



# WALTON OAK WIRE

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## Headteacher's Message

Reception and Year 1 performed their Nativity Play 'Busy Busy Bethlehem' to their parents and carers this week. It is always a joy to watch our little ones standing proudly in their costumes whilst singing so beautifully. It is an important experience for them and a memory to treasure for their loved ones. I thoroughly enjoyed watching them and as always, felt very proud.

I also had a lovely afternoon yesterday, watching the year 2 children perform their Christingle service at St Mary's Church, Walton. The singing sounded phenomenal as the children really embraced our school motto of Being Our Best. There is something very magical about candles at Christmas too and the children were sensible at holding their Christingles and avoiding the temptation to eat the sweets! The resources for the Christingles were funded by The Children's Society and in return we asked parents and carers who attended the service for kind contributions for the charity. Thank you to those who generously donated some money for this important cause. Thank you also to Reverend Dave Bixby for allowing us to use the church and for teaching the children about the relevance of a Christingle at this time of year and what it represents in relation to the biblical story of Christmas.



I can't wait to enjoy the Nursery nativity and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert next week. Thank you to all the Walton Oak staff for their efforts in preparing the children for these special events. Thank you also to parents and carers of our children, for providing their amazing costumes and for the continued support you give to your children and their school - it is very much appreciated.

In other news, our first house competition took place this week. Classroom doors across the school have been beautifully decorated – of course with a Christmas theme! Read on to find out more and see the finished results. No winner has been announced yet so watch this space...

Siân McCarthy

## General Information

### Thank you – FOWO

Our Christmas fair was once again a great success. Thank you to all who came along to enjoy the atmosphere and spend some of your money on the refreshments and stalls. Please see the FOWO section of this newsletter to find out how much was raised for school funds. Thank you also to the FOWO committee members for their commitment to organising this. Events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs take months of planning and the set up on the day takes hours. Santa's grotto alone involved significant preparation. The hard work is much appreciated though and it really paid off with the result being a lovely community event for everyone to enjoy.



**KS2 Christmas Performances - 11th, 12th & 13th December & Nursery Nativity 13th December**  
Details of these have already been shared. Please contact the office if you still require a ticket.

### Christmas Dinner - 13th December

Bookings for this are now closed. Children with packed lunches will still be able to join the festive fun.

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End of term - Tuesday 19th December at 1.45pm.

Don't forget we finish Early on the last day of term and After School Club will be closed on this day too, so all parents will be required to make arrangements to collect their children from school.

#### Christmas Jumper Day – money raised

We are pleased to share that we raised a total of **£231.25** for **Save the Children Fund** from our recent Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all of your donations.



PlayPod Update



We have a shed! This was built on site yesterday in preparation for the restocking, training and re-zoning that will take place in the new year. It looks a little lost at the moment but with the new signs that are coming to make it really stand out to the children, it will become the centre of much of their playtime opportunities. Although we already have a scrap store in Key Stage 1, the introduction of another regularly stocked scrap store will be a great resource for the children at lunch times. We will continue to update you and our children on the plans ahead for making lunch times even more creative and enjoyable.

#### Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

The form for expressing your interest in the Spring Term clubs closed on Wednesday this week. Next week, parents/carers will be contacted to share the club(s) that their child has been allocated a space in. A polite reminder that this booking is not secured until payment has been made on Scopay. If payment has not been made by the beginning of next term, your child's space will be released.

#### Reading

##### 100 Reads

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



Cillian - Butterflies	Zak - Butterflies	Fionn – 1H
Albie – 1H	James – 1H	Annabelle – 4G

#### Tiny Happy People



This week's activity is aimed at 4-5 year olds but can be played by older and younger children. A simple game of odd one out. Watch the video on the link below to find out how to play. What makes this even easier is that you can find all the items around the house. Have fun playing!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/spotting-odd-one-out/zh3c4xs>



## Oracy

### This week's THUNK



If you say sorry but don't mean it but the person you say it to thinks you do, does it count?



## Extra-Curricular Events

### Maths Week 2024



Next term, we will be holding an exciting Maths week where children will be engaging in real-life, practical Maths learning. This will be held during the week commencing 29th January, which leads up to the National NSPCC Number Day (**Friday 2nd February**). In support of NSPCC Number Day, we will be taking part in NSPCC Rocks on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). In addition, we are inviting all children to come into school on that day dressed as their own TTRS rock star avatar (Years 2-6) or a general rock star (Nursery-Year 1). We wanted to give you this information ahead of time to allow you to prepare for this exciting dress-up day. Please pop this date in your diary. More information regarding our Maths Week will follow in due course.



### 2C Mini Olympics



Last Friday, children from 2C went to Cleves to take part in an inter-school Sports Day. We competed in various events, including a basketball dribble, hockey slalom, obstacle course and a running relay. While there was a small amount of competition involved (we came 4th out of 6 schools) the main aim of the afternoon was to have fun and experience PE in a different way. All the children from 2C represented Walton Oak brilliantly, they showed great sportsmanship and listened to all the adults enthusiastically - well done, 2C!

## Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

### Darley Dene in Addlestone is Recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please click the **Trust Jobs** button on the left hand side of page 1.



### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. For more information please click the **Trust Jobs** button on the left hand side of page 1.



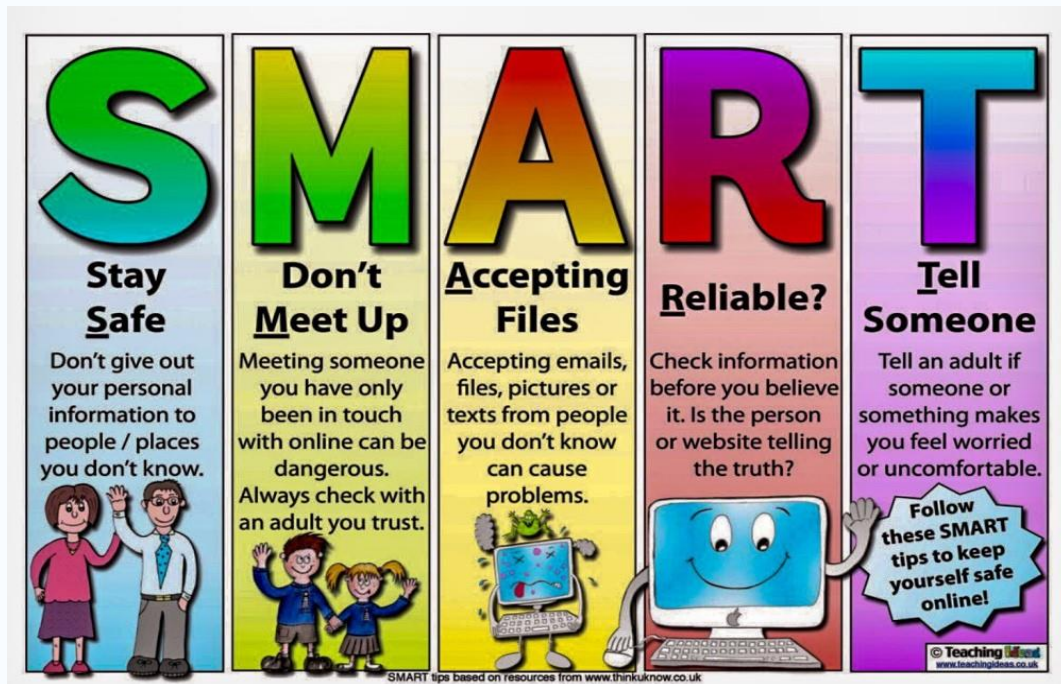


## Pastoral News



### Keeping young people safe online at Christmas

We're sure that many young people have devices on their Christmas list, whether that's a tablet, phone, games console or something else – the list goes on! Getting a device can be an exciting time for young people but there are considerations for parents and carers to make when buying them. These top tips will help you prepare for giving your child a device as a present and in establishing ongoing conversations and guidance with your child about their relationship with it.



For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



FOWO

### Christmas Fair - Thanks

We are delighted to announce the Christmas Fair last week raised £2,234! A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. An event like this takes a huge amount of organisation across the FOWO committee, plus support on the day from several staff and parent volunteers, so a special thanks to all those who came along to set up on the day or help out on a stall. Special mentions go to our Santa's Grotto sponsor local law firm Nichols Marcy Dawson (NMD), as well as Dawn Lawson for arranging sponsorship with NMD, and Anika Mann-Patel for designing the poster.

### Christmas Fair Raffle Prize and competition winners

Congratulations to all of our prize winners. For those that have not yet received their prize, please go to the school office to collect it. Thanks to parents Caroline Feltham for arranging the perfume prizes from Kenneth Green Associations and Jaye Tucker for donating the toy hamper.

- Bottle Barrow – Helen Allingham
- Ladies Hollister Fragrance Set – Kenneth Green Associates – Mason, 1H
- Mens Hollister Fragrance Set – Kenneth Green Associates – Jemima, 5N / Libby, 3C / Honor, 1A
- Toy Hamper – Jaye at Mum2Mum Market, Ashford – Cecie, Squirrels
- Main Meal for 2 and Drinks – The Walton Village – Lyra, 6P
- £50 Chobham Adventure Farm Voucher – Amelie 4D / Jasmine, 2DO
- Explore Learning Month Membership – Lucy Bishop – 4D/Reception
- Family Ticket to Godstone Harm – Clare Warne/Vicky Wales
- Month Memberships, Pavilion Club Molesey – Oliver, 2DO
- Family Tickets to Ellie & Starlight's Christmas Adventure, – Mrs Griggs (staff)
- 1-week activity camp, Barracudas – Thomas, 4D / Jessica, 6G
- 2 X 1-hour jump session – JumpIn Esher – Isaac, 4D
- 2-week unlimited membership – Shredquarters Walton – Savannah, 4D/Tallulah, 2DO
- 2 X Hobbledown Epsom Tickets – Thomas, 4D / Jessica, 6G
- New Years Eve Family Ticket for Esher Rugby Club – Jemima, 5N / Libby, 3C / Honor, 1A
- 2 X Bocketts Farms Tickets – Ronnie, 2DO / Bobby, Hedgehogs
- Book Hamper, Waterstones Walton – Adiyat, 3N
- Lovelight Photography Voucher – Jaxon, 3N
- LUVIEH Necklace and Earring set, parent donation – Theo, 2DO
- £15 voucher for Hersham Ceramics Café – Eliza, 2DO
- £10 VOUCHER, Squires Hersham – Zakariya, Butterflies
- Family ticket, Hersham Safari Golf – Imogen, 3N
- 2 X high-quality cushions – Eden, Squirrels
- Movie night hampers (soft drinks, snacks) – Harry, 1A
- JGF Family Boat Ticket – Ronnie, 2DO / Bobby, Hedgehogs
- JGF Family Boat Ticket – Tommy, 6P
- Carluccios Flatbreads – Olivia
- Sporting choice £30 voucher – Cole, Hedgehogs
- Friends gift set – Mrs Griggs, staff
- Swim lessons – Isaac, 4D
- Swim lessons – Thomas, 5B / Katie, 5P

### Game stall prize winners

- Guess the teddy's name – Sierra-Anne Edwards, 2C
- Guess the unicorn's name – Harriet, 6P
- Guess the number of sweets – Jasmine, 2DO
- Lapland map – Mollie, 4G

### BAG2SCHOOL collection – 19th January 2024

If you're having a clear-out, please bag up any unwanted items and save them up for our Bag2School collection on the 19th of January. Bag2School collects unwanted reusable clothes, bags, linen and soft toys and pays us by the weight collected. You can read what they accept here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>.

### Esher Rugby club's New Year's Eve party – fundraising link

If you're making plans for New Year. Check out the New Year's Eve party at Esher Rugby Club, 7pm – 1am. Early bird family tickets cost £25. Book using this link, and FOWO will also receive a commission.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-years-eve-party-at-esher-rugby-club-tickets->





## House Competitions



### Christmas Door Decorating House Competition

This week, the children teamed up in their houses to show off their creative flair in a very festive competition. They had to work collaboratively to design and create a festive themed door. The children worked so well together to create such eye-catching door displays that have brought a warm festive feel to the school. This afternoon, our judging panel went around to score each door - they took their role very seriously. Mrs. Bourne is counting up the scores as we speak and we look forward to finding out which house has claimed the first victory next week!



### KS2 doors:







Here are the KS1 and EYFS doors:





## Celebrations



### Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a gold leaf this week:

<b>Butterflies</b>	Mera
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Albion
<b>Squirrels</b>	Mahdi
<b>1A</b>	Sandra, Pia, Rory, Harry, Ata, Mia, Honor, William, Phoebe, Hallie-Grace, Sienna & Thomas
<b>1H</b>	Dylan, Faihan, Sofia, Eva, Yahya, Diana & Julia
<b>2DO</b>	Tallulah & Jazib
<b>3C</b>	Anoushka, Daisy-May, Luca, Henry, Summer, Eva, Jessica H, Jessica C, Sophie
<b>3N</b>	Ethan, Jack, Adiyat, Ezmie, Dino, Georgia, Maya, Zach, Ruben, Sienna, Kiri-Mai, Vincent, Jaxon, Seth & Jack
<b>4D</b>	Courtney, Ariyaana, Mollie & Jasmine
<b>4G</b>	Phoebe & Lailah-Grace
<b>5B</b>	Freddie, Jemima, Tate, Mimi, Naveesh, Maci, Abbie & Thomas
<b>5P</b>	Habib

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





# christmas Holiday Activities

## Create a Christmas Village

21st December 2023  
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
Cost: £4 Age 4-12

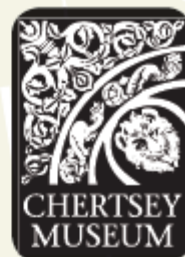
Use mini cardboard houses  
to create a gingerbread-style  
Christmas village. Decorate  
with paints, gems and glitter.

Four and five year olds must be  
accompanied by an adult

**Booking is essential**

Book online at

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or  
by phone: 01932 565 764



[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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