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## Headteacher's Message



There has been such a community feel to this week. On Saturday, a number of children and their families attended their first Mini London Marathon event (see the photos below). We all travelled up together by train, seeing some sights of London along the way. The runners then headed off around St James' park to run a mile which ended just in front of Buckingham Palace at the 'real' marathon finish line. Thomas, 5B, broke the ribbon for our heat, completing the mile in 6.12 minutes; a great run that was on a par with elite runners of his age. All of our children finished in good spirits with plenty of cheering from the stands!

Thank you to all of our parent runners and supporters. It was a really enjoyable day. I have heard through the grapevine that there's now a plan for some of our runners to join the local Junior Park Run - they've caught the running bug! Every runner earned us £10 each for the school (£470 in total) that we hope to use to buy some Walton Oak running vests and a personalised banner for events. We hope that this 'first', won't be a 'last' and that we can enter again next year.

Well done also to one of our parents, Mr Reeves, who completed the full London Marathon on Sunday in support of The Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. He completed the 26.4 mile stretch in 4 hours and 18 minutes - what an achievement!

Our first Parent Learning Conference took place on Wednesday. We had 64 families attend - not bad for a first time event. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with some constructive points to note going forwards. Mary and Bilal represented our pupil leaders and delivered lovely speeches (see an extract from each, below). It was also a valuable opportunity to thank parents for their commitment to their children's education and their partnership with us, as well as to share our values and vision in person. If anyone missed the conference and would like handouts from any of the workshop, they are available on our website (click [here](#)). If you did attend, please complete the anonymous feedback form using this [link](#) or by handing the paper copy into the office. We hope to make this an annual event so any constructive feedback would be much appreciated.



Thank you to Mrs Bourne for leading this event and driving the participation from parents. Thank you also to our staff team for their efforts in preparing the school and running stalls. Particular recognition should go to our teachers for the time they spent planning and leading quality workshops. I am very grateful to them all.

*"It was clear how much effort and preparation had gone in to last night's session. All teaching staff were engaging, thorough and clear on their presentations. I left feeling really encouraged that the quality of my children's education is high and I was armed with new ways to support their learning. Thank you!"* Anonymous parent feedback comment

We are also grateful for the support from our volunteers: FOWO representatives, Caroline and Helen, for providing refreshments; Eduthing representative Liam Buggs; and Community Link Officer for Surrey, Gaby Markham for attending and offering insight and advice to our parents and children. It really was a team effort!

Next week, we shall be adding our new 2024 Reception parents to our Walton Oak Wire mailing list and formally welcoming them to our school community ahead of their children's transition to primary school. We shall be sharing the transition plans for year 6 and the rest of the school later this half term.

**Siân McCarthy**



## General Information

### Parent Learning Conference – Extract from pupil speeches



This conference meeting will help you understand what your child is learning here at Walton Oak and the different teaching techniques we use in school. For example, if you are helping a child with their homework and you had a question on how to multiply a fraction by a whole number and you taught them a method that was different to the method that the school has taught the child, sometimes they get overwhelmed by the different methods, hence they get mixed up and then get a wrong answer. *Bilal – Deputy Head Pupil*

I think that parents being involved in school life is important because parents play an important role in setting reminders such as: remembering reading journals and homework. They also support children by coming to school events like: productions, sports events, fairs and FOWO events to raise money for the school.



On the other hand, coming to parent evenings is more than important to children, it displays their hard work and effort to impress their parents. Once this has happened, the parent and child can celebrate their achievements and discuss how much they are progressing in school life. This supports the child to feel included in school life when their parent engages in events. It also encourages them to 'be their best' as their parents are very present- almost like their personal cheerleader!

*Mary – House Captain and Senior Prefect*

### Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOWO Nursery & Reception cake sale
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	All confirmed new Reception 2024 parents to be added to mailing list and receive first Walton Oak Wire
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed</b>
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	FOWO Family Gardening and Litter Pick event – all welcome, including children (See FOWO section of The Wire)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Rise:Up Festival for Year 4 – 3 day residential at Walton Firs
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures and Zoo
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term – 1 week. Return Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June

Please refer to the Calendar on our website for further dates (see link button on the page above).

### Summer Uniform Reminder:

With the weather hopefully set to change in the next few weeks, more and more children will be looking to wear a summer uniform, therefore we'd like to remind you of our uniform policy for the summer months. You can see the full uniform list by following the link button to our website on the page above.

#### KS1 only:

- White polo shirt with logo

#### KS2 Only:

- White collared shirt – KS2
- Walton Oak tie – KS2 (when temperatures become very hot we will let children know that they can remove their ties)

#### All:

The choice of...

- Charcoal grey pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress (from beginning of Summer term till October half term)



- V neck jumper OR cardigan with logo
- (Summer) white socks

**Black** school shoes must be worn. These should be sensible school shoes with Velcro, buckle or laces (Not trainers, sandals, ballerina/dolly shoes or boots).

In addition to the above,

- Long hair (girls and boys) must be tied up at all times.
- Hair bands should be small and plain in the neutral colours of white, black, brown, beige and purple only.
- Decorative and large accessories such as bows and long ribbons are not appropriate for school as they serve no functional purpose.
- All school uniform should be clearly marked with the child's name.
- One pair of small, plain stud earrings are permitted but must be removed for PE.
- Make up; nail polish and extreme hairstyles (e.g. shapes shaved into short hair or coloured hair) are not permitted.

Uniform can be bought from: A Sporting Choice, 23 Molesey Road, Hersham, KT12 4RN T: 01932 241404

You can also visit and order from their website [here](#)

### Conduct Around the School Site

There have been a small number of complaints about the language being used by some parents in ear shot of their own children and others, which is taking place on and close by the school site. Please remember that we ask all parents to sign a Home School Agreement when they join our school community. This agreement states that parents agree to:

- **Help my child keep to the behaviour expectations set by the school**
- **Follow the expectations of parental conduct.**

Our Parent and Visitor Code of Conduct (found [here](#)) states:

***We expect parents and visitors to show respect and concern for others by:***

***Supporting the respectful ethos of our schools by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of their school community;***

We ask that you remain committed to your part of the agreement so as to help us maintain a positive and respectful school environment. Using inappropriate or aggressive language or tones around the school site doesn't comply with our Walton Oak Way values and therefore doesn't belong on our school site. It also doesn't present positive adult role model behaviour for our children. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Should anyone have any further concerns about the conduct of anyone on our school site, please let us know.

### Lumen Summer Camp 2024 - Now Open for Bookings



We are excited to announce that our 2024 Summer Camp is now live to take bookings.

#### **Prices**

'Early Bird' booked by end of Friday 24th May: £28 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Places booked from Saturday 25th May: £32 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Our online booking and payment portal will allow you to create an online account for your child/ren, complete all registration forms and book Camp day sessions. Childcare vouchers can also be used. For those parents who booked sessions for our previous Camps you are able to use your existing Magic Booking account – your child details will be saved ready for use.





We strongly advise you to book early as places in the Camp are strictly limited. Please visit [www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](http://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and click on 'Summer Camps' in the top menu to be taken to our Camp pages or click on <https://lumensummercamps.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> to access our payment portal.

### Tiny Happy People



Find out about your child's brain development and how they come to understand the world.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/science-and-facts>

A really interesting read helping you to understand more about your child and their development. The page has sections for each age group. There is also a section that has questions and answers from a Health Visitor, for example potty training and emotional development.

### Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



### In the news this week

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- > Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- > Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



## Extra-Curricular Events

### The TCS Mini London Marathon 2024

Well done to the 47 children who took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday. It was a great day for it weather-wise and a great turnout of runners and supporters. Today in assembly we celebrated the efforts of all the following children:



*Amelie 4C, Jasmine 2DO, Mollie 4C, Ronnie 2DO, Chloe 5B, Rory 1A, Phoenix 2DO, Caitlin 5B, Effie 4G, Mia 4C, Sidney 1H, Max 4G, Milo 4G, Suraiya 3C, Oliver 2DO, Arlo Squirrels, Naveesh 5B, Eva 5B, Eva 5P, Isaac 4C, Matty Hedgehogs, Savannah 4C, Tallulah 2DO, Katie 5P, Thomas 5B, Vadim 5B, Roman Hedgehogs, Bobby Hedgehogs, Elizabeth 2C, Max Hedgehogs, Lewis Butterflies, Elliott 3N, Jasmim 4C, Kai Squirrels, Jessica 3C, Amelia 3C, Jacob 2DO, Lukas 6P, Jemima 5B, Libby 3C, Ishara 5B, Rosie 4C, Sophie 3C, Thomas Squirrels, Eva 3C, William 1A, Emily 2DO, Holly Hedgehogs*

We would also like to give an extra special mention to our ten top runners and share their scores as they really showcased their running talent!

Name	Time	Walton Oak position	Wave 25 Position (out of 384 children)
Thomas, 5B	06:12	1	1
Lukas, 6P	07:24	2	10
Elliot, 3N	07:57	3	24
Vadim, 5B	08:03	4	26
Katie, 5P	08:45	5	53
William, 1A	08:46	6	55
Max, 4G	08:54	7	62
Isaac, 4c	09:00	8	67
Milo, 4G	09:00	9	69
Naveesh, 5B	09:12	10	88













## Reading

### 100 Reads

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



Atanas - Hedgehogs	Isabel - Hedgehogs	Lucas - Hedgehogs
Victoria - Hedgehogs	Sam – 1H	Yahya – 1H
Evie – 1A	Harry – 1A	Jazib – 2DO
Oliver – 2DO	Max – 2DO	Mica – 3C
Suraiya – 3C	Delilah – 4G	Leo – 4G
Lilly-Rose – 4G	Larnie – 6G	

### 150 Reads

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

Bobby – Hedgehogs	Roman – Hedgehogs	Eva B – 1H
Juno – 1H	Pia- 1H	Sofia – 1H
Aaima – 1A	Ata – 1A	Finley – 1A
Isla – 1A	Natalie – 1A	Emily A – 2DO
Heidi – 2DO	Kornelia – 2DO	Eva L – 3C
Henry – 3C	Elina – 4G	

### 200 Reads

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

Anaiah – Hedgehogs	Chloe – Hedgehogs	Holly - Hedgehogs
Jannat – Hedgehogs	Lydia – Hedgehogs	Mason – 1H
Honor – 1A	William L – 1A	Jacob – 2DO
Theo – 2DO	Amelia – 3C	Jessica B – 3C
Kiri-Mai – 3C	Libby – 3C	Effie – 4G
Florence – 4G	Milo – 4G	Phoebe H – 4G
Amelie – 4C	Ella – 4C	Evita – 6G

### 300 Reads

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

Hattie – Hedgehogs	James – 1H	Lily – 1H
William – 1H	Rory – 1A	Thomas – 1A

## Pastoral News



The community safety team at Elmbridge Borough Council are looking for community groups to get involved in community garden work at St Johns, Walton. They are keen to get some local groups together to get involved in the upkeep and progression of the garden - to give it more life and ownership.

A list of some of the things they are looking for help with is:

- Turning and weeding flower beds
- Weeding and maintaining barked areas
- Cutting the perimeter hedges
- Litter picking as needed
- Weeding the back area of the garden to stop them from seeding.
- Painting the three lovely benches.

This is a valuable opportunity to get involved in community support, which should have a positive long lasting impact. Children are welcome to join in and help but will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please contact Natasha, our Home School Link Worker for more information via the school office or alternatively please email Tamsin directly on [communitysafety@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@elmbridge.gov.uk).





FOWO

#### Nursery/Reception Cake Sale, Wednesday, 1st May

It's the Nursery / Reception cake sale NEXT WEDNESDAY, 1st May. All baked/bought and nut-free donations gratefully received in the morning through the school office. We also need a couple of volunteers to help set up from 2.45pm. Please email [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) if you can help.

#### Family Gardening and Litter Pick, Saturday, 11th May

Our second-ever gardening event and litter pick will take place Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May between 11am and 2pm. Stop by any time during those three hours and stay for as long or as little as you want. We will be holding a litter pick, clearing away dead bushes next to classrooms and in Woody Oaks, and doing some planting and other tasks to improve our school surroundings. Please sign up by getting a free ticket on Classlist, so we can judge numbers. You will need to bring your own gardening gloves; and if you have them, litter pickers and gardening tools such as secateurs, clippers, and leaf blowers etc would also be useful. Refreshments will be available - contributions welcome!

#### FOWO Summer Term Meeting Update

On Tuesday evening, we held the summer term FOWO meeting in the school hall. As well as reviewing last term's activities, we also spoke about future funding plans and upcoming events such as the family gardening day and summer fair. These meetings are open to any parents, carers or staff associated with the school. Whether you're curious about our activities, have feedback or thoughts to share or would like to like to get more involved with FOWO we always welcome new faces.

#### Summer Fair, Saturday, 22nd June (1-4pm)

We'll be busy organising the summer fair and raffle this term. We are looking for:

Stallholders (school families only): if you run a small business and would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk). It costs £15 to have a stall, plus we request a raffle prize donation.

Raffle prize and silent auction donations: if you work for a business that would be happy to donate or fund a raffle prize or silent auction lot, we would love to hear from you. The raffle and silent auction would be promoted on Facebook and to our school community. Again please contact [fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) if you can help.

#### TCS Mini London Marathon

Well done to the 47 Walton Oak Runners who participated in the Mini-London Marathon last Saturday. It was an amazing experience for all who took part, with the runners also receiving a fabulous medal and raising £470 for the school (£10 per participant).

#### Rock Up Event for New Reception Parents (2024) – Thursday, 23rd May

If you have a child joining Walton Oak Reception in September, check out the Walton Oak reception parent meet-up event organised by Rock Up Walton on Thursday, 23rd May. Please spread the word.

#### Rock Up's Year R Meet & Climb mornings are back!

Give your little one a head-start on making friends before school starts in September by coming along to climb, explore our soft play & meet their future classmates before the term begins. Each local school has a designated date and time for its future pupils to meet up, have a blast, and start their journey together on a high. We'll have refreshments available and room for mums & dads to introduce themselves too. See you there! Walton Oak booking link here: <https://bit.ly/YearRWalton>



## Celebrations



### Achievements outside of School



Cayden, 6G recently passed his 1st MON Judo Grading and was also named as the weeks winner of the Purple Belt which is awarded to children who show dedication, determination and a positive sporting attitude.

Cayden was described by his coaches, Liam and Pamela (pictured here) as "an excellent Judoka, always trying his best to learn new skills". We are very proud of Cayden.



Harrison, 6G and John, 6P made it all the way to cup finals in the Hersham football team and came out runners up. They played some tough matches and it was a huge achievement to get that far along the process to reach the finals. The boys put their all into the games they played really well. Well done boys – we are very proud of you!

### Gold Leaves

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

<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Jessie, Bobby, Dani-Louise, Lydia & Luke
<b>Squirrels</b>	Philip, Penelope, Arjya, Daniel, Mahdi, Ibrahim, Bertie, Shay, Kai, Thomas & Leo
<b>1A</b>	Rory, Lilah, Isla, Mia, Natallie, William & Sandy
<b>1H</b>	James, Ava & Harris
<b>2C</b>	Summer, Millie, Sierra-Ann, Ruby & Brodie
<b>3N</b>	Elliot, Madeleine, Dino, Daisy, Seth, Noah, Fraser, Jaxon, Laura & Immy
<b>4C</b>	Amelie, Jasmim & Tommie
<b>4G</b>	Tierni
<b>5B</b>	Callum, Jemima, Roxie, Moosa, Tate, Freddie & Olivia
<b>5P</b>	Loui, Nicholas, Bartosz & Caitlin B
<b>6G</b>	Poppy
<b>6P</b>	Mary

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





# Walton Oak Parent Learning Conference 2024 FEEDBACK



"It was clear how much effort and preparation had gone into last night's session. All teaching staff were engaging, thorough and clear on their presentations. I left feeling really encouraged that the quality of my children's education is high."



"The whole evening was run brilliantly! I particularly liked the use of the children in directing the parents around the school."



"I really must say that the teachers that put the time into the event really are a treasure to your school and it made me feel total confidence in them teaching my child."



"I came away feeling so much more knowledgeable about what the children do and learn, and how, at school. It was a brilliant evening and the handouts were really useful take homes."



Very well organised, very informative, great to understand how certain areas are taught and therefore helps parents to make home learning, homework writing easier.  
This could also be an ongoing process, giving a useful toolkit to parents."







**RockUp**

**RECEPTION STARTERS  
MEET & CLIMB**  
Walton-On-Thames

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Ashley CofE	20/05
Manby Lodge Infant School	21/05
Grovelands Primary School	22/05
Walton Oak Primary	23/05
Bell Farm Primary	24/05
Burhill Primary	03/06
St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary	04/06
Hurst Park Primary	05/06
Saxon Primary	06/06
St Nicolas Primary	07/06
Cardinal Newman	10/06
Oatlands School	11/06
St James CofE Primary School	12/06
St George's	13/06
Cranmere School	14/06

**Sessions start at 10am**







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## Saturday Morning Football – Every week 9.30am – 11am

Surrey Football Coaching Centres are delighted to announce that Saturday Morning Football will be taking place at Cleves School, Weybridge for children aged 4-13 every Saturday.

The course will include the following:

- Development of Skills
- Confidence Building
- Fun and Enjoyment
- Making New Friends
- Warm up and Technical Session
- Small Sided Games
- Coaches DBS Checked and Fully F.A. Qualified

For regular updates on Saturday Morning Football, please follow our Instagram page  
 [surreyfootballcoaching](https://www.instagram.com/surreyfootballcoaching)

 Cleves School (KT13 9TS)

 Every Saturday 9.30am – 11am  
£10 per session

**You can pay online in advance on our website**  
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**the day.**  
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