

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 2.9.26 - 94.19%

Year to date 5.9.26 - 93.43%

School target 96.5%

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

Please remember to name your coat!

www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk

10th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a fabulous summer holiday. Weren't we lucky with the weather?

We welcomed our new EYFS children last week, and they are now in full time - they seem to be settling well and we have seen lots of smiling faces!

When collecting from the EYFS area, please do not let toddlers climb/play on the equipment. We have already had some of the musical instruments damaged.

Y6 Children

Lift Tending (formerly Tending Technology College) will be holding a Year 6 Opening Evening on **Monday 27th September between 5pm and 8pm**. This is a great time to see what they can offer your child. For further details, please contact Thorpe Campus on 01255 861341.

Year 6 - admission to secondary school September 2026

From **12 September 2026** you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2026**. You will hear on **1st March 2027** which school your child has been allocated.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Please ensure you apply before 31st October. Please contact the School Office if you require any help with this.

Applications received after the 31 October 2026 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

New EYFS for September 2027

Do you have a pre-schooler due to start school? We have an Open Morning on Tuesday 10th November at 10am (details to follow) Please contact the school office to book in (Tel 01255 675657 or email admin@walton.essex.sch.uk)

Did you know that from 9th November 2026 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place? The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2027. You will hear on 16th April which primary school you have been allocated.

Read about the [primary \(Reception\)](#) school place application process.

Applications received after the 15 January 2027 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

Swimming Lessons

These will restart for years 5 and 6 on Monday 15th September, during the school day. Please remember to send a swimming kit and towel. No aerosol sprays are allowed, deodorant must be roll-on. This is important for our children as they live so close to the sea. We would love to see them all learning as confident swimmers.



REMINDERS 😊

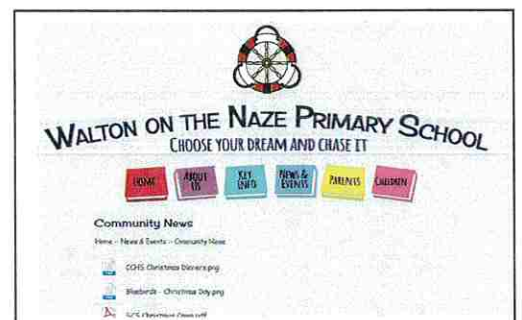


Attendance

If you need some support with attendance, eg morning routines, please contact us, we are always willing to listen and encourage - we can only do this if you talk to us! Both Mrs Haley and Mrs Martin love a chat, and can see you in person, or via a Teams call. If you wish, you can also speak to Mrs Bliss on the main gate.

Community News

Due to GDPR guidelines, we can now only advertise certain events on the Newsletter. All other events are on our Community Page, on the school website. You'll find it under "News & Events". Please do keep checking it - it will be updated regularly. There is also some information available on the noticeboard in the foyer; please pop in and have a look.



Our new website, should also be live now; have a look. Do you have any suggestions? Have we missed anything? What would you like to see?

Uniform

Uniform Order Forms are available to download from the school website. Orders must be emailed in to senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk once payment to the bank has been made. Please contact Mrs Martin if any queries.

We do expect all children to be in the correct school uniform and shoes. This promotes the feeling of belonging and being part of the community.

A reminder that jumpers, cardigans and trousers must be navy blue or grey - black is not a school colour.

Swimming Pool Parking Permits

Our swimming pool car park permits also cover the car park on the Bath House Meadow -lots of room for parking to prevent congestion along Standley Road and Eagle Avenue. You collect your child from the playground, but you can walk around the back of the school and out the back gate, direct into the pool car park. New permits are available from the office.

Nut allergy - we have several children in school with nut allergies. **These are life threatening.** Please remember that packed lunches must not include nuts. This includes cakes and bars with nuts in them and Nutella spread. Please remind your children they are not to share their food.

Grapes & Cherry Tomatoes - please remember grapes and cherry tomatoes can be a choking hazard - please cut them lengthways.



Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces - please contact the office. It costs £2 per day, and must be paid half termly in advance on School Money.

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 want to get above 96.5%!**

- Some NHS guidance can be found by following this link: [NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school?](#) – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

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 Smiley on admin@walton.essex.sch.uk or Mrs Martin on senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

Contact Numbers / Emails

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, especially when they are poorly.

We are sending more information out via email, so **please ensure we have emails for both parents**; this hopefully ensures that everybody receives the same information. Please contact the office if you think we may not have all your email contacts

Registration

The school gates open at 8:30am - we have been lining up until 8.35/8.40 and then taking children in - 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 the 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 9.15am 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.

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!

Mrs Martin will be contacting those already on our system during the holidays; please keep an eye on school emails.

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

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.

Please keep all language appropriate - we do not expect swearing on site, especially in front of the children. We do expect all conversations to be polite - we will not tolerate rudeness to staff.

Please also remember that we will not accept rudeness or aggression being shown to our adults. If there are any issues which need to be discussed or managed, please make an appointment to see the staff.

Thankyou for working with us.

Golden Book & Rainbow

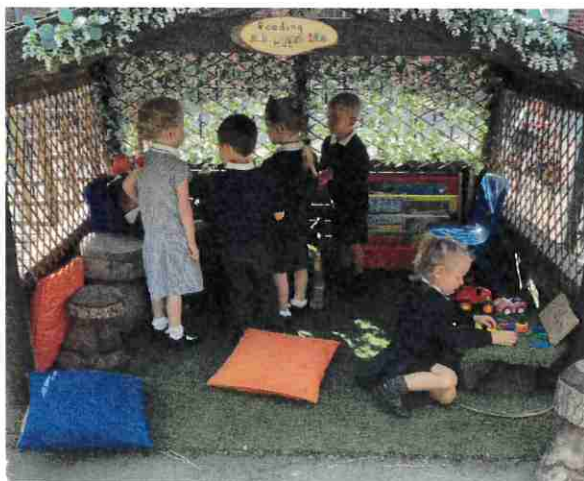
These are awarded every Friday in our special assembly. Golden Book is in recognition of great attitudes to learning or specific effort for pieces of work and our Rainbow lanyards are to recognise those children who are always doing the right thing and setting a good example to others.

4.6.26		
1	Freddie	Laycie & Koby W
2	Grayson	Daniel & Dolleigh-Rose
3	Ben	Lottie & Freddie
4	Caera	Evie-Alice & Harley
5	Callum	Mia & Sitong
6	Harry B	Maisie & Dexter


Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher

Well done to our Reception class for completing their very first week of school! They have done an amazing job settling into new routines, exploring the classroom and making new friends. We are so proud of how well everyone has done!

Mrs Wallis, Mrs Peters & Miss Small









17.9.26	SWAN course starts 9.30-11.30 for 11 wks
25.9.26	Roots to Food - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 (details to follow)
30.9.26	TFF (Tendring Families First) coffee morning / drop in - with Stef and Julieann (family and school support) details to follow
8.10.26	Flu Vaccinations
9.10.26	Individual School Photos
21.10.26	Autism Anglia drop-in 9am details to follow
23.10.26	Non Pupil Day
26.10.26	Half Term Holiday
2.11.26	School opens 8.30am
9.11.26	New EYFS Open Morning (for 2027 admission) - details to follow
w/c 16.11.26	Travelling Book Fair - details to follow
21.12.26	Christmas Holidays
15.2.27	Half Term Holiday
26.3.27	Bank Holiday
29.3.27	Easter Holidays
12.4.27	Children return to school, 8.30am

Attendance News

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.

Adding to this, Mrs Martin, our Attendance Officer, is going to offer some informal attendance meetings where you can pop in for a chat over a cup of tea to discuss attendance before it becomes 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.



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 Afternoon which is for the class with the best attendance for the term, and an amazing Attendance Prize Trip for the class with the best attendance for the year.

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:

Please don't worry if your child is on a part-time timetable, or they have a long-term medical need, we can account for this with the correct evidence, ensuring they are included, and they will also be included in the trip if their class wins.

The attendance chart below shows the attendance for each class for the previous week in school. Our target is 96.5%. This will be updated and posted on each newsletter.

Week ending 4.9.26

1	Class EYFS	100%
1	Class 1	100%
1	Class 4	100%
1	Class 5	100%
2	Class 3	98.55%
3	Class 6	94.69%
4	Class 2	90.66%

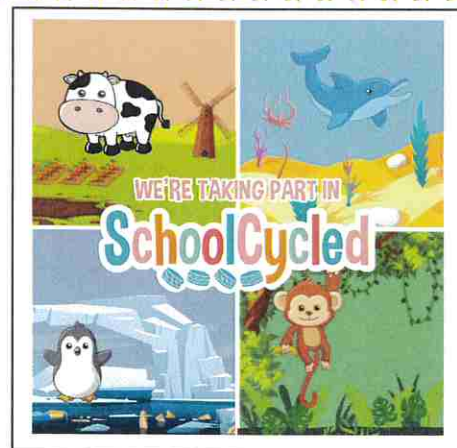


A SUPER START EVERYBODY, LET'S KEEP IT UP!

SchoolCycled

We have joined a new initiative to raise awareness of recycling, and earn "earth points" to spend on recycled items - we're hoping to collect enough earth points to buy some benches for the school playground - each bench costs approximately 600 kg of tops!

We've already "recruited" Costa in Frinton to save their milk bottle tops, and the coffee shops at Colchester Station!



Please can you save your plastic bottle tops for us - milk, squash, fizzy drinks, fabric conditioner etc?

Any plastic lid from a plastic bottle is accepted!

Can you encourage your friends and family to save them for us, or even your place of work?
Every top helps!

These two medium freezer bags are not quite one kg, so it will take some doing, but I'm sure we can do it! We have almost filled one box this half term! Please, please can you wash and dry the lids, especially the milk ones, to avoid smells!



If you can, please send them in a tied bag, this will make it easier for us to double check the contents bag by bag, instead of a large box!

The collection box is in the main foyer for your tops - one in the main foyer, and one outside the office.

Let's see how quick we can fill a box.



Scan to register

SWAN

(Support With Additional Needs)

This free 11 week course is for parents of children who have additional needs.

Within the course parent's individual challenges will be recognised and worked with to introduce positive parenting skills. The sessions will cover special time, developing social and emotional skills, effective praise, practical routines, coping with change, boundaries, natural and logical consequences and looking after yourself as a parent. There will also be sessions on keeping your child safe, avoiding peer pressure, building resilience and talking to your child about stranger danger.



Karen - Parent Service Manager



Hayley - Associate Facilitator

**STARTS
17TH SEPTEMBER
2026
FOR 11 WEEKS
9.30-11.30AM
WALTON ON THE
NAZE PRIMARY
SCHOOL.
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DROP-IN AT SCHOOL

9am, 21st October, in Holt Room.

Please contact office to book in.



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Community Connect

FREE autism & ADHD support

For children & young people (0–25) and families in Colchester and Tendring.

Our FREE service supports children, young people, and families across North East Essex — no diagnosis needed. Whether you're a young person or a parent/carer, we're here to help by phone, email, or face to face.

We can help with:

- DLA & PIP forms
- School or life transitions
- Support with connecting young people to post-education resources and support.
- Accessing support in education
- Suggested strategies to support with behaviours that challenge.
- Applying for an Autism Alert Card

We're here to help

For full details please scan the QR code to visit our website:
autism-anglia.org.uk/our-services/community-connect





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Community Connect

How you can get support

Autism & ADHD support for young people (0–25) and families in the Colchester and Tendring area.

We offer flexible ways to access help — whatever works best for you.

Monthly Drop-In Sessions

No need to book — just pop in for a chat!

We run monthly sessions across Colchester and Tendring for young people (0–25) and their families. Come along for friendly advice, helpful information, or simply a chat about any concerns or questions you might have.

Person-centred

We also offer personalised support, including:

- Assistance in understanding the EHCP process.
- Attending meetings with schools or professionals.
- Advice on strategies that may help at home.
- Guidance and advice on where to find the right community support for you with a focus on autism/ADHD.

We're here to help

For full details please scan the QR code to visit our website:
autism-anglia.org.uk/our-services/community-connect



TFF Coffee Drop-In

Wednesday 30th September, 9am in our Holt Room

Please contact Mrs Martin to book your space -
senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

Refreshments provided!

Everyone Welcome

Join Julieann and Stef from
Tendring Families First for
a chat about family and
school support.

Venue -
Walton
Primary School
Date - Wednesday
30th September.
Time - 9am