

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 19.1.26 - 93.25%

Year to date 23.1.26 - 93.79%

Whole School Attendance w/c 26.1.26 - 90.32%

Year to date 30.1.26 - 93.89%

Whole School Attendance w/c 2.2.26 - 94.56%

Year to date 6.2.26 - 93.87%

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

13th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Oh my goodness, a half term completed and, can you believe it, half a school year done! We are seeing some signs of the weather improving, let's hope this continues. We are all ready for brighter days and a bit more sunshine!

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

Attendance

Although we have seen some improvements individually, as a school we need to improve. The government have set us a target of 92.8%, but our school target is 96.5% in line with Local Authority Average. We know you can do it; we know you can be on time, show us what you can do! 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.

Afterschool Clubs

Clubs will continue after half term on the same day, at the same time, with the same children.

School Dinners

We will be continuing with the same menu; we return on Week 1 (sausages, pasta or bap).

Swimming Y4 & Y5

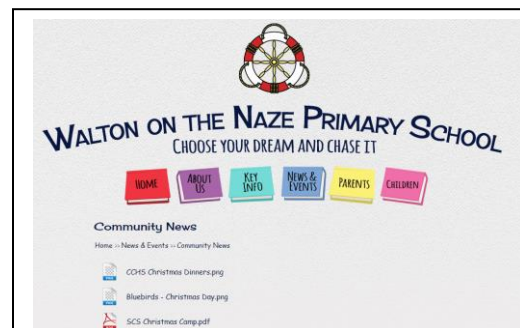
Remember it is Year 4 and Year 5 swimming after the half term holiday, starting Monday 23rd February. Please remember your swimming kits!

Please encourage your children to swim as it is a curriculum lesson, and a necessity for children who live near the sea!



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.



Mental Health support

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 5th March 2026

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!

Staff will be choosing their favourite books to read also!



Library Winter Reading Challenge

Don't forget this runs until 22nd February; the theme for 2026 is The Pawfessionals!

Children will join six friendly animal mascots as they explore their dream jobs around Essex. The Pawfessionals will guide children through the challenge, helping them discover new stories and opportunities.

Children aged 0 to 12 will be asked to complete six challenges from a choice of twelve, which include reading and creative activities. They earn a sticker for each challenge they complete, plus a certificate if they manage to complete six! Completers will also have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win exciting prizes, including Kindles, book tokens, and Pawfessional themed toys!

The challenge starts on **10 January** and runs until **22 February**, and children can join at any point during that time.

[You can find out more about the challenge on our website.](#)

Research from the National Literacy Trust has shown, the number of children who read for pleasure continues to decrease. Challenges like these can encourage families to visit their local library and show children that reading can be a fun activity. Libraries are an ideal place for children to explore and expand their reading choices and find out what reading for pleasure means for them.

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 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.

Lateness

Despite previous newsletters, we are still seeing children continually arriving late for school, therefore missing the input for that lesson. This also becomes a problem if the children miss phonics each day. It can also cause children to become very anxious entering the class when they are all settled. What can you do to improve your timekeeping? Set an alarm, go to bed earlier, encourage your parents/carers to help you be on time.

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 95.6%!**

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

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. It also teaches children about commitment.

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

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.

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

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, with no large logos or emblems.

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

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. 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

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?

23.1.26			30.1.26		
R	Marnie	Freddie & Lily	R	Amelia	Isabella & Marnie
1	Olivia	Flourish & Esme	1	Penelope	Dolleigh & Flourish
2	Georgia-Rae	Amelia-Mae & Toby	2	Ella	Amelia-Mae & Freddie
3	Lexie-Mae	Talayah & Jacob	3	Caera	Charlie & Charlotte
4	Callum	Toby & Mia	4	Sophie	Callum & Layla
5	Bella	Sammy & Harry B	5	Nancy	Sam & Mya
6	Violet	Gracie & Max	6	Y5 & Y6 children who attended Athletics - excellent sportsmanship!	Light & George

7.2.26		
R	Isla-Rose	Koby W & Jimmy
1	Gabrielle	LillieJean & Penelope
2	Toby	Luca & Lottie
3	Charlotte	Arthur & Bella M
4	Olivia	Poppie & Millie-Anne
5	Perrie	Dexter & Kim
6	Great	Great & Emily

Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy half term break.

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Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher



16.2.26	Half Term holiday
23.2.26	School opens 8.30am
24.2.26	Roots to Food (Y3,4,5 & 6)
5.3.26	World Book Day - see Newsletter for details
13.3.26	PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an Easter chocolate donation for the Chocolate Tombola
20.3.26	PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an Easter gift for the Easter Fayre
26.3.26	Easter Fayre 3.20pm - 4.30pm
30.3.26	Easter Holidays
13.4.26	School opens 8.30am
w/c 11/5/26	Y6 SATS
19.5.26	Y6 & Y2 to Colchester Zoo
22.5.26	PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a sweet/chocolate donation for the Summer Fete tombola
25.5.26	Half Term Holiday
1.6.26	School opens 8.30am
5.6.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a gift/sweet/chocolate donation for the Summer Fete tombola
11.6.26	Y6 trip to London
15.6.26	Garrison sports trip
20.6.26	Summer Fete (details to follow)
25.6.26	TTC Transition Day
26.6.26	Y5 experience day at TTC
29.6.26	Book Fair (Monday to Thursday, after school)
7.7.26	Sports Day
8-10.7.26	Y6 to Birch Hall
20.7.26	Non-Pupil Day
21.7.26	Summer Holidays

Attendance News

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 30.1.26

1	Class 6	95.67%
2	Class 2	94.07%
3	Class 4	92.85%
4	Class 3	91.33%
5	Class 5	88.52%
6	Class 1	83.57%
7	Class EYFS	82.50%

Week ending 6.2.26

1	Class 3	97.00%
2	Class 6	95.67%
3	Class EYFS	95.00%
4	Class 5	94.44%
5	Class 4	93.92%
6	Class 2	93.70%
7	Class 1	92.14%

Spring Term prize trip ... so far 6.2.25

1	Class 6	95.00%
2	Class 4	94.28%
3	Class 3	94.25%
4	Class 2	93.43%
5	Class 5	92.59%
6	Class 1	91.28%
7	Class EYFS	89.00%



**Here To Help
During School Holidays**

**FoodBank Drop-in at The Walton Community Forum
Every Monday 10-12 noon**

**Community Larder at the Foodbank, Standley Road
Open Monday to Thursday
8.45—10.15am Friday 8.45—12 noon.**

Plus

**FREE HOLIDAY HELP BAGS
Containing breakfast & lunches for children
Monday—Friday 8.45—10.15 am**

**Food Parcels 9—12noon Friday
All at the Foodbank**

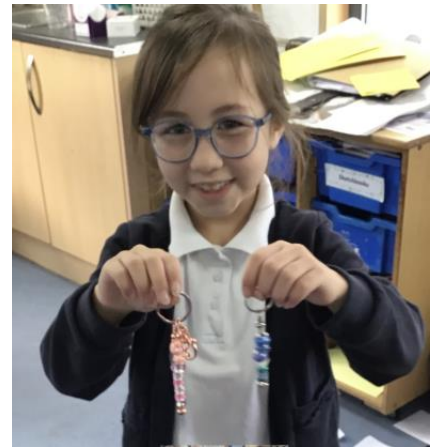
**Walton Community Centre, Standley Road, Walton on
the Naze**

**No appointment necessary just turn up
For further info call 0800 6889577**

*In Association With
Walton Churches Together
Working Together To Combat Food Poverty In Our District*

Enterprise Week

Thankyou to everybody who came and purchased items; totals will be counted and published after half term. The children had great fun making and decorating - well done everybody!





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 etc?

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!



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!

There are two collection boxes for your tops - one in the main foyer, and one outside the office.

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