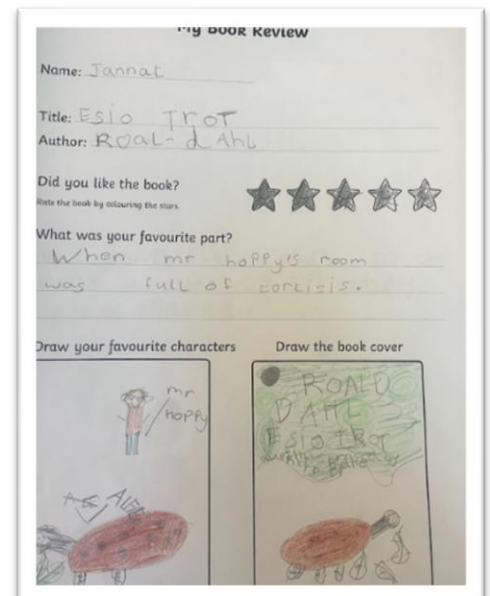
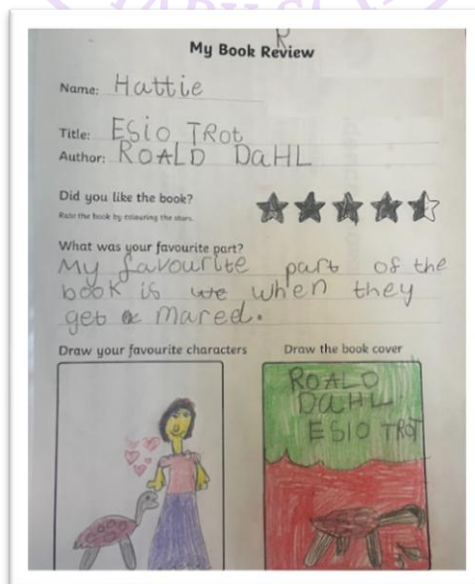
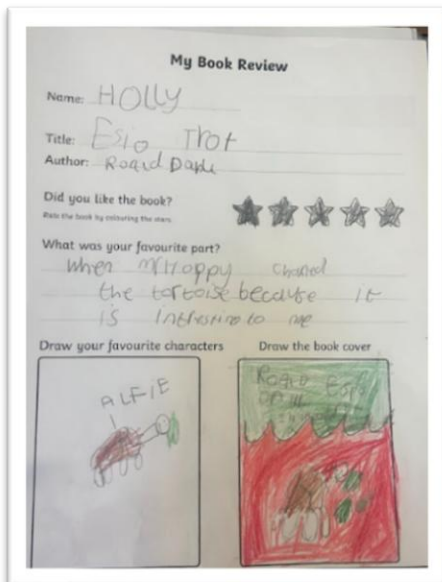
150 Reads:

Alex – 1B	Dhruv – 1B	Jayden – 1B
Joe – 1B	Emily – 4A	Ruby – 4A
Ben – 5C		

Book Review



Children in 2L have been busy reviewing the book *Esio Trot* by Roald Dahl, which they have been enjoying in class. The story follows the humorous and heart-warming tale of Mr Hoppy and his clever plan to help his shy neighbour, Mrs Silver, and her much-loved tortoise. The children have been exploring the characters, retelling key events, and sharing their opinions about the story, developing their comprehension skills and love of reading along the way.





Tiny Happy People

Building Scrap People



This week's activity is building scrap people. Have a go at building some scrap people using items from around your house. The recycling is always a good place to rummage to find some boxes, tubes, cartons etc to help. All children love to build, especially out of boxes! Let their imagination run wild. Click on the link below to watch a short clip to give you some ideas. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/building-scrap-people/zm3d8xs>



We'd love to see any creations you make with your children. Send a photo into the office of any of your amazing creations!

Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



In the news this week

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- > Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- > Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Extra-Curricular Events

Year 6 Football

This week the year 6 boys played in another football fixture, they fought hard from the first whistle to the last, showing great determination and teamwork throughout the match. Although they narrowly missed out on the win, their effort never dropped and they were rewarded with some well-taken goals. It was a good performance full of positives, proving their commitment and resilience on the pitch.





Enrichment Activities

Little City Visit

The children in EYFS had an amazing time this week during a fantastic workshop with **Little City!** Each class stepped into the Little City and dived headfirst into exciting roleplay, becoming hairdressers, teachers, builders, shopkeepers and post office workers. The hall was buzzing with imagination, rich language and enthusiasm as we overheard brilliant conversations and watched the children collaborate beautifully. It was a joy to see their confidence, creativity and teamwork shine throughout the experience!



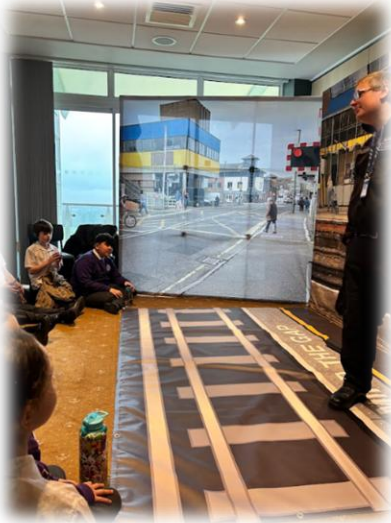
Year 6 Junior Citizenship Trip

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils attended the annual Elmbridge Junior Citizen event, organised by Elmbridge Council and Child Safety Media Ltd. The children took part in a range of practical workshops designed to help them stay safe, including sessions on road safety; safety near water and railways; recognising and avoiding potential dangers from strangers and online websites; as well as fire safety, first aid, citizenship, and when and how to use the emergency services. This was an extremely purposeful visit that strongly supported the children as they prepare for their transition to secondary school.

"We went to Sandown Race Park on Tuesday for a Junior Citizenship Workshop. We learnt multiple skills including water safety, CPR and Railway safety. The NHS came to teach us about how to maintain good oral hygiene. A charity called "Take the Jump" taught us how to help the world and prevent climate change and wildlife experts



warned us about wildfires and what to do if there was one! Overall, this experience was a great way to learn about being independent." Phoebe and Nina 6BD



Pastoral News

Spurgeons

If you have been previously supported by the team at Spurgeons, they offer a weekly drop in where you can access additional advice and support.



Elmbridge Family Centres



Parents Drop in

Have you previously worked with Elmbridge Family Centres or the IFSS team?



Did you know you can pop along, every Monday afternoon & check in with our team for more guidance or advice.

We will have Foodbank vouchers available & can refer for other grant support if applicable. We can also signpost for other local groups and organisations who can continue to meet your family's needs.

You don't need to book but if you'd like to let us know that you're coming, you can email us on elmbridge@spurgeons.org

Every Monday starting 17th November

1-3pm

At Molesey Family Centre High Street, West Molesey, KT8 2LX (next to Chandler's Field Primary School)

For further information: Email: elmbridge@spurgeons.org Tel: 01932 229103

Parent Support Programme

Provided by Eikon and YMCA East Surrey

A four-week online parenting support group, followed by 1:1 check-ins for up to three months to help support the implementation of tools and strategies covered in the groups.

- ▶ Additional 1:1 support is available where there is an identified need.
- ▶ Sessions provide time for parents to ask questions and connect with others in a supportive environment.
- ▶ Participants attend one session each week, with a choice of three different days and times.
- ▶ Attendance at all four initial sessions is required.

The programme will run in January 2026 and April 2026.

A range of topics will be explored, including:

- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Managing emotions
- ▶ Effective communication
- ▶ Positive reinforcement and praise
- ▶ Active listening
- ▶ Self-care strategies

Parents must give informed consent prior to referral. A separate referral form must be completed for each parent attending the group.

This service offers support to families in the following local authority areas:

Reigate & Banstead / Tandridge - parents/carers with children aged 8 - 18

Contact YMCA East Surrey to find out more information and register your place:

Ecommunitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Or scan the QR code below:



Elmbridge / Runnymede - parents/carers with children aged 5 - 18

Contact Eikon to find out more information and register your place:

Ecommunitywellbeingteam@eikon.org.uk



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Here for you

Registered charity no. 1073028



Parent Support workshop

Eikon and the community wellbeing team are running a parent programme covering a range of useful topics such as anxiety, managing emotions and positive reinforcement & praise. To register your interest email communitywellbeingteam@eikon.org.uk



Diversity and Equality

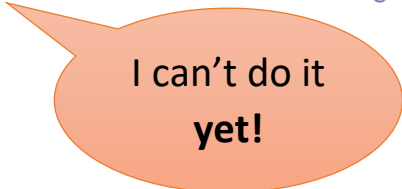
The Power of 'yet' in building resilience



The Power of YET

- I don't know ...**YET**
- This doesn't work ...**YET**
- I don't understand this ...**YET**
- This doesn't make sense ...**YET**
- I'm not good at this ...**YET**
- I can't do this ...**YET**
- I don't get it ...**YET**

This week, children learned about the power of 'YET' and how they can change their 'self talk' to create a different narrative about their abilities and achievements by adding a simple, three letter word to their sentence when describing something they can't do.



They made the link to our Walton Oak Way value of resilience and how they can use the power of 'yet' to motivate them to keep trying, even with things are difficult.

They heard the inspiring story about a little girl, now an adult, called **Ruby Bridges**.



At a time when schools were segregated and Black and White children were not allowed to attend the same schools, Ruby was chosen to attend an all-White Primary school in New Orleans.

The children heard how frightening this experience was for Ruby. She faced angry crowds and had to be escorted into school by federal marshals to keep her safe. Despite this, and despite often being the only child in her class, Ruby showed remarkable courage by continuing to attend school every day. With the support of her teacher, Mrs Henry, she also demonstrated great resilience, staying focused on her learning even when things were extremely difficult.

Ruby Bridges' story is a powerful example of the **power of "yet"**. When Ruby first walked into her new school, things were not fair, safe or welcoming **yet**. By continuing to attend school each day, she showed resilience and belief that things could change.

Ruby's story helped the children reflect on our school values of courage and resilience, showing how these qualities can help us face challenges, stand up for what is right and keep going when situations feel hard. They also learned that children, no matter how young, can make a positive difference and inspire change in the world.



Mutual respect and Tolerance

Ruby Bridges story shows that everyone deserves equal opportunities and should be treated with dignity and respect.

Protected Characteristics

People belong to many different countries and cultures around the world, and this makes our world special. Everyone has the right to be included and valued for what they bring.





FOWO

Dust off you thinking caps – the FOWO Parents Quiz Night is here!

The wait is officially over! Tickets for the FOWO Parents Quiz Night are now LIVE on Classlist. Whether you're a "Trivia Titan" who knows every obscure fact or you're just 'in it for the laughs' and the legendary atmosphere, this is the night for you. It's the perfect excuse to take a night off, catch up with fellow parents, and engage in some friendly competition.

- **Form a Dream Team:** Gather your friends and neighbours to build a table of 6–8.
- **Coming Solo or as a Pair?** Please don't hesitate! We specialize in "matchmaking" and will ensure you're placed with a fantastic, welcoming group. It's a brilliant way to make new friends within the school community.
- **The FOWO Bar:** Our bar will be fully stocked with a selection of wine, beer, and soft drinks to keep the "brain fuel" flowing throughout the evening.

Seats fill up fast, so head over to Classlist now to secure your spot. We can't wait to see who takes home the trophy this year! **Please note this event is for adults only**

[Get your FOWO Parents Quiz tickets here!](#)

FOWO Diary 2026 – Save the dates

- **30 January 2026** - Yr 1 & 2 cake sale
- **30 January** - FOWO Drinks
- **06 February 2026** - FOWO Parents Quiz night
- **13 February 2026** - Yr 5 & 6 cake sale
- **20 March 2026** - Yr 3 & 4 cake sale
- **08 May 2026** - Nursery & Reception cake sale
- **13 June 2026** - FOWO Summer Fair
- **17 & 18 June 2026** - Happy School Bags clothing collection
 - 17 June 2026 - 5pm - 6pm - drop off by FOWO shed
 - 18 June 2026 - 9am - by the school gate, or under the cover by the school building
- **03 July 2026** - End of year discos
- **03 July 2026** - FOWO End of Year Drinks

Sweet Starts: Kick off the year with the YR 1 & 2 Cake Sale

Our Yr 1 & 2 classes are hosting the first cake sale of the year on **Friday 30 January 2026**. We invite everyone to come along and enjoy some delicious bakes while supporting the school. We are happy to accept both cash and card payments, though having the correct change is always a huge help to our volunteers!

We would love your support with NUT-FREE cake donations. Whether they are home-baked or store-bought, please drop them off at the school office on Friday morning.

- **Top Tip:** If you are sending in home-made treats in a tin or container, please ensure it is clearly labelled with your name so we can return it to you safely.
- **Can you lend a hand?** These events can only happen with your help! We are looking for 4–5 volunteers to help run the stall. If you can spare some time, please reach out to your Class Rep.

Thank you! Happy Bags Spring Clothing Drive a Huge Success!

A massive thank you to all of you that filled your Happy Bags (and other bags, including a suitcase!!) for the collection that happened today. We believe we had well over 100 bags donated, and it was great to see so many children getting involved. We are waiting to see how much we have raised and will report back hopefully next week. All your support is appreciated and will go towards supporting Walton Oak and all the students!



Give your festive jumper or nativity costume a new home!

Please drop any unwanted clean, bagged jumpers or Nativity costumes by the FOWO Uniform Rail in Reception and we will store them until the festive period.



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting: We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (32.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children’s play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For further information please **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 Teaching 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 please **click on the link on page 1.**

Celebrations

Achievements outside of School

Joshua had an amazing weekend in the pool in his quest to qualify for the Surrey Championships. He won a number of medals including 3 golds, 3 silver and 2 bronzes. His achievements mean he will now compete in the Surrey Championships at the end of the month. Well done Joshua, what an achievement – we are so 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:



Hedgehogs	Arlo
Squirrels	Iris
1B	Alfie
1N	Adam, Isla & Eden
2L	Hattie, Holly, Luana, Jax, Penelope & Sienna
3B	Percy & Noah
3G	Scarlett & Jesleen
4C	Ronnie, Nikyle, Mariana, Sophie & Alice
4A	Max, Eliza, Cora, Charlie, Maddi, Lydia, Emily, Ruby & Elizabeth
5C	Brody, Tommy, Musbah, Georgia, Jessica, Libby & Ben
5M	Mustafa & Lola
6J	Ella, Ronnie, TJ, Dino & Jack

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



Upcoming dates for the diary

New dates in red

Tue 20 th Jan	Young Voices Concert – O2 Arena
Mon 26 th Jan	Lucy Gray Moreland - Author Visit
Fri 30 th Jan	FOWO Year 1 & 2 Cake Sale
Fri 30 th Jan	FOWO Drinks
Wed 4 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day - TTRS Dress Up - Butterflies
Wed 4 th Feb	Maths Week Showcase – Butterflies – 2.45pm onwards
Fri 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day - TTRS Dress Up
Fri 6 th Feb	Maths Week Showcase – 2.5pm onwards
Fri 6 th Feb	FOWO Quiz Night (adults only)
Tue 10 th Feb	Nursery Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am - Butterflies
Wed 11 th Feb	Nursery Cinderella Ball – Dress Up Day
Thur 12 th Feb	Nursery Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am - Ladybirds
Fri 13 th Feb	FOWO Year 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Mon 16 th – 20 th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 23 rd Feb	Children return to school
Mon 23 rd - 25 th Feb	Yr 5 Bowles Residential
Wed 25 th Feb	Yr1 Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am
Thur 26 th Feb	Yr1 Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am
Wed 4 th Mar	World Book Day Dress Up Day
Tue 10 th Mar	Reception Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am
Thur 12 th Mar	Reception Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00am
Mon 16 th Mar	Reception Bocketts Farm trip
Fri 20 th Mar	FOWO Yr3 & 4 Cake Sale
Tue 24 th Mar	Parent Teacher Consultations 1.50-4.30pm
Wed 25 th Mar	Parent Teacher Consultations 4-7pm
Fri 27 th Mar	End of term – 1.45pm
Mon 13 th Apr	Children return to school





Babies & Toddlers

Join our Baby & Toddler Group
St Erconwald's Church Hall

Fri 16 Jan
Fri 13 Feb

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




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www.codecamp.co.uk/camps

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REFER YOUR SCHOOL
If you think your child's school would be interested in running an after-school coding club please let us know
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WALTON OAK EVENTS

UPCOMING

SPRING 2026

JAN. 15TH/16TH	HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION
JAN. 30TH	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CAKE SALE
	FOWO DRINKS
FEB. 6TH	QUIZ NIGHT
FEB. 13TH	YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 CAKE SALE
MARCH 20TH	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 CAKE SALE

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THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL

KEEP UP TO DATE:

  FRIENDS OF WALTON OAK-FOWO

WALTON OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

TICKETS COST £10PP

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM
QUIZ STARTS 8PM

FRIDAY, 6TH FEBURARY

Round up a team of 4-8, or sign up solo (or with a smaller group) and we'll place you on a team.

Expect a fun, social night with great company and friendly competition- Snacks will be available for purchase, and the FOWO Bar will be open throughout the quiz.

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REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY & PURCHASE TICKETS ON CLASSLIST!