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Headteacher's Message

Transition support has been in full swing at Walton Oak this week. On Monday, we welcomed some of our new Nursery parents ahead of their children's start with us in September. We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception children for their first visit without their parents. They were fantastic at saying goodbye to their grown-ups and quickly immersed themselves in the routines and activities planned for them. A huge well done to our new Reception parents for preparing your children so well for this exciting next step. It was also lovely to welcome parents to the workshops led by Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bourne. We hope you found them both informative and helpful. We look forward to seeing many of you at the FOWO New Reception Picnic next Friday.

On Tuesday, while most of our Year 6 pupils were visiting their future secondary schools, the rest of the children enjoyed our annual Move Up Morning, getting to know their new classrooms and teaching teams. They all made a brilliant start, embracing the opportunity with enthusiasm and making excellent first impressions. It was wonderful to welcome all of our new teachers, who will also be joining us over the next two weeks for detailed handover meetings to ensure they have all the information they need to support their new classes from September.

We are looking forward to celebrating all things Year 6 over the coming weeks, beginning with their end-of-year production of *Star Wars* on Wednesday. The children have been working incredibly hard rehearsing, learning lines and songs, and creating props. From what we've seen and heard so far, it promises to be energetic, entertaining and full of memorable performances. We can't wait to see the finished production.

Mrs Bourne and I also had the privilege of interviewing a number of Year 5 children for the role of Pupil Leader this week. This is an important Year 6 responsibility and, this year, we have decided to appoint the team before the children move into Year 6 so they can begin their roles straight away in September. Fourteen children were shortlisted to interview for eight positions, and every single one of them represented themselves brilliantly. Their confidence, enthusiasm and commitment made our decision incredibly difficult. We will announce the successful candidates on Monday and look forward to celebrating them in next week's Wire.

The weather next week is forecast to be very warm once again, with temperatures expected to reach the high 20s and potentially exceed 30°C. At present, no amber or red weather warnings have been issued by the Met Office, so school will remain fully open. We will continue to put a range of measures in place to keep children safe, hydrated and as comfortable as possible. Please see the email regarding this, sent earlier today.

On Wednesday, your children will be bringing home their end of year reports, along with national assessment results for Years R, 1 and 4. Year 6 parents have already been informed that there has been a delay in the Department for Education releasing this year's assessment information to schools. As soon as we receive these results, they will be shared with families.

Finally, in light of ongoing national conversations about children and social media, we have reviewed the use of children's images within our own social media accounts and across our online presence as a Trust. You may have noticed our accounts have not had faces on them for a little while and this is because we have chosen to adopt a 'face-free' policy for now. We will keep this decision under review and make you aware of any changes. We have made all reasonable endeavours to remove historical images; if you come across an image from school with children clearly in it, please make the office staff aware and they will take appropriate action.

Siân McCarthy





General Information

Staffing News

Mrs Ahmed will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Since she joined Walton Oak Primary School, as an Early Career Teacher (ECT), Mrs Ahmed has demonstrated a clear passion for teaching and a deep commitment to the pupils within our school. She has decided to pursue opportunities outside the Trust to focus her efforts on broadening her experience. We thank her for her contributions to our school community, and we wish her the very best in her future career.



Year 2 - Ties

Our Year 2 pupils marked a milestone this week by receiving their brand-new ties, provided by FOWO in preparation for their move into Key Stage 2. We hope they enjoy practising tying them over the summer – here's a helpful guide to start them off!

YouTube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br5XFYwFCLg>



Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility is changing

There is significant upcoming changes to the national Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility criteria, coming into effect on **1st September 2026**.

Emails have been sent to parents earlier this week, explaining the changes and inviting you to complete a google sheet or application form, to have your eligibility checked if you think you are now entitled. If your child is currently eligible for FSM your eligibility will automatically be rechecked as depending on your financial status, you may not be entitled in September. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

New Caterer Update: A Fresh New Menu (and a New Way to Order) is Coming This September!

We are delighted to announce that Lumen Learning Trust has appointed a fantastic new school caterer, Dolce Ltd, starting on 1st September. Dolce is a wonderful, family-run company that specialises in education catering, focusing on providing freshly prepared, healthy meals with plenty of delicious choices.

Along with new menus, Dolce are also upgrading how school meals are ordered and paid for by introducing SchoolGrid. This convenient catering parent portal will allow you to easily pre-order meals, pay securely by card, and directly input vital allergen information for your child. You do not need to do anything at the moment. **The email address for your child's priority 1 contact has been shared with SchoolGrid and you will receive an email from SchoolGrid containing an activation link and full details of next steps that must be completed before school starts in September next week.** If in the meantime you have any questions please do contact the office. Get ready for a fresh new lunchtime experience!



Transition

Reminder: Year 6 Festival – Wednesday 15th July

On Wednesday 15th July, the year 6 children will be celebrating their time at primary school with a 'festival experience' in school. This will include games, music, a glitter station, zorbing and a colour run. The festival is taking place during normal school hours.



On this day, the children will be allowed to wear their own clothes in line with the festival theme! Appropriate attire for this theme and for the school day would include: t-shirts, shorts/skirts, sandals (with backs)/trainers, hats/headbands. Please be mindful that the children will be participating in a range of activities, including sports/zorbing, and will therefore need to be appropriately dressed for the day.

The Year 6 team have planned an exciting day for the children that will take place on the field for the majority of the day if the weather holds out. Please ensure that your child comes to school with labelled sun cream, a sun hat and a water bottle.

Colour Run

At 2.00pm on Wednesday 15th July, the parents/carers of children in Year 6 are invited to be part of the children's colour run (an obstacle course style fun run with a sprinkling of colour). The children will need to bring a white t-shirt to change into (or they can wear this all day if they would like), as well as ensuring they are in appropriate shoes and clothing for the colour run (perhaps not their best trainers). Parents/carers will be able to take photographs of the children and support with the colour run so that they are part of this special celebration.

Reminder: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 16th July 9am

The Year 6 children will be performing in a Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 16th July that all of the Year 6 parents and carers are warmly invited to. The assembly will begin at 9.00am and will last for approximately 30 minutes. After the performance, we will welcome you to join your children for a short period of time to take photographs and congratulate them.

Shirt Signing – Friday 17h July

If your child wishes to have a shirt signed as a keepsake, they will need to bring in an additional shirt to be signed on Friday 17th July. The children will be in full school uniform throughout the day and may wear their signing shirt over the top of their uniform at break and lunchtime.

Walton Oak Nursery – places available for 2025-26 and beyond!

We are incredibly proud of the Nursery provision at Walton oak, rated as Good as part of our most recent school Ofsted. Although the Nursery remains very popular, we still have a few 15 and 30 hour places for 2026-2027 available and we welcome applications for our waiting list. Unlike many private nurseries, there are no registration fees and children can be registered from birth. If you have younger children not yet registered we would encourage you to complete the application form found [here](#). Please do share this link with any friends and family that may want to join the Walton Oak Community. Further information can be found on our [website](#).

Reading

150 Reads

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



Atiya - Butterflies

Courtney – 1B

Miles – 1B

200 Reads

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

Mera – 1B

300 Reads



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

Lily S – 3G

400 Reads

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

Lily S – 3G

William B – 3G

Tiny Happy People

Drawing

This week's activity is drawing. Drawing together is a great activity to fire up your child's imagination and get them talking and expressing themselves.



Let your child lead the conversation and talk about what they are drawing, like the family in the video below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/z4j8d6f>

There are also some great tutorials on YouTube that can be easily followed. Just search for children's drawing tutorial. Will you pick a lion? A pineapple? Or what about a monkey? We would love to see any pictures you draw with your families! Please email them to the office.

Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME 6th - 12th July

What makes something popular?



In the news this week

Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months. Videos showing people squeezing, collecting, and opening the toys have helped them spread quickly online. As more people have bought these types of toys, Trading Standards officers have been called in to carry out safety checks on some of the products being sold in shops and online.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What was your favourite toy when you were younger? How did you first hear about it?
- > Do you believe toys become popular because they are fun, because friends have them, or for another reason?
- > If you could invent a new toy, what would it be like, and how would you make it popular?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Empty box for notes and comments



Extra-Curricular Events

Girls Football

On Thursday some of our year 5 and 6 girls took part in a friendly football match against Darley Dene. The girls played some impressive football and secured an amazing 6-0 win. Well done girls, great effort!



Enrichment Activities

Year 1 – Windsor Trip

What a magical day our Year 1 adventurers had bringing our "King of the Castle!" topic to life!



The children were absolute superstars, beautifully demonstrating the Walton Oak Way by being respectful, curious, and kind throughout the entire day. Their curiosity shone brightly as they explored, asking brilliant questions as we walked around.

During an incredibly informative workshop, the children put their prior knowledge of King John and William the Conqueror to excellent use. Building on what they already knew about how the first castles were constructed, they discovered exactly how these historic fortresses were defended. The excitement reached a peak when the children got to experience true medieval warfare, splitting up to either attack or defend the castle by shooting arrows and using a battering ram! A huge thank you to Mr Duhaney for being such a good sport and taking on the role of King John (BOO!).

Despite the warmer weather, the air-conditioned areas were a welcome blessing. Thank you to FOWO for donating ice lollies - the children were certainly grateful on their return to receive one.

The children also had the deeply special and moving opportunity to see where the late Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest.

It was a truly memorable day out, full of learning, laughter, and history!





Pastoral News



The Tree Canopy

Walton Charities have some new projects at the Home Farm allotment on Rydens Road.

Space to Grow is a community gardening project that is designed for the whole family to get involved. Being outside in nature has huge benefits to physical and mental wellbeing.

At Space to Grow you can learn new skills and they offer sessions that anyone can attend. You can register your interest by emailing greenspaces@waltoncharity.org.uk. They are also offering a holiday club to try and encourage children away from screens.



Summer Holidays Unplugged Club
 For children (7-14)
 28th July - 27th August
 9:00pm - 4:00pm
 Tree Canopy Woodland - Walton on Thames

SWAP SCREEN TIME FOR GREEN TIME

- Bushcraft activities
- Nature inspired arts & crafts
- Campfire cooking
- Den building
- Free play and group games
- Lunch included

For children aged 7-14

Book Now

Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of part-time Early Years 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 please **click on the link on page 1**.

Diversity and Equality

Building Hope



This week, we were inspired by the story of two teenage sisters from Gaza, Tala and Farah Mousa, who won an international environmental award after finding an innovative way to turn broken building rubble into reusable bricks. Despite facing incredibly difficult circumstances, they chose to look for solutions rather than give up. Their determination to help rebuild their community and teach others their idea is a wonderful reminder that ambition is about believing you can make a positive difference, whatever challenges you face.



At Walton Oak, we want our children to understand that people all over the world have different experiences, backgrounds and opportunities. By learning about these stories, we celebrate diversity and encourage our children to show empathy, resilience and ambition. Like the sisters, we hope our children will develop the confidence to see challenges as opportunities, think creatively and believe that they can make a difference in their own communities and beyond.





British Values
I Really Do Matter!

Individual Liberty Rule of Law Democracy Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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

The story highlights **Individual Liberty** because the sisters made the choice to use their talents to change the world for the better.

The story highlights **Democracy** because the public gets to vote for the Global Winner of The Earth Prize, showing people that everyone has an equal say and that every single vote counts.

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

Protected Characteristics

Sex Who People Love Age

Disability Being Yourself Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Fertility Race Religion or Belief

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

This story shows that anyone can be leaders in science and engineering regardless of their **sex**. Everyone can inspire others to take action and build solutions.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

UN Rights of the Child

No matter the challenge, every child deserves the chance to be safe, healthy, and happy again.

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RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION



House Competitions

Years 1-3 Sports Day Winners 2026

Years 4-6 Sports Day Winners 2026



Overall Whole School Sports Day Champions 2026



Congratulations to Dragon House who won each separate event and the overall Sports Day cup. This is their first big win and a great achievement.

Well done to all of our children for their superb efforts!



FOWO

End of Term Disco's - a thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at all the discos this afternoon — what an incredible team effort! From setting up the hall to herding excited children, to keeping the music and snacks flowing, you made the whole afternoon run brilliantly. We witnessed some truly *interesting* dance moves (from children and teachers), and the students had an absolute blast letting off some well-earned end-of-term steam. They loved their complimentary drink and snack, and the smiles on their faces said it all. Your time, energy and enthusiasm are what make events like this possible, and we're so grateful for the support we get. Thank you for helping us turn these discos into a fun, memorable way to wrap up the school year and send everyone into summer on a high.

Hello Reception 2026! Picnic on the Field

Is your child joining Walton Oak Reception in September 2026? We're delighted to share that FOWO, together with the Walton Oak Senior Leadership Team, will be hosting a New Reception Picnic on **Friday 10 July 2026**, after school on the field by the amphitheatre.

Bring along a picnic, relax on the field, and take the chance to meet other new families, chat with staff, and get to know FOWO. It's a lovely way to start building those early connections that make such a difference to our children's school journey.

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

FOWO's End-of-Term Cheers! Sip, Socialise & Celebrate!

The FOWO team are heading out for a well-earned end-of-term drink on **Friday 10 July 2026 at The Walton Village from 7.30pm**, and we'd absolutely love for you to join us!

After a brilliant first year as a brand-new team — packed with events, fundraising, discos, cake sales, and plenty of WhatsApp chaos — we're taking a moment to celebrate everything we've achieved together!

Come along for a relaxed evening of chatting, laughing, swapping stories from the school year, and meeting other parents in a friendly, informal setting. Whether you fancy popping in for a quick drink or staying for the whole evening, there's no pressure at all — just a chance to unwind, connect, and enjoy some grown-up time after a very busy term.

Everyone is welcome, and we genuinely look forward to seeing some familiar faces and hopefully meeting a few new ones too. It's your support that makes all our events possible, and this is a lovely way to round off the year together.

Keep In Touch with FOWO on Socials



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



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



fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk



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	Ester & Arlo
Squirrels	Toby, Ella & Henry
3B	Abigail, Finley, Harry, Sienna, Noah & Lilah
3G	Sofia



4C	Yahya, Safwan, Nikyle & Samuel
4A	Mia & Elsie
5C	Libby, Elliot, Musbah, Daisy-May & Brody
5M	Queedellin & Mustafa

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





Upcoming dates for the diary

Wed 8 th Jul	Yr6 Production – 2pm & 6pm
Fri 10 th 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 th 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





Primary Moves
HOLIDAY CAMP
St Alban's
Catholic Primary
School
EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
9am - 3:30pm



BE CREATIVE



BE ACTIVE



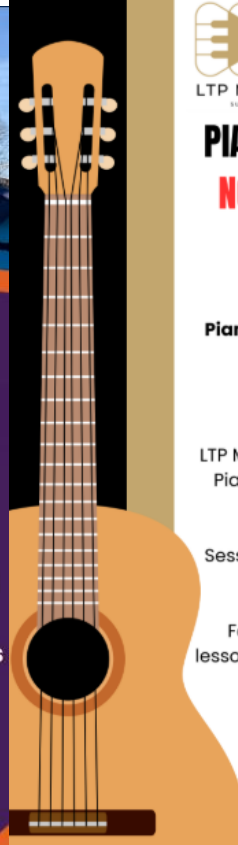
BE ADVENTUROUS

EXTENDED HOURS
8:30am - 6pm

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

The camp is run by PE and Dance Specialist Alexis Butterworth

For more information please click here or email primarymovesdance@gmail.com



PIANO, GUITAR, UKULELE & NOW DRUM LESSONS AT WALTON OAK

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Piano, Guitar, Ukulele & Drum Lessons Available at Walton Oak

Dear Parents and Guardians,

LTP Music is delighted to be able to offer Piano, Guitar, Ukulele lessons & Drum lessons.

Sessions will run throughout the school day.

For more information and to book lessons please contact LTP Music directly at hello@LTPMusic.co.uk



Theatre of Widdershins:
The Elves & The Shoemaker



Watch a 1-minute trailer.



Shooooooooooooes...!
Ah, new shoes...!
Delightful feet!
Soft shoes!
on the dancing pirate shoes!
swirly buckle and silver soles!
No one makes shoes like an elf.



Saturday 11 July 2026 - 3 pm

Approx. 55 minutes with no interval
Tickets: Adult: £12/ Child (under 12): £8

Booking: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk / Tel: 01932 253354

RIVERHOUSE BARN
ARTS CENTRE
walton on thames

Summer Holiday Activities



Picasso-style Cubist Faces

4th August 2026

Use cardboard, scissors and paint to create a lopsided masterpiece
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50
Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Fantastic Fans

11th August

Discover the history of fans and see some originals
Then decorate a wood and paper fan.
11am-11:45am or 2pm-2:45pm Cost: £3.00
Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Clay Day

18th August

Discover Ancient Greek toys and explore our replicas before making your own clay creations.
11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50
Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Butterfly and Bee Noughts and Crosses

25th August


Make a butterfly and bee noughts and crosses game using wood, paint and your imagination.
11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4.00
Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Booking is essential. To book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>
Or phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place







For All The Family


1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes


Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE DROP IN SESSION



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org




JOIN US FOR

ALL WELCOME



Come along for a friendly drink as we celebrate the end of another school year and catch up with other parents.
Drop in if you can
- 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




£26 PER SESSION SCAN TO BOOK!

SUMMER NETBALL CAMP!

UNLEASH YOUR NETBALL SKILLS THIS SUMMER!
22, 23RD JULY / 25, 26, 27TH AUGUST
9.30 - 12.30
THAMES DITTON JUNIOR SCHOOL, MERCER CL, KT7 OBS
SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 8



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