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Headteacher's Message

Walton Oak has been bursting with creativity this week with Art week for years R-5 in full swing! (Don't worry, year 6 will have their own opportunity at the end of the half term). Across the school, a range of cultural art has been studied by the children from a range of countries. This has been a wonderful opportunity to develop different skills across a range of artistic media, learn about other countries and cultures and all while expressing themselves creatively. This afternoon children were issued with a 'passports' to use on their 'around the world art adventure' where they visited each classroom and made notes and observations of the artists and cultural styles that they saw. The school looked beautiful! As I write, the children's creations are being showcased to parents and carers. It's lovely that the children get to share their achievements with their families. Thank you to Miss Courtenay for organising such a carefully planned and coordinated week for our children. Photos of the beautiful art work will be shared in the Wire next week.



The weekend involved sporting celebrations as 40 children from Walton Oak took part in the London Mini Marathon. The weather was perfect with bright sunshine and fresh breeze. Our children looked the part in their Walton Oak running vests, bought with the money we raised from the previous marathons. For every child that took part we raised £10 for the school, giving us £400 in total. I was so proud to see our children taking part in something so exciting and historic. They all finished in good time and with smiles on their faces. A big thanks to Mrs Huang who took on the responsibility of organising this for us all as a FOWO volunteer. Every detail was considered – even which carriage to board on the train so everyone could travel together and the children could enjoy the excitement with their peers. We are so grateful for her support and I know many parents commented on this too. Here is the link to the short BBC Sport interview starring two of our Walton Oak runners: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/athletics/videos/c3r3gywgxq7o>



As part of our drive to improve the quality of nurture we provide to the children in our school, I met yesterday with a group of parents and Governors as part of a Stakeholder Discussion Group. It was extremely helpful to hear parent insights and experiences on what is working well in school and should continue and what might need to change or improve. A significant point of discussion was our current Stay on Green behaviour Policy which is currently under review. It is based on significant theory and research, however, the Nurture UK project has prompted us to think again about how well it still aligns with current research and our increased knowledge and understanding of relational and trauma informed approaches. As part of this review, we will be seeking feedback from all parents. I therefore invite you to share your insight and experiences from your own children through a short survey - **you can access the survey [here](#)**. We would greatly value your feedback to help us evaluate and refine our approach to managing behaviour at Walton Oak.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Changes to school uniform from September 2026

From September 2026 a new limit on the number of compulsory branded items of school uniforms for all pupils will begin. Only 3 branded items; sweatshirt/cardigan, polo shirt (N to Yr2), tie (Yr3 -Yr6) and PE t-shirt (R to Yr6) will be compulsory. Please see the full updated LLT School Uniform Policy which is now available on our school website [here](#).





We want children to feel proud of being part of the Walton Oak community and to take pride in their appearance whilst wearing our school uniform. We hope our uniform encourages a sense of belonging amongst the children as well as embed our identity in the wider community. We ask parents and carers to support us in this policy by ensuring that children come to school correctly dressed.

Academic Year 2026-2027 Update

Looking ahead, as has been shared previously, Surrey County Council has moved to a two-week October half term starting this year. While we are an academy and not required to follow this, we have chosen to align with the local secondary schools to support families. The Autumn half term in 2026 will run from 19th to 30th October, with the end of the academic year being the 20th July 2027.

From September 2026, the school day will start at 8:45am (instead of 8.50am), with gates and registers closing promptly at this time. We will still open our gates at 8.30am to allow a 15-minute window for children and families to navigate their way around the site. We will accommodate the additional 5 minutes of required learning time within our school timetabling of breaks and assemblies to ensure that children receive their full entitlement.

We know that some families choose to arrive at the later end of this window, entering the gates just before 8.50am. These families might like to start practicing arriving at school slightly earlier in order to beat the gate closing at 8.45am in September.

Sunscreen

Please see extract from our First Aid policy regarding the administration of sunscreen:

During the summer months parents are asked to apply sun screen to their child before school. High factor sunscreens are available which are long lasting and will provide protection for children through the lunch period even when administered in the morning.

Should a parent feel that a child's sun protection needs to be reapplied during the school day, the child must provide their own sun screen, clearly labelled with their name. Any child bringing in their own sun screen must be able to reapply it independently, staff will not apply the sun screen to a child.

The school will not allow a child's named sun screen to be used by another pupil due to the risk of an allergic reaction.

Staff will only apply sun screen to the face, neck and arm area of a child in the following exceptional circumstances **and only after** parental consent (please complete medication request form available from the office) has been given to the school:

- Children with special educational needs where it is not reasonable to expect the child to be able to do this.
- Children with certain medical conditions (i.e. there is extreme sensitivity to the sun) that require more frequent application of sunscreen.
- Children in the school's nursery provision.

Parents should also provide a clearly named hat and light covering layer of clothing to act as an additional screen to the sun's strong rays when it is very hot.

No Pens Day



On Wednesday 20th May, we will be taking part in No Pens Day. This is to support the charity Speech and Language UK to support children around the UK who have speech and language challenges so will be requesting a donation of £1. We will spend the whole day in school without the use of pens and pencils and will use our voices to develop our oracy skills and complete more practical activities instead. Please get involved by joining 'The Big Show and Tell' where you can bring something to school to share with your class that day. Please look out for the letter for some ideas about what you bring in to share!



Stay, Play & Learn Sessions for EYFS & KS1

We would like to invite you to the final Stay, Play and Learn session of the year in Reception and Year 1. This will provide an opportunity for the children to share their learning with you and celebrate their time in Reception and Year 1. After the session there will be an opportunity to join a short workshop to find out what to expect when your child moves into Year 1 and Year 2 in September. Please note we only have space for one adult per child to attend at one of the sessions. **Click the relevant link below to book your place:**

- **Squirrels Stay, Play & Learn - Monday 15th June (9.00am - 10:15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2176783>
- **Squirrels Stay, Play & Learn -Tuesday 16th June (9.00am - 10:15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2176788>
- **Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn -Monday 15th June (9.00am - 10:15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2176802>
- **Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn -Tuesday 16th June (9.00am - 10:15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2176807>
- **1B Stay, Play & Learn - Tuesday 2nd June (9.00am-10.15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2180888>
- **1B Stay, Play & Learn - Thursday 4th June (9.00am-10.15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181002>
- **1N Stay, Play & Learn - Tuesday 2nd June (9.00am-10.15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181005>
- **1N Stay, Play & Learn - Thursday 4th June (9.00am-10.15am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181007>

Learning Together Sessions for Years 2-5

Parents and carers of the classes below are warmly invited to attend a Learning Together session in their child's classroom. These sessions will give you an opportunity to explore a 'typical' snapshot into your child's morning in class. If a parent is unable to attend, please feel free to invite a grandparent or other adult/relative in your place. Please note that only one parent/carer can attend per child due to space in the classroom. A letter detailing this information was sent to the relevant parents/carers of these classes earlier today. **Click the relevant link below to book your place at one of the sessions:**

- **2L – Tuesday 19th May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181140>
- **2L – Wednesday 20th May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181147>
- **2S – Tuesday 19th May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181150>
- **2S – Wednesday 20th May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181156>
- **3B – Thursday 21st May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181158>
- **3B – Friday 22nd May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181161>
- **3G – Thursday 21st May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181164>
- **3G – Friday 22nd May (9.00am-9.30am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181167>
- **4A – Tuesday 19th May (9.30am-10.00am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181170>
- **4A – Wednesday 20th May (9.30am-10.00am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181174>
- **4C 4A – Tuesday 19th May (9.30am-10.00am)**
<https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181177>
- **4C – Wednesday 20th May (9.30am-10.00am)**



- <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181179>
5C – Wednesday 10th June (9.00am-9.30am)
- <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181183>
5C – Thursday 11th June (9.00am-9.30am)
- <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181187>
5M – Wednesday 10th June (9.00am-9.30am)
- <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181190>
5M – Thursday 11th June (9.00am-9.30am)
- <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2181192>

Wraparound and Holiday Childcare Provision Survey

The government's ambition is that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children (5 to 11 years old) who need it will have access to wraparound childcare in their local area. Wraparound childcare provides families with care for children before and after the school day during term time. In most cases this is paid for by parents/carers.

This childcare should be available from 8:00am to 6:00pm (or similar hours that meet the needs of the local families and community). There is also an increased focus on care available during the school holidays.

To help us better understand the needs of Surrey families when it comes to wraparound and holiday childcare provision for children who are at school, Surrey Early Years and Wraparound Expansion Team would like to invite you to complete a survey. Specific aspects that we would welcome your views on are:

- how you use childcare
 - your experiences of provision for children with additional needs and disabilities
 - how access to wraparound and holiday childcare provision impacts your family
- You can access the survey using the link below:

<https://eyandchildcare.commonplace.is/proposals/v3/wraparound-and-holiday-childcare-for-school-age-children-parent-survey1>

Platform Sports Holiday Camps

Looking for an unforgettable half-term for your child? Platform Sports Holiday Camps deliver action-packed days filled with energy, excitement and non-stop fun!

From scoring goals in our Football Camps to trying new sports and games in our Multi-Activity Camps, every day is designed to keep children active, engaged and smiling. With a perfect mix of skill development, friendly competition and team challenges, there's something for everyone whatever their ability.

Give your child a holiday to remember!

- Dates: 26 - 30 May
- Locations: Bell Farm School | Esher College | Cobham Rugby Club | Thomson House School | Jubilee High School.
- Use code MAY15 for up to 15% off (ends 04.05.26)

Book now: <https://platformsportscoaching.co.uk/camps>

Transition

Nursery

Are you looking for a nursery place for September? We have 15 hour & 30 hour places available. We hold tours of our nursery on Fridays at 9.00am. Please call the school office to book.





Reading

100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 reads this week:



June – Butterflies	Lola – Hedgehogs	Dylan – 4C
Mary – 4C	Nela – 4C	Oliver – 4C

150 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 reads this week:

Elodie – Squirrels	Rafe – 3G	Heidi – 4C
Kornelia – 4C	Oliver – 4C	

200 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 reads this week:

Moriam – Squirrels	Nathan – Squirrels	Arlo – 1N
Evie S – 1N	Fionn – 3G	Jasmine – 4C
Kornelia – 4C		

300 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 300 reads this week:

Salar – 1N	Rory – 3G	Sam – 3G
William B – 3G	Mia – 4C	Nancy – 4C

Tiny Happy People



Find out about your child's brain development and how they come to understand the world.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/science-and-facts>

A really interesting read helping you to understand more about your child and their development. The page has sections for each age group. There is also a section that has questions and answers from a Health Visitor, for example potty training and emotional development.



Extra-Curricular Events

London Mini Marathon



A big congratulations to all the children who took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday. We were lucky to have such beautiful weather and the stunning setting of St James's Park and Buckingham Palace made the day even more special. The children were fantastic throughout, finishing with smiles on their faces and giving cheerful waves as they ran past the spectator stand near the finish line.





Enrichment Activities

Yr3 Hampton Court Trip



Year 5 had a fantastic day stepping back in time on our recent visit to Hampton Court Palace. As part of our Tudor history learning, the children explored the palace grounds and experienced what life would have been like during the time of King Henry VIII.

Throughout the day, we visited a range of fascinating locations including the Maze, William III's Apartments, the Tudor World Exhibition, the vast Tudor Kitchens, Henry VIII's Apartments and the Cumberland Art Gallery. From the enormous kitchens where feasts were prepared for the royal court, to the grand rooms where kings once lived, the children were able to imagine what daily life was like in Tudor times.



During our workshop, the children learned about the different jobs people had in Tudor times. They explored roles within the palace, from servants and cooks to noble positions, and discovered how each person played an important part in keeping the palace running. This gave the children a deeper understanding of daily life and the structure of Tudor society.



The children asked thoughtful questions and made excellent links to their learning in class. This memorable experience has really brought our Tudor topic to life.

Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



Is it ever too late to try something new?



Yr4 Delight in Dance



Our Year 4 pupils truly impressed us with their commitment and enthusiasm while preparing for their *Heroes vs Villains* dance. Throughout rehearsals, they showed great determination, developing their skills and confidence every step of the way.

The final performance was fantastic, with each child shining on stage and bringing energy, creativity, and teamwork to their roles. It was a joy to watch and a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the parents and families who came to support. Your encouragement helped make the event even more special for the children, and we are incredibly proud of them all.



Pastoral News



Families Thriving Together are offering free training for parents who live in Elbridge.

They are currently running a ten week Nurturing Programme for parents that might be struggling with challenging behaviour. The course helps parents to think about what they do, why they do it and how they make them feel.

There will be practical support and resources provided and it covers why children might behave in certain ways, the feelings behind behaviour and exploring different approaches to help them.

If you would like a place you can find out more here

<https://familiesthrivingtogether.org.uk/althea-wp/how-you-can-help/> or contact them via email admin@familiesthrivingtogether.org.uk



Diversity and Equality

We all have potential within



On Monday, the children took part in an inspiring assembly about diversity, equality and the idea that it is never too late to try something new. They learned about Eileen Heiron, now 82, who began running in her 70s and has since completed several marathons and Fauja Singh, recognised as the oldest marathon runner, having completed a marathon at the age of 100! Their stories showed the children that age should never be a barrier to achieving something new.



The children also listened to the story 'Maybe' by Kobi Yamada, which explores the idea that everyone has potential within them. This linked closely to the runners' stories, helping children understand that with belief and determination, they can achieve more than they might think.



UN Rights of the Child

Families and communities should help children become independent learners by giving them the freedom to make choices. This gives children the confidence to take on new challenges as they grow.

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FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP

British Values

Individual Liberty

Individual liberty gives us the freedom to make our own life choices and pursue new challenges. We are free to choose our goals, which can shape our journey throughout our lives.

Protected Characteristics

Age shouldn't stop anyone from trying new things or reaching their goals. We should respect everyone regardless of their age and avoid judging what people can do based on how old they are.

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

Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting: We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager (12 hours per week, 3pm – 6pm three afternoons per week and 7.30am - 8.30am three mornings per week), term time only (38 weeks per year). We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are looking to appoint someone who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.



FOWO

Bake, buy, enjoy: Nursery & Reception's turn at the cake sale!

Nursery and Reception classes are hosting the next after-school cake sale - join us on **Friday 08 May 2026** (next Friday) for something sweet and a great cause.

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 or email fowo@lumentlearningtrust.co.uk today.

Come get involved:

- **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.

Help us spread a little teddy bear joy this Summer

If you've got soft toys at home that are no longer played with but still full of love, we'd be delighted to give them a new home through our **Teddy Tombola**.

Your donated teddies - clean, cuddly, and in great condition - will become part of one of the most loved stalls at the Summer Fair.

Donating is easy:

1. Leave them bagged under the Uniform Rail
2. Hand them to a FOWO volunteer
3. Or email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Thank you for helping us share a little comfort, a little joy, and a lot of fluff.

Let's be honest ... Those party-bag toys need a new home!

We all know the routine: your child brings home a party bag, the toys are exciting for five minutes, and then they migrate to that drawer. Instead of letting them pile up, why not pass them on to where they'll actually be used?

FOWO is collecting unused small toys for Summer Fair prizes and games. It's a simple way to declutter and help make the Fair even more fun for the kids.

Drop them off (bagged) at the Uniform Rail in reception, or hand them to a FOWO volunteer.

Thank you for helping us turn forgotten bits and bobs into Fair-day joy!

KEEP IN TOUCH

Please keep an eye on our socials for regular updates about what we are doing in and around the school!



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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:



Hedgehogs	Ella & Lucas
Squirrels	Iris
2L	Penelope & Odette
2S	Edith
3G	Sam
4C	Millie, Heidi, Sierra-Ann
4A	Elizabeth, Maddi, Leandra, Charlie, Lydia & Emmy
5C	Elliot & Eva
5M	Lola, Mustafa, Sophie, Henry, Madeleine & Anoushka
6J	Ronnie & Ella

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





Upcoming dates for the diary

New dates in red

Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Fri 8 th May	FOWO Nursery & Reception Cake Sale 3.15pm
Mon 11 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tue 19 th May	Yr2 Learning Together Session 9.00-9.30am
Tue 19 th May	Yr4 Learning Together Session 9.30-10.00am
Wed 20 th May	Yr2 Learning Together Session 9.00-9.30am
Wed 20 th May	Yr4 Learning Together Session 9.30-10.00am
Wed 20 th May	Class Photos
Wed 20th May	No Pens Day
Thur 21 st May	Yr3 Learning Together Session 9.00-9.30am
Thur 21 st May	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting 3.30pm
Thur 21 st - Fri 22 nd May	Yr4 Walton Firs Residential
Fri 22 nd May	Yr3 Learning Together Session 9.00-9.30am
Fri 22 nd May	Art Week Exhibition for Yr6 – 3pm
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	HALF TERM
Tue 2 nd Jun	Yr1 Stay, Play & Learn 9.00-10.15am
Thur 4 th Jun	Yr1 Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00-10.15am
Sat 6 th Jun	Nursery & Reception Open Morning – 10.00-11.30am
Mon 8 th Jun	Nursery Non uniform day & donations for Summer Fair
Mon 8 th Jun	New Reception Parent Induction Meeting - 6.30pm
Wed 10 th Jun	Yr5 Learning Together Session 9.00-9.30am
Thur 11 th Jun	Yr5 Learning Together Sessions 9.00-9.30am
Fri 12 th Jun	Non uniform day & donations for Summer Fair
Sat 13 th Jun	FOWO Summer Fair
Mon 15 th Jun	Reception Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00-10.15am
Tue 16 th Jun	Reception Stay, Play & Learn – 9.00-10.15am
Thur 18 th Jun	FOWO Happy Bags Collection
Fri 19 th Jun	Celebrating Us Event – 3.15pm
Tue 23 rd Jun	Sports Day Y1 - 3 – 10-11.30am
Tue 23 rd Jun	Sports Day Y4 – 6 – 1.30-3.00pm
Wed 24 th Jun	Sports Day Nursery & Reception – 9.30-10.30am
Tue 30 th Jun	Move Up Morning
Tue 30 th Jun	Secondary Induction Day
Thur 2 nd Jul	Volunteer Afternoon Tea (by invitation) – 2pm
Fri 3 Jul	FOWO end of Year Discos
Wed 8 th Jul	Yr6 Production – 2pm & 6pm
Fri 10 Jul	FOWO New Reception Picnic – 3.30-5.00pm
Wed 15 th Jul	Yr6 Celebration Day
Thur 16 th Jul	Yr6 Leaver's Assembly 9.00am
Fri 17 Jul	End of Term – 1.45pm



PLATFORM

MAY ADVENTURE CAMPS

FROM 26 - 29 MAY
BELL FARM SCHOOL
THOMSON HOUSE SCHOOL

BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW .

NERF WARS & LASER TAG
WHO IS GOING TO BE THE SHARPEST SHOOTER?

CRAFTY CORNER
CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE TO TAKE HOME!

RC RACING
WILL YOU WIN THE TIME TRIAL?

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PLATFORM

MAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

FROM 26 MAY - 30 MAY
ESHER COLLEGE
COBHAM RUGBY CLUB
JUBILEE HIGH

BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW . BOOK NOW .

FOOTBALL CAMP
COBHAM RUGBY CLUB | 26 - 29 MAY
ESHER COLLEGE & JUBILEE HIGH | 26 - 28 MAY

GIRLS TRAINING CAMP
ESHER COLLEGE | 26 - 28 MAY

KEEPER CAMP
COBHAM RUGBY CLUB | 26 - 28 MAY

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WALTON OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION & NURSERY CAKE SALE

Friday 8th May
From 3:15 at pickup

Reception & Nursery Parents!
We need your help
Please donate homemade
or shop-bought:

- 🍪 Cookies
- 🧁 Cupcakes
- 🍫 Brownies
- 🍩 Donuts... etc

Drop off at the school office
Friday 8th May (morning)
or bring to table before pickup!
Thank you for your support!

****Reminder: We are a
nut-free school.
Any homemade items must
include an ingredient
list with allergens clearly
bolded in line with
Natasha's Law.**

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THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL



Book Online
26th / 27th
28th / 29th
May 2026

Weybridge | St Georges Junior School
Staines | Staines Preparatory School

Reducing Waste **Caring for our planet**

Children will take part in hands-on multi-activity play that inspire them to care for themselves, each other, and the planet. Together, we'll learn how small actions can make a big difference for our future.

Creative **STEM** **Play!** **Cooking** **Active**

Children are grouped by age to make sure every activity is tailored to their stage of development.

If your child has any medical, dietary, or SEND needs, please let us know beforehand so we can ensure the best experience for all children.

Our provision is child led - children choose what they take part in and explore their own interests.

01753 251077

Bookings Open!

