

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 13.1.25 - 95.40%

Year to date 17.2.25 - 93.89%

Whole School Attendance w/c 20.1.25 - 91.13%

Year to date 24.1.25 - 93.73%

Whole School Attendance w/c 27.1.25 - 91.26%

Year to date 31.1.25 - 93.59%

Whole School Attendance w/c 3.2.25 - 91.90%

Year to date 8.2.25 - 93.53%

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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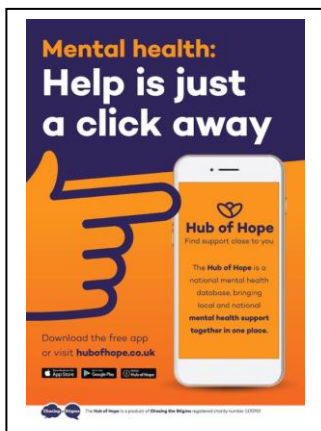
13th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it's almost half term! I think all of us, staff, children and families, have all been caught by the cold/cough virus, and are ready for a break. We may even get some sunshine!

Roots to Food

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all enjoyed a cooking experience with Darren from Roots to Food; they prepared and cooked a Chicken Rogan Josh - the school smelt lovely, and the food was delicious. The recipe sheet has been sent home, so be prepared for children asking to make this! Photos at end of newsletter.



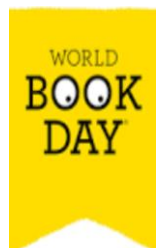
Mental Health support

At recent training, we have been made aware of an app and website called 'Hub of Hope'. This can be used to search for various mental health/well being support services in this area.

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

Bring your favourite book in to school. You can wear non uniform or dress up as a book character if you wish. Please do not feel you have to buy a costume, homemade is always lovely!



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.

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.

Lateness

Despite previous newsletters, we are sad to say that so many children are continuing to arrive late to school, therefore missing the input for that lesson. This also becomes a problem if the children miss phonics each day.

Sickness Policy

Please remember, our policy states that children cannot return to school for **48 hours after the last episode of sickness / diarrhoea**. Please ring if you are unsure but, if your child has a cough or cold, please send them in! We will always phone home if they are really poorly. **Remember, we need to get above 96%!**

Absence

Please do not forget to phone the school before 9.30am each day of your child's absence unless told otherwise. Remember, EVERY DAY COUNTS! No absences will be authorised unless exceptional circumstances. We will be fining or even prosecuting those families who are consistently absent from school. It is parental duty to bring your child to school every day.

Please provide a copy of any medical appointments - you can also email these, copies of hospital letters etc, to Mrs Boley on officeassistant@walton.essex.sch.uk

Swimming Y5 & Y6 - last date for this block of swimming is 24th February (first day back!) - don't forget your kit!.

A new block will start on 3rd March (finishing 9th June) for **Y4 and Y5** - details have been sent out today.



Parents / Carers Reminders

Trips - if you have any concerns about trips, including payments, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team - Mrs Bliss, Mrs Allen, Miss West or Mrs Barker. You can catch them on the playground, or you can contact the office and ask for a call-back.

Clubs - if your child has a place at an after-school club, please ensure they attend, unless they are poorly. We run waiting lists for most clubs, and it is not acceptable for a child to not turn up because they "didn't feel like going". This takes a place away from another child.

Please ensure you are on time to collect your child from the front office

Breakfast Club

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

PE Kit

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	Wednesday & Thursday
Class 4 Mrs McIntyre & Miss Lobosco	Tuesday & Thursday
Class 5 Mrs Smith & Mrs Allen	Monday (swimming) & Thursday
Class 6 Miss Hagan	Monday (swimming) & Wednesday

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.

Medical Information

Please ensure you let Mrs Martin know if your child receives a new diagnosis, or needs medication in school. There are appropriate forms to fill in and be signed off. Please do not send any medication in with your child. All medication in school has to be agreed, logged and bagged.

If your child has regular medication, please ensure that you get the repeat prescription in plenty of time!

Please contact Mrs Martin on senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk with any queries.

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! Please send any photos, along with a brief explanation, to Mrs Martin at senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

Tub2Pub

Thankyou! We sent 120 tubs to the Greene King scheme, raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support.



*******NEW - Class News*******

Look out for class news on the next Newsletter - we are trialling this and would welcome your feedback.

PE at TTC

Congratulations to these children who took part in a PE event at TTC recently - it was like a mini sports day where we competed against Rolph Primary School and St Philomenas. All the children did amazingly well in their given event and we all came away happy and very exhausted! Myself and Mrs Voller were very proud of you all - behaviour was exceptional and you represented our school in the best way possible.



EYFS

The children recently celebrated Chinese New Year - they made lanterns, tasted food, banged drums and danced with the dragon!







Class 1 had a lovely afternoon - they won the Attendance Prize for the best attendance in the Autumn term - dancing, singing and treats were enjoyed by all! In fact, so much fun, most photos are blurry!



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?

17.1.24			24.1.25		
R	Oliver	Piper & Esme T	R	Oscar	Bella-Rose & Carter
1	Emily	Ethan & Freddie	1	Freddie	Grayson & Emily
2	Albert	Sophia & Charlotte	2	Max	Arthur & Caera
3	Sitong	Scarlett & Toby	3	Sitong	Poppy & Kitt
4	Nancy-Marie	Kim & Eddie	4	Sam	Bella & Freddy
5	Great	Saira & Charlene	5	Oscar	Charlie & Arthur
6	Amelia	AJ & Dolly	6	Vinnie	Mollie & Mikaeel

31.1.24			7.2.25		
R	Dolleigh	Lennie & Esme B	R	Esme	Olivia & Rupert
1	Amari	Luca & Dexter	1	Elodie-Mae	Halle & Edie
2	Daisy	Talayah & Lucas	2	Ella	Jacob & Mary
3	Peter	Brooke & Blake	3	Kitt	Layla & Sophie
4	Rachel	Olivia & Perrie	4	Daisy-May	Harley & Oliver
5	Charlie	Bastian & Evelyn	5	Ruby-Grace	Max & Ronnie
6	Alfie	Gracie & Ava	6	Michael	Amelia & Mikaeel

Enjoy the half-term break, see you at 8.30am on Monday 24th February.

S Bliss

Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher



Date	Event
17.2.25	Half Term holiday
24.2.25	School opens 8.30am
25.2.25	Y5 trip Rocket Science Museum
6.3.25	World Book Day
11.3.25 / 12.3.25	Parent Consultations - details to follow
18.3.25	Y6 Crucial Crew - details to follow
20.3.25	Y6 Height & Weight
28.3.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day (Easter chocolates)
1.4.25	Spring attendance prize winner trip (details to follow)
3.4.25	PTA Easter Fayre - details to follow
7.4.25 	Easter Holidays
22.4.25	School opens 8.30am
12.5.25	SATS week
15.5.25	Census Day (special school dinner)
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

10.7.24	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	Now 13 th February, special afternoon in class
Spring Term	6 th January - 28 th March	1 st April, special afternoon in class
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 17.1.25

1	Class 1	95.95%
2	Class 2	94.45%
3	Class 3	94.29%
4	Class 4	93.60%
5	Class 5	93.09%
6	Class 6	92.88%
7	Class EYFS	92.72%

Week ending 24.1.25

1	Class 6	95.42%
2	Class 1	92.41%
3	Class EYFS	91.63%
4	Class 4	91.38%
5	Class 2	89.66%
6	Class 3	89.65%
7	Class 5	88.67%

Week ending 31.1.25

1	Class 1	95.61%
2	Class 2	94.36%
3	Class 3	93.43%
4	Class 4	93.22%
5	Class 6	92.92%
6	Class 5	92.87%
7	Class EYFS	91.85%

Week ending 7.2.25

1	Class 1	95.68%
2	Class 2	94.50%
3	Class 3	93.80%
4	Class 4	93.23%
5	Class 6	92.61%
6	Class 5	92.60%
7	Class EYFS	91.94%

Spring Term prize trip ... so far

1	Class 2	96.06%
2	Class 1	94.58%
3	Class 6	92.25%
4	Class 4	92.00%
5	Class 3	91.82%
6	Class 5	91.13%
7	Class EYFS	90.66%



Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a cookery workshop with Darren from Roots to Food; all the children took part in preparing and cooking Chicken Rogan Josh. We are hoping to run this each year, with a different dish on a rolling 4 year programme.











