WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 28.9.26 - 94.35% Year to date 2.10.26 - 94.46%
Whole School Attendance w/c 5.10.26 - 96.12% Year to date 9.10.26 - 93.15%
Whole School Attendance w/c 12.10.26 - 92.68% Year to date 16.10.26 - 94.66%

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!

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21st October 2026

Dear Parents,



Our first half term is complete, and hasn't the weather turned! It is now definitely Autumn! Please remember that children need a coat in school every day.

We now look forward to a restful break, ready for a half term of excitement as we head into all things Christmas, including a pantomime, nativity and bazaar.

Year 6 – admission to secondary school September 2027

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.

Afterschool pickup

If somebody different is picking your child up at home time, please ensure you have shared this with class teacher or the office; we will not release children to other adults, including other parents, without permission to do so,



Staff News
Mrs McIntyre & Mr McIntyre have welcomed the safe arrival of baby Miles; both are doing well, and Florence is being a super big sister. Congratulations to them all.

We sadly say goodbye and thankyou to Mrs Sands – she is moving to a school supporting older children. We will miss the playground discos!

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 10.30am (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.

Family First Aid
See the flyer attached for this free course; the link and QR code below are also direct links to the course.

https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=HO1A01DO26&NAME=Family+First+Aid&ID1=9000&ID2=306555&ID3=1

You will need to enrol online – please contact the office if you are finding this difficult.

Class 4 – PE days
Remember, these are now Monday and Wednesday when we return.

Class 5 & Class 6
Don't forget swimming costumes/towels etc on Monday.



Christmas Jumper Day
On Thursday 10th December we're inviting all pupils to take part in **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. We're asking pupils to bring in a 50p donation, or whatever they can give, to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world.
Wear your Christmas jumper / t-shirt, or something red or green; bottoms of your choice, but please ensure they are appropriate for school, including PE lessons (EYFS & Y1).

To prepare for this, and just in case you are having a winter wardrobe sort out, if you have unwanted Christmas Jumpers or t-shirts, children and adult size, that you could donate to us, please send them in to the Office. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition, eg no buttons missing. Thankyou.

REMINDERS ☺

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

We are sending a text to all about the newsletter – if you don't receive the Newsletter, please email Mrs Martin to check your current email is on our system.

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.

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

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

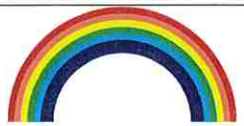
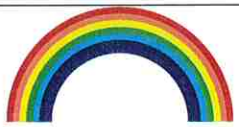
Please ensure you let Mrs Martin know if your child receives a new diagnosis, or needs medication in school. There are appropriate forms to fill in and be signed off. Please do not send any medication in with your child. All medication in school has to be agreed, logged and bagged.

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

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

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.

9.10.26			16.10.26		
R	Ava	Connie & Hudson R	R	Gracie-Rose	Aurora & Amber
1	Ivy	Ivy & Freddie	1	Theo	Wynter-Rose & Belle
2	Archie	LillieJean & BellaRose	2	Albie	Archie & Oscar
3	Toby	Lottie & Elodie	3	Mabel	Jasmine & Ethan
4	Charlie	Sophia & Mary	4	Evie-Alice	Daisy & Charlotte
5		Sitong & Mia	5	Bailey	Brooke & Ayaan
6	Nathan	Bella & Kim	6	Bella	Harley & Perrie

Tub2Pub

Don't forget, we are collecting your empty plastic chocolate tubs (please bring to the office before 26th January 2026).
These raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support via Green King.



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.

S Bliss

Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher

Tesco Free Fruit & Veg for Schools

We recently joined this scheme to provide additional free fruit and vegetables within school. We recently purchased vegetables for our Roots to Food workshops, and this week, every class had a fruit delivery to taste test – watermelon and melon are well loved, and apples are always a favourite. Please ask the children what they thought.

Next half term we will do this again with different fruit. We've completed a quick survey with the children about what they like or would like to taste, so look forward to an update from them. There may even be fruit smoothies on offer!





2.11.26	School opens 8.30am
10.11.26	New EYFS Open Morning (for 2027 admission)
10.11.26	Parents Evening (details to follow)
11.11.26	Family First Aid (details to follow)
11.11.26	Parents Evening (details to follow)
13.11.26	PTA Non Uniform day – in exchange for a new, unused gift/sweet/toy/chocolate donation for the Christmas Bazaar (no individual sweets from a multipack can be accepted as we will not know dates)
w/c 16.11.26	Travelling Book Fair - details to follow
20.11.26	**PTA Non Uniform day** – in exchange for a chocolate / biscuit/ gift donation for the Christmas Bazaar & Children in Need – details to follow
26.11.26	Christmas Bazaar (details to follow)
30.11.26	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1.45pm (to be confirmed)
1.12.26	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.15am (to be confirmed)
10.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
10.12.26	Christmas Discos (details to follow)
11.12.26	Travelling Pantomime visit to school – oh yes it is!
21.12.26	Christmas Holidays

2027 DATES	
4.1.27	School opens 8.30am
15.2.27	Half Term Holiday
22.2.27	School opens 8.30am
12.3.27	PTA Non-Uniform Day
19.3.27	PTA Non-Uniform Day
25.3.27	Easter Fayre (details to follow)
26.3.27	Bank Holiday
29.3.27	Easter Holidays
12.4.27	School opens 8.30am
3.5.27	Bank Holiday
31.5.27	Bank Holiday, start of Half Term holiday
4.6.27	PTA Non uniform day
15.6.27	Sports Day - provisional
18.6.27	PTA Non-Uniform Day
26.6.27	Summer Fete (details to follow)
16.7.27	Last day of the school year

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.

We are updating the "rewards" part of attendance; if you have any suggestions, please email Mrs Martin on senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

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 16.10.26

1	Class 4	96.55%
2	Class 6	95.86%
3	Class 5	94.03%
4	Class EYFS	93.33%
5	Class 3	91.74%
6	Class 2	89.23%
7	Class 1	85.50%

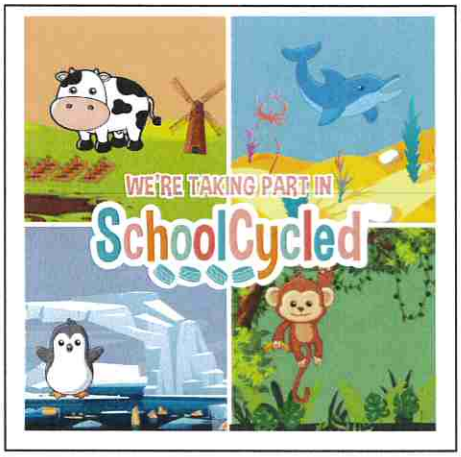
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We now need to work on timekeeping – let's improve the lateness

These are the minutes we missed YOU!

Class	w/c 2.9.26	w/c 7.9.26	w/c 14.9.26	w/c 21.9.26	w/c 28.9.26	w/c 5.10.26	w/c 12.10.26	w/c 19.10.26	Total for half term
EYFS		22	40	95	83	30	75	52	397
1			47	188	108	39	274	35	691
2		50	74	62	10	133	35	167	531
3	154			14	5	3	29	32	237
4		40	48	110	255	40	39	98	630
5		48	28			22	20	30	148
6	77	4	10	9	180	26	7	77	390
Weekly total	231	164	247	478	641	293	479	497	

SchoolCycled



We are doing well – we recently sent off two full boxes, weighing a total of 29.11kg, and is worth 7277.5 Earth Tokens. A chair is 3000 Earth Tokens, a modular bench is 45,000! We need to keep collecting!

We've already "recruited" Costa in Frinton, the coffee shops at Colchester Station and more recentaly, Bianca's coffee shop in town!!

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.

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

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Family First Aid

- Learn **lifesaving** first aid skills
- Know **what to do** in an emergency
- **Gain confidence** caring for children

Topics may include:

- CPR
- Choking
- Recovery Position
- Burns
- Bleeding
- And More!

Details

Wednesday 11th November 2026
9am to 11am
FREE

Location: Walton Primary School

Visit **aclessex.com** and search 'family first aid' or give us a call on **0345 603 7635**.

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