



WALTON OAK WIRE

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Headteacher's Message



It has been a busy and exciting week for our children. I thoroughly enjoyed watching some of our keen Year 5 and 6 runners complete a cold, damp and gruelling cross-country course over hills, woodland and plenty of mud. It was a proud moment seeing each child cross the finish line with confidence and big smiles. Thank you to Miss Orton for organising the event and joining me to support the children.

Our school choir also had an amazing opportunity to perform at the O2 Arena in London on Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Courtenay, Mrs Mills and Miss Sandell. The children sang alongside thousands of other young performers and the photos and videos that staff took, captured their enthusiasm and passion for singing. Parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and it was clear that the children represented Walton Oak beautifully despite a very late finish.



Also this week, we were visited by English leads and Deputy Heads from local schools as part of a collaborative professional development initiative focused on reading. Miss Sandell and Miss Maddin, our Phonics and English Leads, presented on reading at Walton Oak, led classroom visits and gave children the opportunity to talk about their reading experiences. Feedback was extremely complimentary, highlighting the children's understanding of the importance of reading, their love of stories and books and the strength of our reading provision from early phonics to comprehension through our mastery approach. We are very fortunate for the opportunities to work collaboratively not only with our other Lumen schools but also with local schools in Walton and Hershham. By sharing expertise, we collectively ensure that we provide the very best learning experiences for children across the local community.

"Reading is important because it helps you write and be clever." *Year 1 child*

"Teachers are well experienced and confident in their delivery." *Colleague teacher*

"Children really engage with reading and love how celebrated it is." *Colleague teacher*

"Well structured lessons that are consistent across year groups and interventions." *Colleague teacher*

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions for EYFS & KS1

We invite you to come and join in some continuous provision and early writing learning with your child in their classroom. This will be followed by a brief information session to help you support your child at home with their writing and fine motor skills. To book please follow the relevant link for your child's class and the date that you would like to attend. Could you please book in using your child's name.

Nursery Butterflies:

Tue 10th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025866>

Nursery Ladybirds:

Thur 12th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025882>



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



Wed 25th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025901>

Thur 26th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025908>

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Wed 25th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025889>

Thur 26th February 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025904>

Reception Hedgehogs Class:

Tue 10th March 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025916>

Thur 12th March 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025931>

Reception Squirrels Class:

Tue 10th March 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025911>

Thur 12th March 9.00-10.15am <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2025922>

Note on Social Media

Some parents have raised concerns about social media being used to gather opinions about local schools. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and have freedom of speech. However, while many posts are supportive, others may share less favourable views. It's important to remember that online comments often reflect individual experiences that may be historic, incomplete or not fully representative.

We do not have a right of reply on social media and public comments can unintentionally affect the school's reputation which can in turn, effect the wellbeing of staff and families. We encourage parents to form their own judgements based on their child's current experiences and to contact us directly with feedback or questions. Open, respectful communication helps us all support the best possible experiences for our children.

Communication with School – Graduated approach

No concern is too small and staff are always happy to help. We encourage parents to share worries early, before they grow into bigger concerns. You can speak to a member of staff at the door, phone the school, or email the office. We aim to respond within a day or two, depending on urgency.

The school office inbox is monitored by Mrs Tiney and Mrs Dedman, who forward emails to the appropriate members of staff. All correspondence is treated confidentially and logged on our safeguarding and pastoral system.

While the Headteacher has overall oversight, she is not always the most appropriate person to respond initially. Early concerns are usually best managed by your child's class teacher, who knows your child's day-to-day provision best.

If a concern needs to be escalated, this would normally move from the class teacher to the phase leader. If the concern relates to SEND, it may then be supported by the Inclusion Lead. For wider concerns, escalation may involve the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher as appropriate. In addition, our pastoral leads are available to offer support with emotional wellbeing, behaviour, attendance or family circumstances.

This graduated approach helps ensure concerns are addressed promptly, consistently and by the staff best placed to support your child.

Walton Oak Senior Leaders

EYFS Phase Leader: Mrs Bailey

KS1 Phase Leader: Miss Sandell

KS2 Phase Leader: Mrs Bulford-Davies

English Lead (Phase Support): Miss Maddin

Maths Lead (Phase Support): Miss Pott (currently on maternity leave)

Inclusion Lead/SENCO: Miss Langley

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Bourne

Headteacher: Mrs McCarthy

Walton Oak Pastoral Team

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA): Miss Williams

Home School Link Worker (HSLW): Mrs Herron-Duke (Known by parents and staff as Natasha)

Lumen Learning Trust Pastoral Coordinator: Mrs Wallace (Known to parents and children as Jane)



Attendance

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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Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of

£160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Transition

Heathside Weybridge School

Open Evening/Morning dates for September 2027 entry:

Open Evening: Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Open Morning: Thursday, 24th September 2026 9.45am – 12noon



Reading

Reading Awards

Congratulations to those children that have reached 100 and 150 reads this week and have received their certificate or their pencil! These children are:



100 Reads

Barney – Butterflies	Jamie – Butterflies	Louis - Squirrels
Moriam – Squirrels	Atanas – 2L	Jackson – 2L
Jannat – 2L	Michael – 2L	Muhammed – 2L
Odette – 2L	Hallie – 3B	Kirthana – 3B
William – 3B	Dylan – 3G	Isla – 3G
Lily – 3G	Sam – 3G	Sofia M – 3G

150 Reads

Hattie – 2L	Shay – 2L	Thomas – 2L
Ivy – 3B	Lily – 3G	Phoebe – 3G
Rory – 3G	Thomas G – 3G	William B – 3G



Author Visit



Don't forget, on Monday 26th January, we are delighted to welcome a visit from local children's author and Walton Oak parent, Lucy Gray Moreland.

Lucy is both an author and a teacher who lives in Walton-on-Thames. During her visit, she will share her books, lead engaging activities with the children and inspire budding authors to follow in her footsteps!

Lucy is offering a special deal to families who would like to purchase personal, signed copies of books in advance of her visit, for £6.50 each (over 15% off the Amazon retail price!)

If you would like to purchase her books, please refer to the letter sent to all parents which details the steps to follow in SCOPAY. These purchases need to be made by Monday 26th January.



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Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME 18th - 25th January



In the news this week

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you think about the new award? Share with someone at home. Do you believe it's important to recognise kind actions?
Can you think of someone you know who helps others or cares for the world in everyday ways?
Can you come up with other ways that people can be recognised for their actions?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Tiny Happy People

Parenting Download



Our new podcast 'Parenting Download' is here to stay!
 Lead by Katie Thistleton and Guvna B - 'Parenting Download' focuses on unpacking the week's parenting headlines with experts and celebrity guests.
 From talking to children about challenging topics with Tom Fletcher, to learning the best ways to keep holidays fun - you can expect to learn the best tips from the most unexpected of experts.
 All episodes are out now on BBC Sounds!
 Season 1 is available wherever you get your podcasts
 with new episodes releasing soon.

Extra-Curricular Events

Year 5 Boys - Match Report: Walton Oak vs Cobham Free School (5-5 Draw)



The year 5 boys were involved in a thrilling 5-5 draw against a very strong Cobham Free School side on Monday, showing incredible resilience, teamwork and character from start to finish.

After a good, strong start the boys found themselves 4-1 down, however their heads never dropped. Instead, the work rate went up another level. The boys dug in, battled for every ball and showed real belief in each other to fight their way back into the match. That resilience was outstanding and a huge credit to them all.

There was some lovely passing, great movement off the ball and a real desire. Even more pleasing was how much the boys played for each other working back, supporting teammates and celebrating goals together.

Everyone contributed in what was a true team performance and to come away with a draw against a very good Cobham Free School team who haven't lost says a lot about this group. This result will feel like a win given the circumstances and the boys should be immensely proud of themselves. A brilliant display of effort, togetherness and spirit.

Reigate Cross Country



On Saturday, a group of enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Surrey Schools Primary Cross Country Championships in Reigate, showing great determination and teamwork. Despite the challenging course, they ran with energy and smiles, encouraging one another along the way. The event was filled with excitement and cheering, and every child could feel proud of their effort and achievement.





Enrichment Activities

World Religion Day



This week, our school celebrated World Religion Day, a special opportunity for pupils to learn about different beliefs and the shared values of kindness, respect, and understanding that bring people together.



We were delighted to welcome two special visitors for our assemblies. Our local vicar spoke to the children about treating others with kindness and compassion, followed by an imam who shared insights into Islam and the importance of peaceful words and positive actions. The children behaved and listened beautifully throughout both assemblies, showing great respect and curiosity.

Across the school, pupils took part in a range of creative activities to spread kindness, including making kindness hands, a kindness tree, paper chains, postcards, and lanterns. These activities helped children reflect on how small, kind actions can make a big difference in our school community.



World Religion Day reminds us that while we may have different beliefs, we share important values that help us live well together. It has been wonderful to see our pupils showing these values in their learning and behaviour.



Choir - Young Voices

On Tuesday, our choir had the incredible opportunity to perform at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices choir. Our 27 children sang alongside nearly 9,000 young performers, creating an electric and unforgettable atmosphere.

The day was packed with rehearsals and dancing, building excitement and confidence ahead of the evening performance. The children performed their hearts out to parents and carers who were able to attend, showcasing not only their musical talent but also their enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience.





This once-in-a-lifetime experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all and is something the children should feel extremely proud of. A huge well done to every child who took part, and thank you to families for their continued support.



"I really liked singing together with my friends and the cool lights. It was a lot of fun."- Musbah, Y5

"On Tuesday night I went to Young Voices. I really enjoyed it so much"- Phoebe, Y3

"Young voices was really fun because we got to sing and dance and have lots of fun"- Anoushka, Y5



Pastoral News

Surrey Family Learning

Surrey family learning offers a range of free courses for parents covering a range of useful topics such as building resilience, supporting your child's self-esteem, positive routines and understanding masking. You can find all the upcoming courses via the QR code or website.

FAMILY LEARNING

SAL **Free Courses for parents and carers**
Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?
Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:
surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning **...or scan here**

Courses available

- Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.

SURREY ADULT LEARNING



FOWO

Get your thinking caps on: The FOWO Parents Quiz Night is back!

The wait is officially over! Tickets for the FOWO Parents Quiz Night on **06 February 2026** are LIVE on Classlist. Whether you're a "Trivia Titan" with a brain for obscure facts or just in it for the laughs and the brilliant atmosphere, this is your night to shine.

Take a well-deserved night off, catch up with friends, and enjoy some healthy competition!

- **Assemble Your Squad:** Gather your friends and neighbours to build a "Dream Team" of 6–8 people.
- **Flying Solo?** Don't be shy! We are expert "matchmakers" and will pair you with a welcoming group. It's the perfect way to meet new faces in the school community.
- **The FOWO Bar:** We'll be fully stocked with wine, beer, and soft drinks to keep that "brain fuel" flowing all night long.

Don't wait—seats fill up fast! Head to Classlist now to secure your spot. Who will be taking home the trophy this year?

Note: This is an adults-only event.

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

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

Our Year 1 & 2 classes are kicking off 2026 with the very first cake sale of the year! Join us on **Friday 30 January** to grab a delicious treat and support our school.

- **Payment:** We accept both cash and card, but exact change is always a hero for our volunteers!
- **Donations:** We would love your NUT-FREE bakes (home-made or store-bought). Please drop them off at the school office on Friday morning.
- **Pro Tip:** If sending treats in a container, please label it clearly with your name so we can get it back to you safely.

Can you lend a hand? 🙋 These sales can't happen without your help! We need 4–5 volunteers to help run the stall. If you can spare some time, please message your Class Rep today.

Outgrown their uniform? Don't panic, the FOWO Uniform Rail can help!

Realised that their school uniform has become that 'little bit' too small? Don't panic, the FOWO Uniform Rail is fully stocked with everything from Jumpers and Cardigans, to PE kit and everything in between.

All items are £1 and payment can be made by cash or via Bank transfer. (All details are in reception)

And if you want to get rid of old uniforms (new logo only) please drop clean, bagged items under the rail and we will collect them and put them out.

Spring Clothing Drive Fundraising Total

Thanks to all your wonderful donation last week, we raised just over **£170!** Thank you to everyone that dropped off bags in such horrendous weather!

We're looking forward to the next one later on in the year!!

FOWO Diary: Spring 2026

- **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



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Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

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 on these roles please **click on the link on page 1.**



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 **click on the link on page 1.**

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. 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.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children’s lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please **click on the link on page 1.**

Celebrations



Gold Leaves

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



Hedgehogs	Ella, Ronnie, Eli, Luca, Lucas, Eliya & Preston-Lee
Squirrels	Toby, Theo, Summer, Elodie, Louis, Martha, Ella, Zak & Moriam
1N	Alice, Muhammad, Evie & Violet
2L	Thomas
2S	Philip
3B	Edward
3G	Rudraam
4C	Jasmine, Henry, Kacey & Heidi
4A	Hayden, Cora & Maddi
5C	Elliot, Brody, Amelia & Daisy-May
5M	Immy, Ruben & Felipe
6BD	Mollie & Phoebe K
6J	Brian & Ronnie

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
Tue 3rd Mar	Bedtime Stories – (time tbc)
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
Fri 13th Mar	Year 3 Sleepover – 6.30pm
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





Certificate



of Sustainable Fundraising

This is to Certify that:

Walton Oak Primary School

Has Supported Fundraising Through Recycling Via Clothing Donations

We truly appreciate your generous donations to our fundraising programme. Your support helps us work alongside schools to raise vital funds and create positive impact. This certificate is presented with our heartfelt thanks!

KG Donated & Recycled

378 kg

Funds Raised for the School

£170.10

January, 2026

Happy School Bag



Ribbit! Thank you!
I'm **Hoppy** the Frog, Thank you for **donating** your reusable items and **helping** raise funds for schools, whilst also looking after my home habitat by **recycling**. You're **helping** people and the planet. Hop-tastic!



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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School holiday camps on sale now!



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Various locations and dates available
2-day camps for 7-12 yr olds

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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

KEEP UP TO DATE:

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  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 FEBRUARY

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.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY & PURCHASE TICKETS ON CLASSLIST!

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