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Headteacher's Message

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award (otherwise known as the Marjorie Boxall Quality Mark), recognising our commitment to creating a nurturing school where every child feels safe, valued, understood and ready to learn.

The award recognises high-quality nurturing practice across three key areas: Stakeholders, Delivery and Leadership & Management. It celebrates schools where nurturing principles are embedded throughout school life and where children's social, emotional and mental health needs are understood and supported alongside their learning. Our assessor, Miranda Collins, said our school… "Oozes compassion" and the "integration of Ready, Respectful, Safe, the Walton Oak Way Values, Zones of Regulation and the 6 Principles of Nurture create the foundation on which your school is built"

This award doesn't signal the end of our journey. We see this achievement as a springboard for continuing to strengthen our nurturing provision so that all children receive the support they need to thrive. We are incredibly proud of our staff, children and wider school community for contributing to this achievement. We are awaiting our full report that we will share with you shortly, which provides further detail about our strengths and the work recognised through the award.

This week has also provided several opportunities to work with colleagues across the Lumen Learning Trust and with our local Walton and Hersham cluster of schools (primary and secondary). Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and subject leaders have met to share ideas, discuss school priorities and learn from one another, with a particular focus on improving provision and supporting inclusion.

We also welcomed local RE (Religious Education) subject leaders and Deputy Headteachers to Walton Oak for a Subject Spotlight led by Miss Camamile, giving colleagues the opportunity to explore our RE provision and share good practice. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Consistent approach across the classrooms.

Great subject leader who was confident and enthusiastic about the subject.

"Children have very in-depth knowledge - with good engagement and enjoyment of the subject, including what it will do/give them."

Collaboration is important to us because we believe that being open, sharing ideas and learning from one another helps us continually improve. Ultimately, this benefits our children by strengthening the learning experiences and opportunities that we provide.

Next week, our Cluster Deputy Headteachers will meet to plan further opportunities for staff and children to work together. Miss Stanbrook will also lead a subject spotlight for Trust colleagues on our PSHE provision. This follows on perfectly from our Anti-bullying week this week – look out for more on this next week.

I am now off to join our Christmas Fair - thank you to FOWO for all the hard work and preparation that has gone into planning this important event. I can't wait to join everyone for some festive fun!

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Staff News

I am delighted to share the news that Miss Camamile, 4C class teacher, is expecting her first baby. She is due in early May but has decided to return to Australia ahead of her baby's arrival which means her maternity leave will begin slightly earlier than usual, in early March. I am sure you all join me in congratulating her at this exciting time.

Instagram is live!

We already have 149 followers! Don't forget to follow our account, @waltonoakprimaryschool, for useful reminders and a peek into the wonderful world of Walton Oak!



Christmas Jumper day

On **Wednesday 16th December**, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school to add to the festive feel of Christmas dinner day. This is of course optional.



Parent Survey

We would 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. **This survey will close on Friday 27th November.**

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.**

Christmas Performances

The children are rehearsing for their Christmas performances. You should have received a letter with all the details. Please follow the links below to book your places:

- **R & Yr1 Christmas Show (babies/toddlers):** Tuesday 1st December - 9.15am https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528396
- **R & Yr1 Christmas Show:** Wednesday 2nd December - 2.15pm https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528562
- **Nursery Christmas Singalong (15 hour Butterflies):** Wednesday 2nd December - 11.15am https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528574
- **Nursery Christmas Singalong (Ladybirds & full time nursery):** Wednesday 2nd December - 2.45pm https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528583

- **R & Yr1 Christmas Show:** Thursday 3rd December - 9.15am
  https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528588
- **KS2 Carol Concert (babies/toddlers):** Monday 7th December - 9.15am
  https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528599
- **KS2 Carol Concert:** Monday 7th December - 2pm
  https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528608
- **KS2 Carol Concert:** Tuesday 8th December - 9.15am
  https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528623
- **KS2 Carol Concert:** Tuesday 8th December - 2pm
  https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2528626
- **Yr2 & 3 Christingle**: Thursday 3 December -2pm
  This will be held at St Mary's Church, Walton-on-Thames. No booking is required.

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 10th December 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 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

Reading Awards

At the start of term, we shared how we celebrate and reward reading at Walton Oak. We are delighted to announce that, this week, several children have reached the fantastic milestone of **100 reads!** A huge congratulations to all those who have achieved this milestone! We are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm for reading, and the time and effort they have put in to reach this achievement. Please join us in celebrating their success and encouraging all of our children to continue enjoying their reading journeys. Below is a reminder of how we track reads at Walton Oak and the rewards children can earn as they reach each milestone.

Reading Rewards at Walton Oak – A Guide for Parents

Each week, we count the number of reads recorded in your child's reading record. These can include:

- Reading at home with a parent or carer

- An adult reading to your child
- Reading with an adult in school

Please note that we count a maximum of 10 reads per week. If you read more than that - fantastic! - but only 10 will go towards the weekly total.

As children build up their reads, they will receive rewards to celebrate their achievements:

- 20 reads – Sticker
- 50 reads – Bookmark
- 100 reads – Certificate (children will receive this from a member of the Senior Leadership Team)
- 150 reads – Pencil
- 200 reads – Badge
- 300 reads – Medal
- 400 reads – Book voucher

Once children reach 100 reads and beyond, their name will be added to our "reading wire" display in school and they'll receive a special mention in our Friday celebration assembly.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home—it makes a huge difference to your child's progress and enjoyment of learning.

100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who are the first to have reached their first 100 reads this school year!:

Andy – 3C	Ayaan - Hedgehogs	Joe – 2O
Shay – 3C	Tabitha – Hedgehogs	Finn – 2O

A special Christmas gift from the Queen!

Our Year 6 children have received a very special Christmas gift – books generously gifted by the Queen! What a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading and give children the opportunity to discover new stories. We hope the children enjoy getting lost in their books over the Christmas holidays (or before).

This year, Yr6 across the country and in our school have been lucky enough to receive the first book in the Impossible Creatures series from The Queen! She has generously gifted these books to our year group for Christmas. The books -by Katherine Rundell- are really fancy and new, they've even got a gold sticker saying 'THE QUEENS CHRISTMAS PRESENT'. As I'm sure I've already told you the books look awesome. Just running my hand over the cover and pages, I can tell they're brand, brand new. I am sure that when the Yr6's (who haven't already heard the news) will be buzzing! The teachers were unboxing them this morning so they probably arrived between last Saturday and Wednesday. Everyone has been so curious about the books, begging our teachers for more information on them. *- Anoushka 6J*

Tiny Happy People

Building Blocks



This week is an activity aimed at 3-4 year olds but can played by children of all ages and parents/carers too.
This activity is a great example of using your building blocks in a new way to expand your child's vocabulary and teach patience and resilience.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/games-with-building-blocks/zpg9kty
Have a go and let us know how it goes. We'd love to hear from you.

Oracy

Oracy Champion of the Week

This week, we are pleased to announce our Oracy Champions of the week. A huge well done to all our champions who have been confident using their oracy skills during their learning this week!



EYFS/KS1	
Butterflies	Brodie
Ladybirds	Logan
Hedgehogs	Roma
Squirrels	Samy
1G	Summer
1N	Saffia
2O	Akshara
2H	Dylan

KS2	
3C	Muhammad
3H	Ryan
4C	Yahya
4PA	Rory
5R	Kacey
5BD	Brodie
6B	Jess
6J	Mustafa

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!


TAKEHOME 23rd – 29th November

Does a gift need to cost money?

In the news this week

Each year, the department store chain, John Lewis, produces a Christmas advert, usually released in November. This year's has been released and is called Gloria and Pickles. It follows a grandmother who wants to connect with her grandchildren and struggles to choose gifts for them. With the help of her childhood toy, she is reminded of what makes giving special.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you remember a gift you have received that was really thoughtful? What was it and who was it from?
- Do you prefer giving someone a gift or receiving one? Why?
- What are some examples of things you could give to someone that don't cost money?
- Can you think of a time when you found it hard to choose a gift for someone?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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

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Enrichment Activities

Children in Need at Walton Oak!



What a fantastic Children in Need Day we had at Walton Oak! The children absolutely loved coming to school in their pyjamas and enjoyed a range of Pudsey-themed activities throughout the day, including making Pudsey masks, decorating biscuits and adding pom-poms to Pudsey's bandana!



We were especially impressed with the children's determination during their Pudsey Run! Everyone gave it their all, and we couldn't be prouder of their enthusiasm and effort.

Together, we completed an incredible 3,905 laps, and thanks to your generous donations, we raised a wonderful **£315.40** for such an important cause! This is nearly double the amount raised last year, which is an amazing achievement!

A huge congratulations to our Pudsey Run winners, who have earned themselves an extra afternoon breaktime!

- **EYFS:** Squirrels
- **KS1:** 2O
- **Lower KS2:** 3C
- **Upper KS2:** 6J





A huge thank you to everyone for your support, generosity and enthusiasm. Well done, Walton Oak!









Year 5 Forest School Day



The children in Year 5 had a fantastic day at Forest School on Wednesday. The activities all linked to their topic 'Extraordinary Earth.' Throughout the day, the children investigated the Earth's natural processes and considered ways that they could protect their local environment.

The activities included creating seed bombs which have been scattered around our pond area to grow wild flowers that will hopefully attract a variety of wildlife.

The children each made their own rain gauge out of recycled bottles, ready to catch the rain and measure the rainfall in our school environment.



In Woody Oaks, they got their hands dirty, creating mud landscapes to investigate how water movement and rainfall can change the Earth's surface. The final activity was making their very own wind streamers.



The children used palm drills to drill holes into wood and thread through ribbon to create a streamer where they could identify the direction of the wind.

In the afternoon, each group gathered by the fire and took turns to shake a long sieve full of popcorn over the fire. It was the perfect end to a great day. Well done Year 5, you really embraced the outdoors, getting messy and working together!



Pastoral News

School Nurse Parent Meetings

Please be reminded of the school nurse parent meetings available at Walton Oak. We still have a few spaces available for **Thursday 3rd December** See poster in your child's classroom windows or below for further information.

Christmas appeal

This year we are supporting the Walton Charity Pantry at the Bridge with our Christmas appeal. We will be holding a **Non-Uniform day for children on Wednesday 9th December** to raise money for this important organisation.

There is a rising tide of poverty that is deepening inequalities and straining household finances in Elmbridge. 68% of people in poverty in Elmbridge live in working households, so for most low-income families, employment is no longer a guaranteed route out of hardship.

The pantry at the Bridge help local working families who are struggling with the rising cost of living. If you are a working household that is struggling, for just £10 members can choose food, toiletries and other essentials worth around £30, freeing up money for other essentials like utility bills. They can also access advice from onsite specialists as well as peer support from other pantry members.

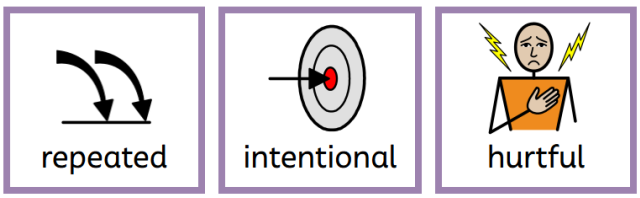
To find out further information and to become a member please use the link below.

https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/the-pantry-at-the-bridge-elmbridge/

Diversity and Equality

Anti-Bullying week at Walton Oak

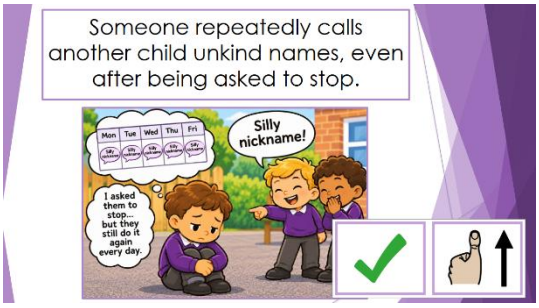
During Monday's assembly, Miss Stanbrook spoke to the children about Anti-bullying. They listened to what bulling IS:



And also about what it IS NOT.

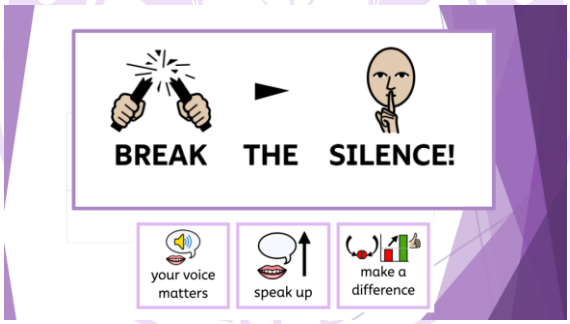
They had some practice of deciphering what is and isn't bullying:



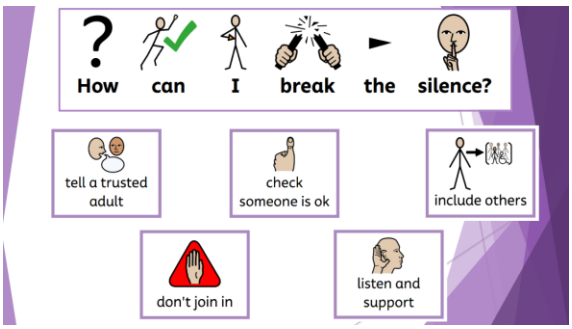




Through discussion and reflection, children considered how bullying can make someone feel and the importance of speaking up when they see unkind behaviour. Miss Stanbrook reminded children that they do not need to confront someone themselves but can always seek help from a trusted adult. Our message was clear: listening, supporting others and using our voices can make a real difference. Together, we can ensure nobody feels they have to face bullying alone.



The children used some actions to help them remember 5 key rules to keeping themselves and others safe.



Eveyone watched the following video to clarify what bullying is – you may wish to watch this with your child at home to clarify the messages we shared at school: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiTxGTFkLYM

House Competitions

House Competition - Festive Singing Battle

Our House Captains met with Mrs. Bourne earlier this week to button down the final details for our House Competition this term. They are excited to share that all children in Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a festive themed singing battle. Each house will learn part of a festive song which they will then perform on the competition day - during the final week of this term - in a bid to score the most points for their singing, actions, synchronisation and overall performance. The children will find out more information about this next week. We can't wait for some festive fun!

FOWO

A huge thank you for a magical Christmas Fair!

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fair! It was wonderful to see the school hall buzzing with festive cheer, smiling faces, and community spirit.

Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our school community. We would like to extend a massive thank you to:

- **Our Volunteers**: To everyone who helped set up, manned a stall, poured mulled wine, or stayed behind to help clear away - your time and energy made the whole event run smoothly.
- **Our Donors & Sponsors**: Thank you for all the generous donations of teddies. raffle prizes, tombola items, bottles, and delicious baked goods, as well as to the local businesses who donated prizes. A massive thank you goes to Seymours, Walton-on-Thames for sponsoring the fair, as without them it wouldn't be possible!
- **School Staff**: Thank you to the teachers and staff for their ongoing support, enthusiasm, and help behind the scenes.
- **Santa & His Elves**: A very special thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busiest month to visit the children in his grotto, and to Matt from **Monaco Marquees** who, following considerable consultation with Santa, helped build the wonderful grotto!!

Fundraising Total - We are still totalling up how much we raised, so watch this space and the FOWO noticeboard in the near future, for an updated total!

Raffle Prizes - We will contact all winners ASAP, but a full list of raffle prize winners will be published in The Wire and put up on the FOWO noticeboard next week.

Thank you once again for making it such a memorable day. Wishing all our families a sparkling start to the festive season!

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Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

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 please click on the link on page 1.

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.
If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please click on the link on page 1.

Celebrations

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

Hedgehogs	Bay, Denys, Lena & Seb
Squirrels	Josie, Nevaeh & Richard
2O	Alfie, Alex & Ciara
3H	Bradley & Muhamed
3C	Aisha, Andy, Cecie, Cole, Eden, Jax, Luke & Michael,
4C	Aaima, Ata, Esmae, Harley, Harry, Kirthana, Pia, Sienna & Yahya
5BD	Jasmine & Ronnie
6B	Daisy, Fraser & Omar
6J	Alex, Amelie, Aurora, Eva L, Eva T, Henry, Kiri-Mai, Laura, Mustafa, Sheriff, Sophie, Sonny & Suraiya

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

Mon 23rd- Fri 27th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 30th Nov	Rocksteady Performance 2pm
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 11.15am & 2.45pm Time change
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
Wed 9th Dec	Non-Uniform Day – Walton Oak Christmas Appeal
Fri 11th Dec	Reception Superhero Workshop (dress up as a superhero)
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18th Dec	End of term 1.45pm
Tue 5th Jan 2027	INSET DAY 4
Wed 6th Jan	Children return to school

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North East School Nursing Team

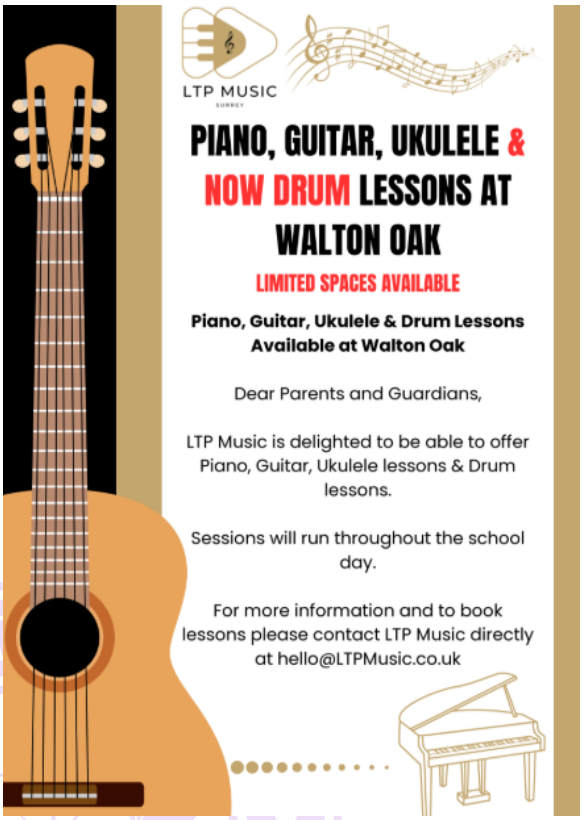
Book a one-to-one 15 minute session with Sarah Barnes from the North East Nursing Team

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



LTP MUSIC

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

Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 9th December 2026

Walton Oak Christmas Appeal. This year we are supporting the Walton Charity Pantry at the Bridge.

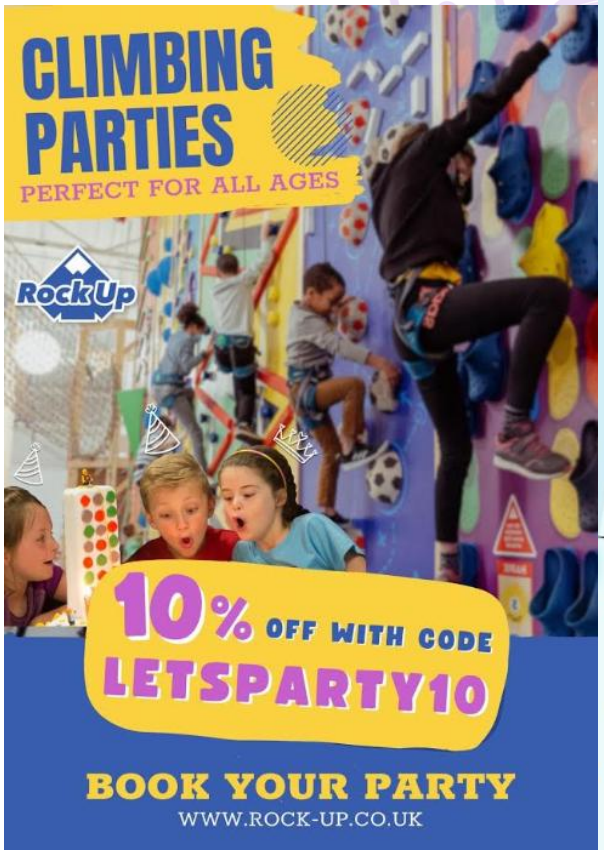
Children are invited to attend school in non-school uniform for a minimum of a **£1 donation**.

Donations will go towards supporting working families in Elmbridge struggling with the cost of living.

All donations are matched by Walton Charity's matched funding


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