

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 10.3.25 - 92.55%	Year to date 14.3.25 - 93.47%
Whole School Attendance w/c 17.3.25 - 95.36%	Year to date 21.3.25 - 95.36%
Whole School Attendance w/c 24.3.25 - 93.45%	Year to date 28.3.25 - 93.57%
School target 96%	

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE AND A COAT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

Please remember to name your coat!

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3rd April 2025

Dear Parents,

We made it! Two terms completed, and the sunny Summer Term to come. Thankyou for supporting us through the bug that hit us; hopefully the sunshine will make us all feel better and put a spring in our step!

Street Tag

We had a visit from Becky at Street Tag - we won a trophy and £100, and we have certificates for:

Walton Schools Season 1-3 - Overall Top School

Walton Schools Leaderboard 17th December 2024 to 12th February 2025 - First Place.

Well done to those that joined in. We'll let you know when the next season is.



After School Clubs

Basketball and Football clubs have now finished. Clubs for next term are as follows:

Monday	Musical Theatre
Monday	Boardgames & Puzzles, Y3 & Y4, finishes at 4pm
Wednesday	Athletics, Y5 & Y6, finishes at 4.10
Thursday	Cricket, Y3 & Y4, finishes at 4.10

School Dinners

As you are all aware, the cost of everything keeps rising, and whilst we have been able to maintain the cost of a school dinner for almost two years, unfortunately they now have to increase to £2.50 from 21st April 2025 (after Easter holidays).

Breakfast Club

We have a few spaces at Breakfast Club; please contact Mrs Boley in the school office.



School Shoes

For safety reasons, and to support and protect children's feet, shoes must be worn to school - not trainers, boots, suede or fluffy footwear. If you come to school in boots, please ensure you have a pair of shoes to change into, especially now the warmer weather is coming.

Easter Fayre

A quick thankyou from the PTA for coming to the Easter Fayre - lots of chocolate smiles and decorated biscuits to be seen. Easter bonnets are being judged - thankyou for participating. A big thankyou to Jade and Jack at Sainsbury, Frinton for donating the chocolate prizes for the competition. Next event, the Summer Fete - details to follow after Easter.

Registration

The school gates open at 8:30am - registration will be **8:45am for all children**. After 8.45am, you will need to take your children to the office and sign them in on a Late Form, providing a reason for your lateness.

Please note that if you are late, after 8.45am, you will not be able to bring your scooter or bicycle in to school.

If you are going to be late, please ensure you phone the school before 9.20 to order a school dinner; if you have not phoned to let us know, your dinner choice will be very limited and we cannot guarantee a hot meal.

Attendance

Well done to Class 2 who pulled off a last minute win in the Spring Attendance prize. They celebrated this week - photos to follow after the holiday.

Attendance certificates awarded this half term have been based on 24th February to 28th March, excluding the week of 17th March.

Speaking with staff:

There is always a member of SLT on the gate to discuss problems or concerns with. If you wish to talk in confidence, please make an appointment to see us.

If you wish to speak to a child or deliver something, please take this to the Office. We do not wish children to be encouraged to be near the red line by the fences for safety reasons.

We do expect all conversations to be polite - we will not tolerate rudeness to staff. Thank you.

PE Days

Please make a note of your child's PE days, ensuring they come to school in their PE kit on the correct days. Please can children wear **navy or black** tracksuit bottoms for PE.

Class	Days
EYFS	Wednesday & Friday
Class 1 Miss West	Monday & Wednesday
Class 2 Mrs Barker	Monday & Thursday
Class 3 Mr Perryman	Tuesday & Wednesday
Class 4 Mrs McIntyre & Miss Lobosco	Monday (swimming) & Thursday
Class 5 Mrs Smith & Mrs Allen	Monday (swimming) & Thursday
Class 6 Miss Hagan	Wednesday & Friday

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We are proud..

We have a display board in the foyer to celebrate children's achievements outside of school. We know we have some cheerleaders and footballers! We need some new photos! Do your children bake? Have they learnt a new skill?? Please send any photos, along with a brief explanation, to Mrs Martin at senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

We wish you a Happy Easter and a restful break, see you on Tuesday 22nd April.



Suzie Bliss
Head Teacher

Golden Book & Rainbow

These are awarded every Friday in our special assembly. Golden Book is in recognition of great attitudes to learning or specific effort for pieces of work and our Rainbow lanyards are to recognise those children who are always doing the right thing and setting a good example to others. Who will be Golden and Rainbow this week?

21.3.25			28.3.24		
R	Grayson		R	Albie	Dolleigh & Oscar
1	Ryu	Elodie-Mae & Logan	1	George	Dexter & Ethan
2	Lawson	Sophia & Harley	2	Amelia	Daisy & Myles
3	Piper	Callum & Ayaan	3	Sitong	Riley & Blake
4	AJ	Matilda & Harley	4	Seth	Azeena & Sammy
5	Nancy	Violet & Sienna	5	Harrison	Oscar & Gracie
6	Harry	AJ & Amelia	6	Mikaeel	Emily & Michael

Rainbow Tea

Mrs Bliss and Mrs Haley were joined for fun, games and snacks by:

EYFS: LillieJean & Dolleigh
1W: Ethan & Logan
2B: Harley & Sophia
3P: Blake & Riley
4ML: Harley & Perrie
5SA: Violet & Louis
6P: AJ & Amelia



Date	Event
21.4.25	Bank Holiday
22.4.25	School opens 8.30am
5.5.25	Bank Holiday
12.5.25	SATS week
13.5.25	Y5 Bikeability - part 1
15.5.25	Census Day (special school dinner) Y5 Bikeability - part 2
16.5.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day (raffle prizes for summer fete)
23.5.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day (sweets for sweet tombola)
26.5.25	Half term holiday
2.6.25	School opens 8.30am
3.6.25	Class Photos (and individual for Y6)
4.6.25	Y6 trip to Lion King
20.6.25	Garrison sporting event
21.6.24	PTA Summer Fete
26.6.25	Y6 residential trip to Birch Hall
27.6.25	Y6 residential trip to Birch Hall
9.7.25	Y6 Bikeability - part 1
10.7.24	Y6 Bikeability - part 2 PTA Summer Discos
15.7.25	Summer attendance prize winner trip (details to follow)
17.7.25	PTA Y6 event
18.7.25	Last day of term!
21/22.7.25	Non pupil days
23.7.25	Summer Holidays!



Celebrating Attendance

We know that attendance can be a tricky subject, and we try to keep it fair to all whilst following statutory Government legislation - Support First. Our Attendance Policy is on the school website and we would encourage you to read this so you are clear on attendance rules. All schools are following the same policies, which should prevent parents having different answers from different schools.

Going alongside this, Mrs Martin is going to offer informal attendance meetings where you can pop in for a chat over a cup of tea, to discuss attendance before it comes an issue. We want to support you in supporting your child. You are also welcome to phone her at any time to request a meeting.



As you are aware, we currently acknowledge attendance with weekly Tasty Tuck, certificates at every half and full term, and letters home acknowledging improvement. We also have an Attendance Prize Trip which is for the class with the best attendance for the school year.

This school year we are trying something different! We will still do tuck, certificates and letters, but there will be an Attendance Prize Trip for each term's attendance as follows:

	Recording period	Prize Trip Date
Autumn Term	3 rd September - 19 th December	Won by Class 1
Spring Term	6 th January - 28 th March	Won by Class 2
Summer Term	22 nd April - 11 th July	15 th July, special afternoon in class

The class with the best attendance for the year will also get a prize trip of bowling at Walton Pier.

We believe that by rewarding each term's individual attendance, more classes have the opportunity to win a trip and, hopefully, this will encourage better attendance.

For information:

Attendance for children on a part-time timetable is recorded/amended appropriately so they are included, and they will also be included in the trip if their class wins.

Medical appointments are authorised absences so can affect class attendance; for children with long-term health conditions, attendance is not affected by appointments.

Attendance News

The attendance chart below shows the attendance for each class for the previous week in school. Our target is 96%. This will be updated and posted on each newsletter.

Week ending 21.3.25 (no colour in chart, week of bug)

1	Class EYFS	90.19%
2	Class 4	87.24%
3	Class 5	86.77%
4	Class 1	84.44%
5	Class 6	80.83%
6	Class 3	77.24%
7	Class 2	69.00%

Week ending 28.3.25

1	Class 3	97.66%
2	Class 4	96.90%
3	Class 2	96.00%
4	Class EYFS	95.09%
5	Class 6	95.00%
6	Class 5	93.55%
7	Class 1	93.21%

Spring Term attendance

(due to bug in school, we have used 24th Feb to 14th March as the term)

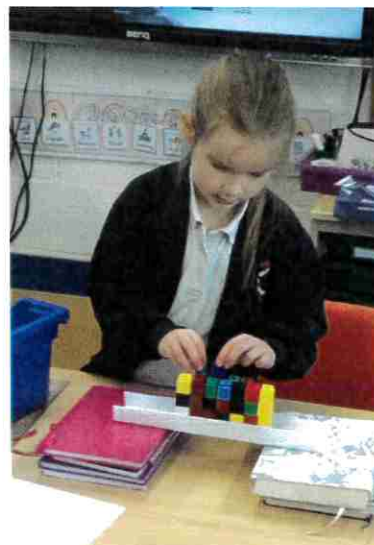
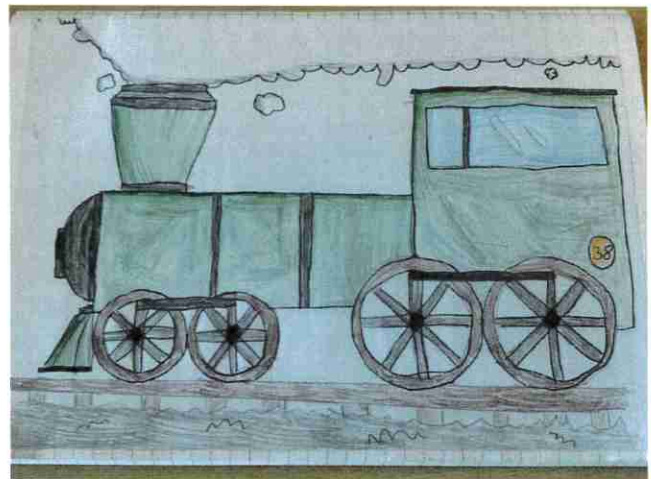
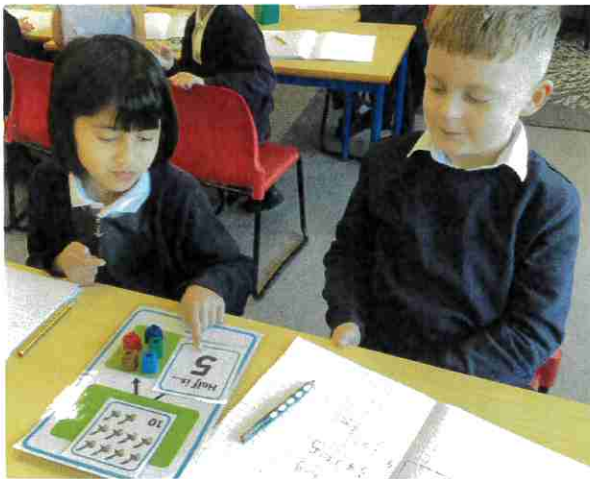
1	Class 2	95.44%
2	Class 1	94.60%
3	Class 3	94.23%
4	Class 4	92.77%
5	Class 5	92.45%
6	Class 6	92.26%
7	Class EYFS	91.98%

Class News from Class 2 & Mrs Barker

Year 2 have been working really hard these last few weeks on finding fractions of shapes and amounts. Did you know $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$??

In English we have looked at a beautiful poem called 'The Magic Box'. We thought of some weird and wonderful things that we might put in a magical box if we had one.

Our topic is about transport, so we have been finding out about the first trains and planes. We also built paper bridges in Science and tried to make them as strong as possible!



I will put in the box
A snowman with a pounding headache, ache
A Sip of ^{the} salty pacific ocean, ✓
A leaping spark from an electric force. ✓

I will Put in the Box
A Snowman with a pounding
head ache,
A Sip of water from the Salt+y
Siny and Seafooo Ocean,
A Leaping Spark coming from
a boiling pot of metal; ✓

The Mysterious Box
I will put in the box
Soothing Sound of a soft wave, ✓
Sparkling campfire cooking sausages, ✓
the tip of a lollypop touching my tongue ✓
will put.

To finish our term off, we won the Spring Attendance prize and had a lovely little party in our class on Thursday!