WALTON OAK WIRE

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Headteacher's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break. The children certainly came back refreshed and ready to learn – I am very proud of the focused learning attitudes that I have seen across the school this week.



You may have once again spotted our annual sea of red appearing on our front gates, as our poppy display has taken shape over the past few weeks. They are a fresh set of poppies, contributed by every child as part of their class learning about Remembrance, making this a particularly special whole-school display. It is always lovely to see children and families searching for their own poppy among the many others!

On Wednesday 11th November, we will come together to mark Remembrance Day and observe a two-minute silence at 11am, remembering all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict, as well as those who continue to serve in the armed forces. Children are welcome to wear the uniform of any clubs or organisations they attend outside school, such as Cubs, Brownies or Cadets.

Looking further ahead, Anti-Bullying Week takes place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November, with this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'. The focus is on speaking up, sharing concerns and ensuring that everyone feels able to use their voice. This aligns beautifully with our own priorities at Walton Oak of developing oracy and empowering children through pupil voice. We want every child to feel confident that their views matter, that they will be listened to and that they can make a positive difference. Please see the General Information section of this newsletter for further details about the week

We would also really value your feedback through our parent survey here (or use the QR code). Your views help us to understand more about your child's experience at Walton Oak, what you feel we do well and where we could make improvements. Hearing from our families is an important part of ensuring that the decisions we Make continue to put children at the heart of everything we do. We would be grateful if you could take a little time to complete the survey and share your thoughts.

Finally, our Christmas preparations will soon be getting underway! Dates for our various festive events can be found in the online calendar (click the button to the left) or in the Dates section of this newsletter. Please do keep an eye out for future letters, where we will share the booking links and further details.

With Bonfire Night celebrations taking place yesterday and over the next few days, as well as the Hindu celebration of Diwali and the Sikh celebration of Bandi ChhorDivas taking place on Sunday, we hope those of you marking these occasions have a very special time.



Siân McCarthy

General Information

Back Gate - Polite Reminder

For the safety of all our children, please remember that the back gate is to be used as an exit only.

The pathway is narrow and allowing children and families to enter through this gate creates congestion and a bottleneck, which can pose a safety risk when children, parents or carers are leaving the school grounds.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in helping us keep everyone safe

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to our Yr6 leaders and Dylan 2H who will be selling poppies at the beginning and end of day at the entrance to the playground until Wednesday 11th November. All items are £1.

Remembrance Day Uniforms – Wednesday 11th November

Children are invited to wear their rainbow/brownie/cubs/cadets etc uniforms to school on 11th November to mark Remembrance Day.

Anti-Bullying Week Reminder – 16th–20th November

A reminder that Anti-Bullying Week is coming up, with this year's theme being Break the Silence!

We will be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, so children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate our differences and what makes us unique!

Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities, including special assemblies, interactive workshops, discussions about speaking up and creating their own Break the Silence Walls.

Parents and carers are warmly invited into classrooms on Friday 20th November at 3:00pm to see the children's wonderful work and celebrate what they have learnt.

We look forward to a fantastic week promoting kindness, inclusion and the importance of speaking up!



A Reminder - Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting Walton Oak on **Tuesday 1st December 2026,** to give children from Reception to Year 6 the flu vaccination.

For your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the e-consent form www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and enter the school's unique code **SR134557**. Please note that e-consent access will close 4 working days before the visit date.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

As shared in the letter sent home, we are excited to be supporting BBC Children in Need with a Pyjama Day and our Whole-School Pudsey Challenge! Children will walk, jog or run laps around our school relay track, alongside classroom activities celebrating kindness and helping others.

Families are welcome to make a voluntary donation by scanning the QR code attached to this newsletter or bringing cash to the classroom door on the day. All children can participate regardless of whether a donation is made.

Thank you for your continued support!

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:

- Friday 13th November 10.00am-10.45am

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.



Transition

Reception Intake 2027 - Head/Deputy headteacher group tours

We are running several Head/Deputy headteacher group tours. Please do come along to see the school in action and find out more about provision for children at Walton Oak. Please email the school office for a place.

Walton Oak Nursery – places available for 2026 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

Book Fair

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the families who supported our book fair this week! We are delighted to share that so far we have raised a fantastic **£255** for our school to spend on new library books with more to come after cash payments have been counted. We can't wait to add some exciting new titles for the children to enjoy. Thank you for helping us inspire a love of reading.

The Power of Reading

Did you know that reading for just 20 minutes a day could expose your child to around 1.8 MILLION words a year? That's a lot of opportunities to grow vocabulary, spark imagination and discover a love of reading! Take a look at our poster for simple ways to make reading at home enjoyable for everyone.



Tiny Happy People

Autumn celebrations



It's November so Bonfire Night is nearly here! If you're looking for some ways to spark the imagination of your little ones, here are **5 brilliant bonfire night activities for toddlers**.

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a five-day celebration from 6th November and is mainly observed by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world. Take a look at these fun activities to celebrate the Diwali festival with children.

The Sikhi festival Bandi Chhor Divas is celebrated on the 8th November this year - it was the subject of this CBeebies Bedtime Story read by Nikita Kanda in 2025 **here**.

Oracy

Oracy Champion of the Week





This week, we are excited to have launched our new **'Oracy Champion of the Week'** in every class!

This recognition aims to celebrate, encourage and develop the children's oracy skills, recognising those who demonstrate excellent speaking and listening skills and actively contribute to classroom discussions. Each week, one child from every class will be awarded the title of Oracy Champion and receive a special trophy to display on their desk for the week. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements and recognise their efforts in using effective oracy skills. It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children have been about developing their speaking and listening skills, sharing their ideas and making sure their voices are heard in the classroom.

Please see below for this week's Oracy Champions from each class. A huge well done to all our champions!

EYFS/KS1	
Butterflies	Ted
Ladybirds	Rufus
Hedgehogs	Reign
Squirrels	June
1G	Aria Y
1N	Anna
2O	Oscar
2H	Josh

KS2	
3C	Kai
3H	Lydia
4C	Lilah
4PA	Lily
5R	Nancy
5BD	Elizabeth
6B	Ben
6J	Blake

Congratulations to each of our champions and keep up they great oracy learning!



TAKEHOME 9th - 15th November

Should traditions always stay the same?

Alamy

In the news this week

Diwali celebrations in Leicester return this November. It's one of the UK's biggest Diwali festival locations, with music, dancing, colourful lights and family activities. However, the traditional public fireworks display will not take place this year as part of Diwali celebrations, due to crowd safety concerns at the park venue. Organisers hope the celebrations will still bring thousands of people together to enjoy the Festival of Lights, despite some familiar traditions being different.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What traditions do you celebrate with your family? Why are they special to you?
- Why do you think some people might feel upset when a tradition changes?
- In your opinion, is it more important to keep traditions the same or find new ways to celebrate? Why?
- If you could create a brand-new tradition for your family, what would it be and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Extra-Curricular Events

Year 5 & 6 Football

The football season has started at Walton Oak! A huge well done to those who played this week who gave 100% effort in the first games of the season. Year 5 and 6 boys kicked off their season against Ashely C of E school on Monday. Although the boys played brilliantly, neither result went our way, however their 'spirits' remained high and they all showed excellent teamwork.

The Year 5 boys, against tough opposition lost 5-0. Tim from 5R was fantastic in midfield and gave a brilliant first half performance before having to leave. Nikyle was absolutely fantastic and made many amazing saves.

The Year 6 boys lost 2-0 in a very close game. Elliot went close to scoring and was unlucky to not have his shot go in. Vaughn was brilliant in goal, making several great saves while performances from Fraser and Mustafa in the outfield helped keep the game close.

A massive well done to all the players and an extra special thank you to Mr Voyle who stepped in to referee!

Next up Year 6 Boys and Girls play Cobham Free school on **Monday 23rd November**

Pastoral News

Surrey Child and Family Health

Due to a great take up and previously and popular demand, we are continuing with our school nurse parent sessions.

for further information on support available please refer to the posters in your child's classroom windows or attached at the bottom of the newsletter, alternatively if you are unsure, please reach out to Mrs Natasha Herron-Duke, our Home School Link Worker.

One of the areas that Sarah Barnes, from the nursing team, can support with is healthy diet and a positive relationship with food.

A healthy balanced diet plays an important role in children' growth, development, Concentration, energy levels and emotional well-being. We recognise, however, that providing healthy meals every day can be challenging for families. We encourage parents to explore the support and advice locally and remember that our pastoral team is available to support and signpost.

If you would like to view further information to support your child's diet and healthy eating there is a useful web page with helpful links here.

Diversity and Equality

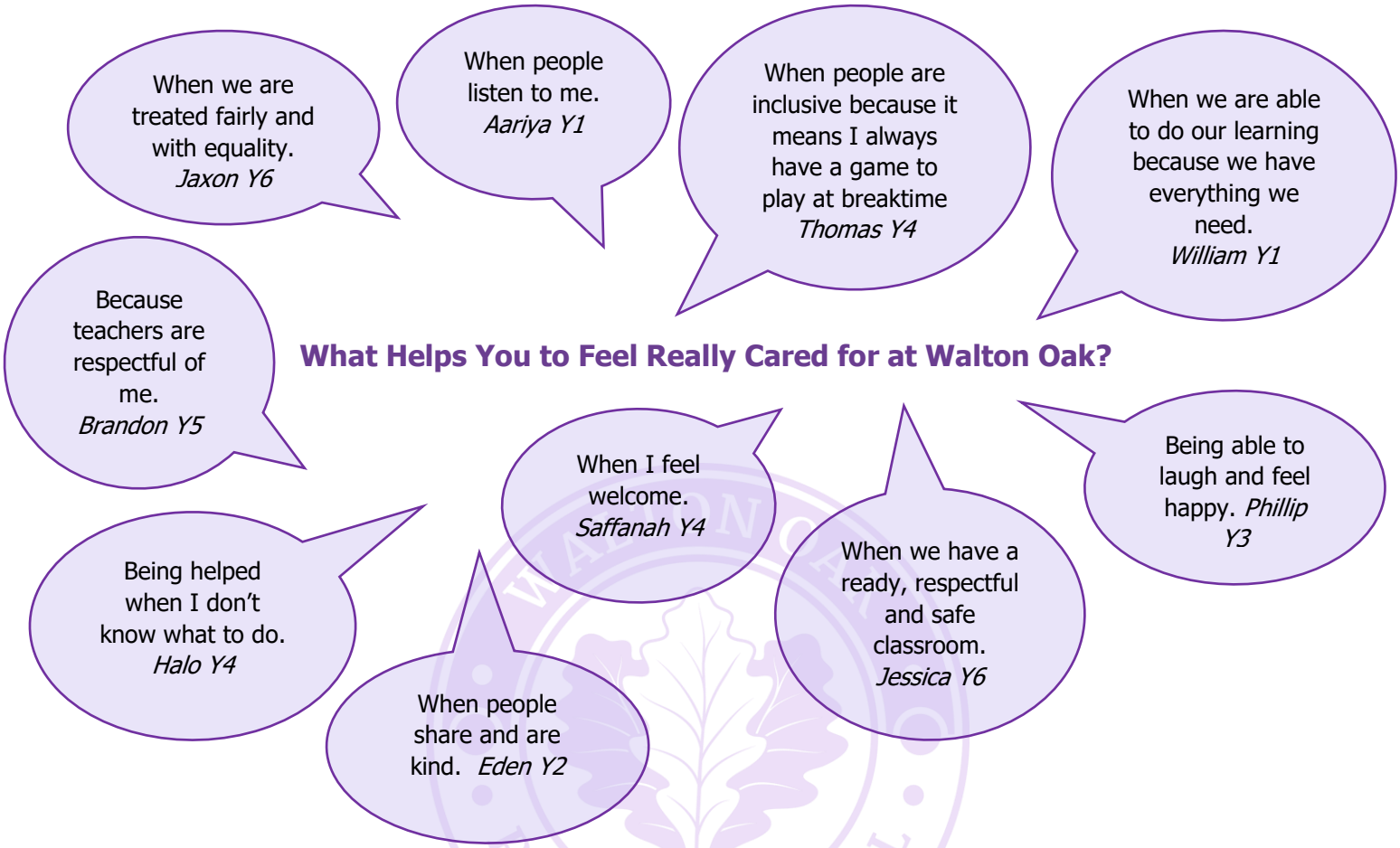
The Six Principles of Nurture – how they help us to thrive

This week in Monday's assembly we re-explored the 6 Principles of Nurture at Walton Oak. We reminded ourselves of what Nurture means "to care for, protect and support each other so we can all grow, develop and thrive".

We remembered the phrase that our last Pupil Leadership Team left us with…



We all then considered one BIG QUESTION and children from this year's Pupil Leadership team went around like roving reporters, holding the microphone for children across the school to share their ideas…



House Competitions

House Captain Elections

This week, the shortlisted candidates for the role of House Captain have been campaigning for votes across the school. We've seen brilliantly designed posters, stickers and even a sash!
The candidates have been having conversations with children across the school in an attempt to share why they believe they'd make the best House Captain. All candidates spent time writing their persuasive speeches and these were recorded ahead of the elections which took place yesterday.

The 24 children from across Year 2 and Year 6 should be incredibly proud of themselves; their speeches were so thoughtful and they all presented them with such confidence. The children from across Years 1-6 took part in an official election yesterday, having watched all of the speeches from the candidates within their House Team.
The votes were incredibly close which evidences how brilliantly all of the children did. We are pleased to share that our newly elected House Captains for this year are:

2026-27 House Captains			
Dragon	Phoenix	Pegasus	Griffin
Dhruv 2O	Evie 2H	Dylan 2H	Arlo 2H
Sienna 6B	Amelie 6J	Laura 6J	Noah 6B

We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our other candidates - listed below - for their excellent efforts across the campaign stage - we are so proud of you all!

Dragon:
Aatif 2O
Violet 2H
Deenah 6B
Georgia 6B

Phoenix:
Lucy 2O
Kash 2O
Madeleine 6J
Libby 6B

Pegasus:
Bella 2H
Mariana 2H
Henry 6J
Brody 6B

Griffin:
Alice 2H
Albie P 2O
Teddy 6B
Mica 6B

FOWO

Christmas Fair 2026 – Friday 20th November - 3.30pm - 6pm

Sponsored by Seymours

Your PTA needs you! Volunteers needed for the Christmas Fair
Get ready! We're deep into planning our annual **Christmas Fair**, which is happening on **Friday, November 20, 2026**. We'll be completely transforming the school into a spectacular, festive feast for the eyes!

To make this year's Fair a massive success, **we're calling on our fantastic school community for support!** Could you help on the day of the Christmas fair? These events rely entirely on volunteers to happen and for the fair we need around 60 – 70 people to help set up, run stalls and clear up. So, if you can spare 30 - 60 minutes on the day it is hugely appreciated. Your children are always welcome to help alongside you, and where that is the case, we try to put you on a games stall that is more interactive for them!

Timings as follows:

- **1.30 – 3.15pm:** Set up. We will need help putting out tables, setting up the tombola and the other games stalls.
- **3.30pm – 6.00pm:** can you do a 30 minute slot on a stall?
- **6.00 – 7.00pm**: can you help take down stalls, pack away the grotto, clear up rubbish etc?

Please email sign up using the following **volunteer form** (or QR Code on the FOWO Board at school) if you can help. If you have any questions, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

We also need your help in the following key areas:

- **Cuddly Toy Donations:** We are currently seeking donations of **new or gently used soft toys and teddy bears** for this popular stall at the Fair. If you have any cuddly friends looking for a new home, please email FOWO or you can drop them off next to the Uniform Rail in Reception.
- **Small plastic toy donations for prizes** - we all have those small unwanted/unused small plastic toys around the house, including fidgets, keyrings, mini games etc, so why not donate them and give them a second life as a Christmas Fair prize! Just bag them up and leave by the Uniform Rail in Reception

Tickets are on sale for the following items prior to the Fair:

- **Raffle Tickets -** Get your raffle tickets now for your chance to win 1, if not more, of our fantastic prizes. From restaurant vouchers, to art classes and local experiences, there is something for everyone! The full list of prizes can be found on Classlist, where tickets can also be purchased - **https://tinyurl.com/WOFairRaffleTickets**

- **Santa's Grotto Tickets -** Tickets are now on sale for a visit to see Father Christmas in his Grotto at the fair. Choose a 15 minute slot and children will go into the grotto in groups (with parents!), where they will receive a small gift and get to meet Father Christmas. For any children who would prefer a smaller group, there are slots available after 5.30pm. Friends, family and younger siblings are also welcome to join, please book each child a ticket on Classlist - **https://tinyurl.com/WOFairGrottoTickets**

- **Christmas Craft Room bookings -** We are running a Christmas Craft Room at the Fair this year. Come and fill a bauble for the tree and make some reindeer food ready to leave out on Christmas Eve. Each session lasts 30min for both activities, and you can arrive anytime within the booked hour slot. Please can parents/carers accompany all Early Years and KS1 children**.** Tickets can be booked on Classlist - **https://tinyurl.com/WOFairCraftRoom**

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and enthusiasm. Without the school community's support, putting on the Christmas Fair would not be possible. If you have any questions, please grab a member of FOWO when you see us at school, or email us at fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Non Uniform in exchange for tombola donations

All students are encouraged to come to school in non uniform on **20 November (18 November for Nursery),** in exchange for donations of Tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair

- Children in KS1 - **unopened and in date sweets, and chocolate**s, including boxes of chocolates, biscuits and sweets
- Children in KS2 - bring a bottle to school day! Examples include **unopened and in date bottles** including **-** pop, wine, squash and even toiletries!!

Celebrations

Achievements outside of School

Dylan 2H, volunteered at Waterloo station last Thursday for London Poppy Day. This was his 7th appearance in a row and he was instrumental in helping raise over £130K. Well done Dylan – We are very proud of you!

Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Brodie
2H	Emmeline
3C	Victoria
4PA	Jesse, Rafe, Isla, Lily, Phoebe & Halo
6B	Tommy, Amelia, Elliot, Brody, Lyra-Jane, Georgia, Omar, Daisy H, Summer, Musbah, Elliot, Libby, Teddy & Tommy
6J	Laura & Kiri-Mai

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

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Upcoming dates for the diary
New dates in red

Tue 10th – Fri 13th Nov	Yr6 Bristol Residential
Fri 13th Nov	Children in Need
Mon 16th Nov	Individual/Sibling Photos
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day to start Anti Bullying Week
Wed 18th Nov	Nursery Non-Uniform Day to collect for the Xmas Fair tombola donations
Mon 16th-Fri 20th Nov	Antibullying week
Fri 20th Nov	Break the Silence Walls! – Open classrooms for Parents 3.00pm-3.15pm
Fri 20th Nov	FOWO Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm
Fri 20th Nov	Whole School Non-Uniform Day to collect for the Xmas Fair tombola donations
Mon 23rd- Fri 27th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Tue 1st Dec	Flu Vaccinations R-Yr6
Tue 1st Dec	R & Yr1 Christmas Show 9.15am (babies/toddlers welcome)
Wed 2nd Dec	R & Yr1 Christmas Show 2.15pm
Wed 2nd Dec	Nursery Singalong 11am & 2.30pm
Thur 3rd Dec	R & Yr1 Christmas Show 9.15am
Thur 3rd Dec	Yr2 & 3 Christingle 2pm
Mon 7th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 9.15am (babies/toddlers welcome)
Mon 7th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
Tue 8th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 9.15am
Tue 8th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm


Walton Oak Christmas Fair
Friday 20th November
3:30PM-6PM
SANTA'S GROTTO • GAMES • RAFFLE
• TOMBOLA • STALLS
FESTIVE TREATS & SO MUCH MORE!
JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING OF FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS!
COME ALONG AND SHARE SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH US.
Special thanks to our sponsors:
Friends of Walton Oak
THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL
Seymours


Walton Oak Christmas Fair
DONATIONS NEEDED!
Teddies & Soft Toys in good condition.
Got leftover party bag favours? We need small toys, keychains, etc!
Baked goods (homemade or store-bought) brought directly to school on Friday 20th Nov. No Nuts*
Ahead of our Christmas Fair on Friday 20th November, Please drop any items into the reception area near the school office.
Thank you as always for your wonderful support!
Friends of Walton Oak
THE PTA OF WALTON OAK SCHOOL

Book Grotto Tickets

Scan to buy Raffle Tickets

Book tickets for the Craft Room

Scan to Volunteer for the Fair

hcrg Care Group North East School Nursing Team

Book a one-to-one 15 minute session with Sarah Barnes from the North East Nursing Team

Thursday 3rd December 2026, sessions held between 11:00-13:00 on a pre-booked basis only!

Are you looking for advice or support with your child for:

- Toileting/continence
- Diet/Healthy eating habits
- Sleep routine
- School Readiness
- Dental Hygiene
- Other Health concerns

If you would like to book a session with Sarah Barnes then please reach out to Natasha Herron Duke (HSLW) via the school office or on 07938 645 949

UK Health Security Agency

Keeping warm and well: staying safe in cold weather

Plan ahead

- Check the weather forecast and the news
- Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine
- Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home

Keep yourself warm

- Heat rooms you spend most time in to 18°C if you can
- Keep bedroom windows closed
- Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing

Prepare your home

- Check what financial support may be available for you
- Use energy saving tips to save money on heating
- Make sure appliances are safe and working well

Look after yourself and others

- If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19
- Check on others who may be vulnerable
- Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to:

Top tips for keeping warm and well this winter - www.GOV.UK





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NEARLY NEW SALE

Buy preloved maternity, baby and items for children age 0 to 11+ including clothes, toys, books and much more

Entry £2 per person (children free)
Cash, contactless and major credit/debit cards accepted

Sunday 15th November, 2pm - 3.30pm
The Echelford Primary School

Sponsored by: Staines Preparatory School
Educating today's children for the challenges of tomorrow





