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Headteacher's Message

I don't think anyone has escaped the heat this week – it really has been something! I am incredibly impressed with how well our children have responded to the plans that have been put in place to support them and how positive they have been despite what can only be described as extreme temperatures. I am also incredibly grateful to our staff who have been attentive to the children, ensuring they drink enough water, loosen clothing and carry out calm activities to keep themselves cool, all whilst feeling extremely overheated themselves. I hope everyone finds effective and safe ways to cool down this weekend!



Despite much deliberation and careful risk assessing, we decided to go ahead with our sports days, albeit following an adjusted plan. Thank you for trusting us with this and coming along to support and encourage your children, especially those who had a last-minute change to timings. I hope you agree that all three events went well with children showing plenty of enthusiasm and

good spirits! The shorter timings didn't impact the enjoyment or opportunities for the children and again, they responded extremely well to the adult instructions to utilise shade and have regular drinks. Thank you to Miss Orton and Miss Sear for organising this event and thinking through the changes with us. We will announce the winners in due course - so watch this space!



Regarding the other adjustments this week, such as postponement of clubs and trips and earlier collection times, they really have been a first for me. Thank you for your flexibility and support as we have navigated this with you. Next week looks set to be cooler with some good old British rain on its way, so we will be back to business as usual.

Looking into next week, Mrs Bailey and I are looking forward to meeting the parents and carers of our new Nursery children at the Nursery Open Evening on Monday.

On Tuesday, children from Nursery to Year 5 will be visiting their new classes and meeting their new teachers for the next academic year during our Move Up Morning. Information about this was shared with children in Reception to Year 5 today and is also detailed in the transition section of this newsletter.

A great deal of thought and care has gone into these decisions and while it's natural for children (and adults) to feel a mix of emotions about change, we encourage everyone to take time to reflect and look ahead with a positive mindset.

We also have the final FOWO event of the year next Friday – the summer discos! Look out for further information about this in the FOWO section of this newsletter as well as on the FOWO notice board.

Siân McCarthy





General Information

Academic Year 2026-2027 Reminder

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.



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 be proud of Walton Oak 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.

Healthy Lunchbox Choices - Helping Our Children Learn, Play and Thrive!

A healthy lunch helps children stay focused, energised and ready for a busy day of learning.

Great lunchbox ideas include:

- Wholegrain sandwiches, wraps or rolls
- Cheese, yoghurt or other dairy alternatives
- Fresh vegetables such as carrot sticks, cucumber or peppers
- Fresh fruit such as apples, bananas, grapes or berries
- Water as the preferred drink

Foods Not To Be Included

- Chocolate, sweets and sugary treats
- High-sugar snacks and desserts
- Fizzy drinks and energy/Protein drinks

Important Allergy Reminder

We are a Nut-Free School

To help keep all children safe, please do not send any foods containing nuts in lunchboxes. This includes:

- Peanuts and peanut butter
- Tree nuts (e.g. almonds, hazelnuts, cashews, walnuts)
- Nut-based snack bars and spreads

We also have pupils with Sesame Seed Allergies

Please avoid sending foods containing sesame seeds or sesame products, including:

- Sesame seed-topped bread, bagels or rolls
- Tahini
- Hummus containing tahini
- Sesame snack bars and crackers

Thank you for helping us create a safe and healthy environment for all our children. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Transition

New Classes 2026-2027

Today, children in Years R-5 found out who their new teachers will be for September 2026 and brought home a social story outlining the changes ahead. The full staff list for next year is below. Children in Years R, 2, and 4 have also been informed of their class mix and had a chance to gather for a photo, which they'll





be bringing home. Please take a moment to look through all this information with your child and highlight the exciting aspects of moving into a new year group.

Year Group	Current Class	New Class	Teacher(s)	Support Staff
Nursery	N/A	Butterflies	Mrs. Bailey*	Mrs. Brazil Mrs. Pike Mrs. Pisova Miss Louder
	N/A	Ladybirds		
Reception	N/A	Hedgehogs	Miss Stanbrook	Miss Pollard Mrs. Roberts Mrs. Gardner Miss Oweida Mrs. Brazil
	N/A	Squirrels	Mrs. Butler	
Year 1	Mix B	1G	Miss Gobie	Mrs. Oliveira Miss Bessant Miss Roberts
	Mix A	1N	Mrs. Nash	
Year 2	1B	2O	Miss Orton	Miss Habbin Mrs. Williamson
	1N	2H	Miss Hughes	
Year 3	Mix A	3C	Miss Courtenay*	Mrs. Kakar Mrs. Mills Mrs. Daou Mrs. McGurdy
	Mix B	3H	Miss Heyden	
Year 4	3B	4C	Miss Camamile	Mrs. Hamper Mrs. Tutton Mrs. Byrne
	3G	4PA	Miss Pott & Mrs. Algar	
Year 5	Mix A	5R	Mr. Roche	Mrs. Maj Ms Collyer Mrs. Hubbard
	Mix B	5BD	Mrs. Bulford-Davies	
Year 6	5C	6B	Mrs. Brace	Mrs. Chung Miss Johnson Mrs. Smith Mrs. Sexstone Miss Hamper
	5M	6J	Miss Jambert	

* Indicates Phase Leader

Miss Sandell will still be supporting KS1 in her role as Phase Leader during the autumn term. Since she is expecting a baby later in the term, she has not be allocated to a specific class and will instead be focusing on other key aspects of her leadership responsibilities.



Move Up Morning

Next Tuesday is Move Up Morning, when children will spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Please drop off your child as usual in their current class in the morning, where the register will be taken before they move to their new class.

For Year 6 children who don't have a Secondary school visit on Tuesday, they will attend Walton Oak as normal and will have some activities planned for them throughout the day.

Nursery

Are you looking for a nursery place for September? We still 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:



Denys – Butterflies	Arabella – 1N	Dylan – 1N
Teddy – 1N	Erin – 2L	Noah – 3B

150 Reads

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

Mary – 4C	Summer – 5C
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200 Reads

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

Elodie – Squirrels	Aatif – 1B	Mary – 1N
Natallie – 3B	Yahya – 3B	Isla – 3G

300 Reads

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

Luca – Hedgehogs	Jessica-Rose – 1B	Bella – 1N
Hugo – 1N	Mariana – 1N	Rashdan – 1N
Arlo – 2L	Jannat – 2L	Emily G – 4A

400 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 400 reads this week:

Ruby – 4A

Tiny Happy People

Nature Walk

Looking for something easy to do with your child this weekend that's also great for their development? Why not go for a nature walk? Don't forget your sun cream and your hat!



Getting out in the fresh air is great for your child's language learning. The environment around them provides loads of opportunities for interesting conversations. Check out the video below to find out how to make the most of your time outdoors and boost language as you go.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zj6nsk7>



NEW - Shake, Rattle and Rhyme

Do you have a little one aged 1–3 years? Bring them along for a joyful, music-filled adventure at our **Shake, Rattle & Rhyme** sessions!

Together we'll sing, move, and explore fun instruments, perfect for sparking curiosity and conversation.

We're running our next session on:

Thursday 2nd July

Do you know other families with toddlers? Invite your friends and make it a playful outing together, we'd love to see you there for plenty of smiles, music and fun!



Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Herron-Duke look forward to welcoming you for an exciting musical session.

Pastoral News

Helping your child manage transitions

As you will have seen, this afternoon we shared the children's new classes and teachers with them. The children will have come home with a photo page and the one page profiles about the staff so that they can learn all about them ahead of 'move up' morning and the new school year.

Change can bring excitement, but it can also come with feelings of uncertainty, especially for younger students. It's important for us, as a school community, to support our children during this time to ensure they feel confident and ready to embrace the upcoming year. Here are a few tips for parents to help your child cope with the transition and feel positive about meeting new teachers and classmates:

Keep Conversations Open and Positive

Talk to your child about the upcoming changes in a way that highlights the excitement of new experiences. Ask them how they're feeling about meeting their new teacher and classmates, and reassure them that it's normal to feel a little nervous. Acknowledge their feelings and help them focus on the fun aspects of the transition, like learning new things and making new friends.

Focus on Routine

The transition to a new class can be smoother if your child has a clear sense of routine. In the days leading up to the start of school, try to re-establish consistent bedtimes, meal times, and morning routines. A predictable routine will give your child a sense of security as they adjust to their new classroom.

Be Patient with Emotions

Sometimes, children need a little extra time to settle in. If your child is feeling anxious or upset, reassure them that it's okay to take their time to adjust. It might take a few weeks before they feel fully comfortable.

Be Encouraging About New Teachers and Friends

Encourage your child to view their new teacher as someone who is there to help and support them. Be enthusiastic about the opportunities to meet new classmates and make new friends. Remind them that everyone is starting fresh and that kindness, curiosity, and openness will help them form lasting connections.

Create a 'Back-to-School' Tradition

Create a fun back-to-school tradition with your child, like a special breakfast or a "first day of school" photo. This can help build positive memories around the transition and give your child something to look forward to. Transitions are a natural part of school life, and with your support, your child will gain the confidence they need to face these changes with enthusiasm.





Diversity and Equality

Everybody Counts



This week, our children took part in some classroom discussions centred around a big idea: *inclusion and why everybody counts*. To explore this, we looked at the census in India.

As one of the most diverse countries on Earth, India uses the census to ensure that every single person, regardless of their background, language or faith, is counted. We talked about how this helps the community plan where to build schools, hospitals and parks so that no one is left behind.

We used this global example to bring an important lesson home to our own school. The children discussed how knowing everyone well is the secret to a happy community. When we take the time to discover what is truly important to one another, it helps us be much more thoughtful in how we treat others. It also allows us as a school to plan our learning and play so that every single child is included.

Our ultimate takeaway was about belonging. We want all of our children to know they aren't just a name on a register, they are a vital, valued part of our school family. By teaching the children to respect what matters to their peers, we are building a school where everyone feels safe, seen and connected.

Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?

This story highlights all the protected characteristics. A census is a nationwide survey that collects information about every person in the country, ensuring everyone is fairly represented.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

Sex	Who People Love	Age
Disability	Being Yourself	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief

British Values

I Really Do Matter!

Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?

The story highlights **Democracy** because a census makes sure everyone is counted and included. This helps leaders know exactly what each community needs to build a fairer future.

The story highlights **Individual Liberty** because the census helps find out what different communities need to live well, giving people choices and opportunities.

Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

Individual Liberty	Rule of Law	Democracy	Mutual Respect and Tolerance
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UN Rights of the Child

To make sure every child can enjoy their rights, governments use a census to find out where children live and what they need. This can help governments plan things like schools, doctors and ways to keep children safe.

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FOWO

Let your little ones dance the night (afternoon) away at the end of term Disco's!

They're back! The End of Term Disco's are happening on **Friday 03 July 2026**, in the school hall! You will have seen communications on the WhatsApp groups about them, and thank you to those of you who have already booked! But to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to show their friends their moves, receive a complimentary drinks and snack, and to let off some end of term steam, please find all information below:

- **Reception: 2.30pm - 3pm** (during school hours (Tickets are not required as it is during school hours but any donations towards the cost gratefully received)
- **Year 1, 2 & 3 (KS1) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm** (children will change at school and will be taken to the disco from their classroom)
- **Year 4, 5 & 6 (KS2) - 5pm - 6pm**

If your child is in afterschool club, then they will be taken there as normal before or after the disco by a member of staff. Collection from the discos is from the school hall. Please note that younger children are not able to attend the older disco's.

If you wish for your child to attend, tickets must be purchased on Classlist -

- **Reception -**
https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1437820690?s=841151101&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK
- **KS1 -**
https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1428390646?s=841151101&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK
- **KS2 -**
https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1437820694?s=841151101&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

If you have any questions, please email FOWO - fowo@lumenelearningtrust.co.uk - or speak to a class rep on your WhatsApp group

Reception Picnic - Is your child starting Reception in September 2026?

Is your child joining Walton Oak Reception in September 2026? FOWO are pleased to announce that we are hosting, along with the SLT of Walton Oak, a new Reception Picnic on **Friday 10 July 2026**, after school on the field by the amphitheatre.

Please come along with a picnic and drinks, to meet other new parents, meet the staff and ourselves to start building those relationships that are so important for our children's school journey!

If you have any questions, please email FOWO - fowo@lumentlearningtrust.co.uk

Come meet your FOWO team for an end of year drink

The FOWO team will be out for a well deserved end of term drink on **10 July 2026** at **The Walton Village** on Walton High Street from **7.30pm**, to celebrate a successful first year as a new Team!

Why not come along to celebrate with us, and catch up with other parents? Drop in if you can - no pressure, just a chance to connect and unwind! Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to meeting some of you on the night

Keep In Touch with FOWO on Socials



[@friendsofwaltonoak](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwaltonoak)



[FriendsofWaltonOak](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwaltonoak)



fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

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 Nursery Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For more information **click on the link on page 1.**



Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (38 weeks per year) 31.25 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.15pm. For more information **click on the link on page 1.**

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of part-time 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.**

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	Lucas, Toby & Mila
Squirrels	Summer, Ibrahim, Rhaegar, Elodie, Freya & Nathan
1B	Filip & Bambi
2S	Philip, Mahdi, Bertie, Matty, Emily & Eden
3B	Lilah & Jolie
3G	Sandra
5C	Musbah
5M	Kiri-Mai & Sheriff
6J	Phoebe H, Annabelle, Willow-Hope & Rosie

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



Upcoming dates for the diary

Tue 30 th Jun	Move Up Morning
Tue 30 th Jun	Secondary Induction Day
Thur 2 nd Jul	Shake, Rattle & Rhyme 10.00-10.45am
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 Parents welcome at 2pm for colour run
Thur 16 th Jul	Yr6 Leaver's Assembly 9.00am
Fri 17 Jul	End of Term – 1.45pm
Tue 1 st Sep	INSET DAY
Wed 2 nd Sep	INSET DAY
Thur 3 rd Sep	Children return to school – 8.45am
Thur 3 rd Sep	Nursery 30 hrs start – 8.45am
Mon 7 th Sep	Reception start part time – 9.30am, or 1pm
Tue 8 th Sep	Reception part time – 9.30am or 1pm
Tue 8 th Sep	New Nursery Butterflies start – am only
Wed 9 th Sep	Reception part time inc lunch (9am-1pm)
Wed 9 th Sep	New Nursery Butterflies – am only
Thur 10 th Sep	New Reception full time
Thur 10 th Sep	New Nursery Ladybirds – am only
Fri 10 th Sep	New Nursery Ladybirds – am only
Fri 10 th Sep	FOWO New Reception Parents Coffee – 9am
Fri 2 nd Oct	Additional Inset Day
Mon 19 th – Fri 30 th Oct	HALF TERM







Footbellas Girls' Football Summer Camp
St George's College, Weybridge

28-30 July | 25-27 August

Girls aged 5-13 | All abilities
All-female DBS certified coaching team

10% off until 30th June **BOOK HERE**

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Need help applying for Disability Living Allowance?

Join us at Chertsey Nursery School on Wednesday
 24th June between 10:30-11:30am

For free, friendly support to guide you through every step

The new Surrey Carers Income Maximisation team are coming to run a 1 hour DLA session for parents. If you have never made a claim for your child and want to find out more about who might be eligible, or if you struggle with renewal form filling, come along to this session. The experts will be sharing tips and explaining more about this important disability benefit for under 16s.

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 THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL

WALTON OAK
END OF YEAR DISCO

FRIDAY JULY 3RD 2026

RECEPTION @ 2:30-3:00PM
 DURING SCHOOL HOURS-NO TICKETS NEEDED.

YEAR 1, 2 & 3 @ 3:30-4:30PM
 (CHILDREN CAN CHANGE AT SCHOOL AND WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS)

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 @ 5:00-6:00PM

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN A DRINK AND SNACK

BUY YOUR TICKETS ON CLASSLIST!!



JOIN US FOR

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Come along for a friendly drink as we celebrate the end of another school year and catch up with other parents.
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 - no pressure, just a chance to connect and unwind.
 Everyone is welcome!

WALTON OAK PARENTS AND FOWO MEMBERS | **FRIDAY JULY 10TH** | **WALTON VILLAGE @ 7:30PM**

FOWO DRINKS