

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 16.12.24 - 93.87% Year to date 19.12.24 - 93.83%

Whole School Attendance w/c 6.1.25 - 93.25% Year to date 10.1.25 - 93.79%

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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16th January 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Can you believe we've been back two weeks already! I think we are all looking forward to lighter days and a bit more sunshine!

A reminder that coats are needed in school every day! It is chilly, but the children go out to play.

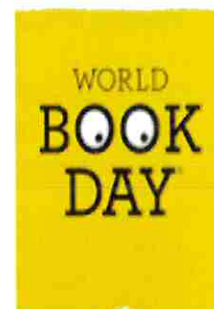
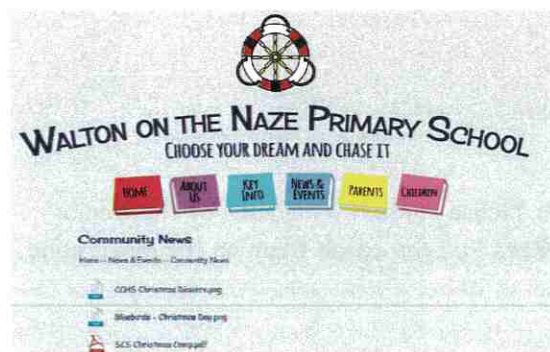
Attendance

We are trying some new things this school year - see the attached sheet at the back of the Newsletter.

The first termly attendance trip has been won by Class 1 - details to follow shortly.

Community News

Due to GDPR guidelines, we can now only advertise certain events on the Newsletter. All other events are on our new, Community Page, on the school website. You'll find it under "News & Events". Please do keep checking it - it will be updated regularly.



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.

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 swimming is 24th February.

A new block will start on 3rd March for **Y4 and Y5** - details and email to follow shortly.



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. We have a few spaces at Basketball Club on a Wednesday for Y3 & Y4 - please contact the office if your child is interested.

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

Contact Numbers

Don't forget to update these at the office - this ensures we can contact you, and send texts and emails. Children get very upset if we cannot contact parents / carers.

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	Tuesday & Wednesday
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

Don't forget, we are collecting your empty plastic chocolate tubs (please bring to the office before 31st January 2025). These raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support via Green King.



Did you know, each tub raises approximately 25p?!?!)

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?

13.12.24			10.1.25		
R	Piper		R	Alex	Dolleigh & Daniel
1	Ella		1	Toby	Lottie & Georgia
2	Jacob-Leigh		2	Caera	Amelia & Olivia
3	Henry L		3	Poppie	Riley & Piper
4	AJ		4	Maisie	Daisy & Harry
5	Bastian		5	Louis	Charlie & Harrison
6	Gracie		6	Mikaeel	Lewis & Michael

Rainbow Tea

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

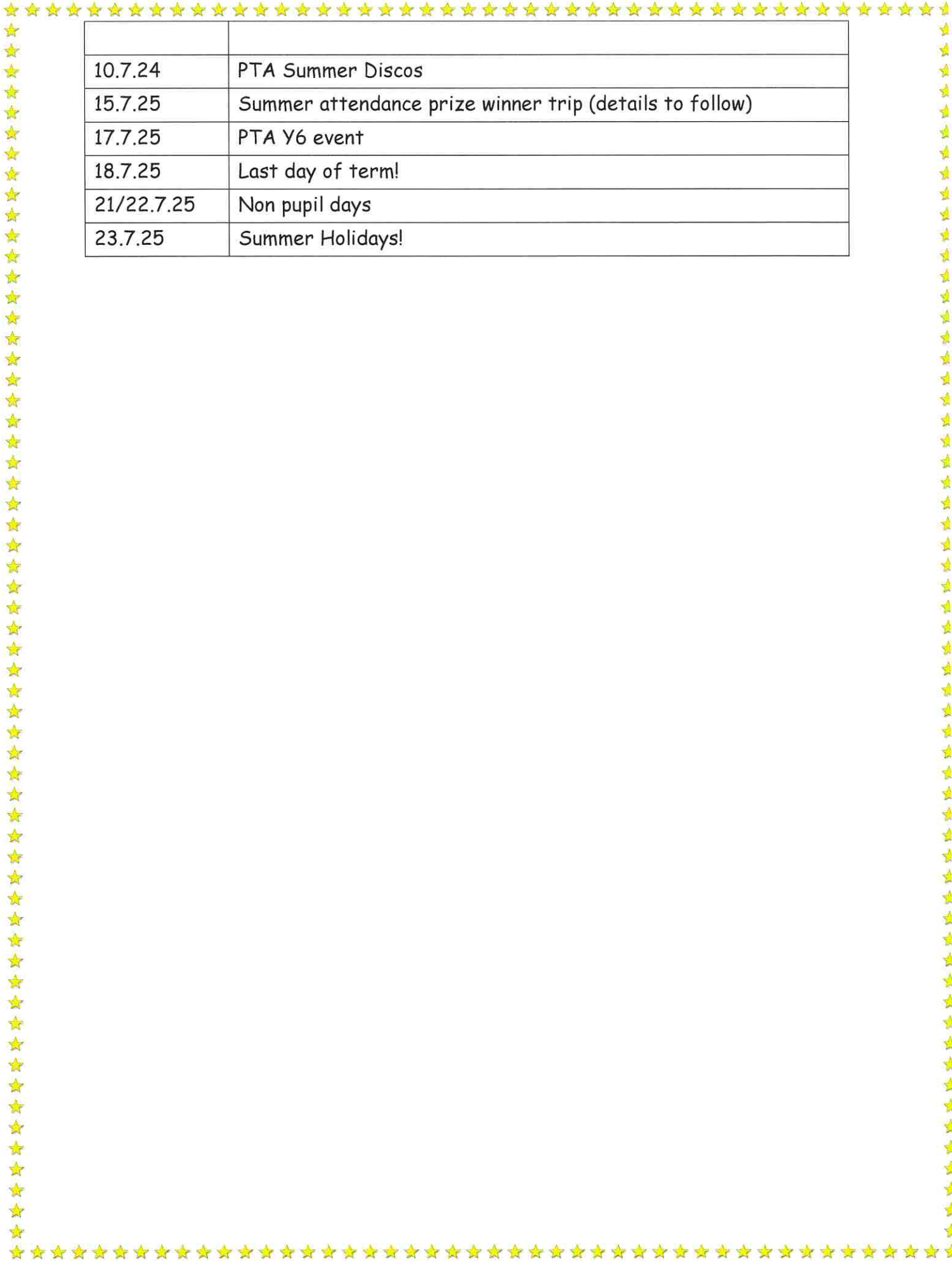
EYFS: Penelope & Gabrielle
1W: Dexter & Grayson
2B: Charlotte & Ella
3P: Millie-Anne & Olivia
4ML: Mya & George
5SA: Light & Mia
6P: Ben & JJ

Thankyou for your ongoing support.

Mrs Allen
Acting Head



Date	Event
11.2.25	Roots to Food - cooking experience for Y3-Y6
11.2.25	Autumn attendance prize winner trip (details to follow)
17.2.25	Half Term holiday
24.2.25	School opens 8.30am
25.2.25	Y5 trip Rocket Science Museum
11.3.25	Parent Consultations
12.3.25	Parent Consultations
18.3.25	Y6 Crucial Crew
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
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	11 th February
Spring Term	6 th January - 28 th March	1 st April
Summer Term	22 nd April - 11 th July	15 th July

The class with the best attendance for the year will also get a celebration afternoon in school.

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.

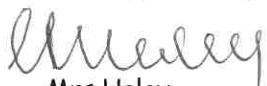
For information:

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 effect class attendance; for children with long-term health conditions, attendance is not effected by appointments.



Mrs Martin
Attendance Officer



Mrs Haley
Pastoral Lead



Mrs Allen
Acting Head

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 19.12.24

1	Class 1	96.42%
2	Class 6	95.79%
3	Class 2	95.68%
4	Class 5	95.00%
5	Class 3	94.19%
6	Class EYFS	90.38%
7	Class 4	89.66%

Week ending 10.1.25

1	Class 2	99.66%
2	Class EYFS	95.18%
3	Class 6	94.58%
4	Class 1	93.21%
5	Class 3	91.07%
6	Class 5	89.67%
7	Class 4	89.66%

Spring Term prize trip ... so far

1	Class 2	99.66%
2	Class EYFS	95.18%
3	Class 6	94.58%
4	Class 1	93.21%
5	Class 3	91.07%
6	Class 5	89.67%
7	Class 4	89.66%



Christmas Clay competition entries - well done everybody; they certainly made us smile!

Little prizes will be given out next week.

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Oscar J, EYFS

Colourful penguin



Ethan W, Class 1

Ethan didn't just want to do one figure, so he has done a clay city, featuring The Shard and Big Ben, plus the rest of London.



Charlie S, Class 2

Elf head, Mona Lisa style, watching everyone!



Rachel S, Class 4

She has created a cup of tea, cookies and a cupcake for Santa, and a carrot for the reindeer!



Bella G, Class 4

Happy Father Christmas!



Amiyah, Class 4

The Grinch



Louis J, Class 5

Brown snowman



Ruby S, Class 5

Too much celebrating Mr Elf!



Nancy, Class 6

The Grinch



Mr Stirling

Father Gnome Christmas