



# WALTON OAK WIRE

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## Headteacher's Message

The staff and children have enjoyed a lovely end to the autumn term with several fun activities and celebrations. Yesterday, after a magical two weeks of watching the children perform their Christmas shows, we decided to entertain them with a surprise 'staff pantomime'. The teachers and support staff excelled themselves with their performances of various different talents – dancing, singing, comedy acts (some unintentional) and an attempt at juggling, to name a few! The children helped the King, Queen and Princess to judge the acts and choose a winner to perform at the palace annual Christmas Ball! Children always enjoy seeing the adults in school being silly and having fun. They managed their excitement very well.



This morning, we gathered for a more sensible reason as we gave out the Headteacher Awards. This is a new award that will now be presented each term to a child from each class who has shown all round effort and achievement - not just academically but in the way they demonstrate our Walton Oak Way values. Well done to our first group of children to receive this. I look forward to handing out many more over the course of the year.

The children have done themselves proud in so many ways this term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and carers for the support you have given them so they can be their best.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time in different ways to support the children of Walton Oak. Whether it's through attending trips, helping at FOWO events, supporting the school leaders through governance roles or hearing children read – everything you contribute is invaluable and very much appreciated.

From the whole team at Walton Oak, we wish you a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy new year! I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Siân McCarthy



Encouraging pupils to reach their full potential in a safe, inclusive & nurturing environment



### General Information

#### New Year – return to school

All children and staff return on Thursday 4th January 2024 from 8.30am.



#### The Big Ambition

To join The Big Ambition national campaign please complete the following 10 minute survey for children and parents, found here [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). The deadline has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024 to allow even more children the chance to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Further resources are available on the Children's Commissioners for England website found here or via the leaflet found attached to the newsletter.

### Reading

#### 100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 reads this week:

Madeleine – 3N

Ayla – 3N



### Enrichment Activities

#### Carol Singing at Glendale Care Home

At the end of last week some representatives from KS2 went to Glendale Care home and performed a condensed version of the Carol Concert. The residents enjoyed singing along and listening to the story. The children represented Walton Oak brilliantly and sang beautifully.





## Celebrations

### Gold Leaves

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

<b>Butterflies</b>	Finn
<b>Squirrels</b>	Philip, Michael, Eden, Thomas, Cecie, Alisa, Penelope, Harlow and Mahdi
<b>3N</b>	Georgia, Joseph and Ethan
<b>4G</b>	Phoebe K

### Headteacher Awards – Autumn 2023

Well done to all the children who have shown exceptional achievement in both their learning and in the way they demonstrate the Walton Oak Way.



<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>Bella S</b>	Bella always demonstrates her best in all challenges that she comes across. She displays a wonderful positive attitude which rubs off on others and is always kind and polite to her friends.
<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>Cillian B</b>	Cillian has shown real determination in his learning this term. He always demonstrates his best in all that he does and has been working hard on his own targets both at Nursery and in his home learning. It has been a pleasure watching him grow in confidence and see him achieve some of his goals.
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Victoria B</b>	For consistently being so kind and considerate to other children and always challenging herself in her learning. She has shown great resilience when learning new skills this term.
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Thomas C</b>	For always doing his very best in everything he does. He is kind and considerate to his peers, enjoys sharing his ideas with the class and tries his best in every challenge he comes across.
<b>1A</b>	<b>Isla O</b>	Isla has been following the Walton Oak Way values since starting Year 1. She always shows respect to her peers and adults and is a very kind member of the class, making sure she always listens to what others have to say. Isla has become a very independent learner and engages in all lessons every day with a beautiful smile and positive attitude.
<b>1H</b>	<b>Lily S</b>	Lily has demonstrated our Walton Oak Way every day of this term. She makes it her mission to always join in with class learning and challenge herself. Lily is a kind and caring member of the class and will always makes sure her friends are safe and ok. She is a real joy to have in our class.
<b>2C</b>	<b>Ruby W</b>	Ruby is a delight to have in the classroom. She is a kind and conscientious member of the class and a great friend to many of her peers. Ruby consistently aims high with her learning, demonstrating resilience, curiosity and a positive attitude. Well done, Ruby - all of 2C are so proud of you!
<b>2DO</b>	<b>Mary F</b>	Mary is like a ray of sunshine, her smiles are so warm and welcoming. She is a very kind, considerate and friendly member of the class and a true role model to all! Mary often has great ideas to share and is becoming more and more confident to share these thoughts with the class. She shows real determination and resilience in all that she does, and always responds to feedback in a positive manner! We are so proud and lucky to have you in our class! Well done for all your efforts, Mary!
<b>3C</b>	<b>Ruben K</b>	Ruben has shown great determination and effort in all areas of his learning this term. He contributes confidently to class discussions and all his learning reflects his positive attitude and enthusiasm.
<b>3N</b>	<b>Noah B</b>	Noah can be seen demonstrating the Walton Oak Way in everything he does. He is curious about his learning and collaborative with anything he knows. Noah is a sought after partner and encourages resilience and kindness in others.
<b>4D</b>	<b>Courtney C</b>	Courtney always challenges herself in all her learning as well as encouraging others to do the same. She always arrives at school with a smile and "good morning" to all the adults, starting every day with a positive attitude.



4G	<b>Skyler H</b>	Skyler consistently does her best in every aspect of school life. She is a conscientious member of the class and her curiosity and determination shine through every day.
5B	<b>Freddie P</b>	Freddie is always looking for ways to help around the classroom. He goes out of his way to be kind and caring towards others. I am especially proud of how he always tries his best, especially when he finds learning tricky.
5P	<b>Magnus A</b>	Magnus is a kind and welcoming member of our class. He consistently shows the school's values and can be relied upon to be a role model for his behaviour. Everyday, Magnus arrives at school ready to learn and to be his best. He challenges himself and others around him with his thinking and curiosity. It is a joy to have him in our class - well done, Magnus!
6G	<b>Lilly-Rose A</b>	Lilly-Rose always shows kindness and respect to others around her. She demonstrates resilience and curiosity through her learning by taking on different challenges. Lilly-Rose is keen to support and include her peers both in the classroom and on the playground.
6P	<b>Tommy B</b>	Tommy is a kind, caring and considerate member of 6P. He demonstrates the WOW values every day and is an excellent role model for the school. Tommy can always be seen helping and supporting his peers in the classroom and out on the playground. Well done, Tommy!

On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas break.

