

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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21st January 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Can you believe we've been back three 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

The Autumn term prize was won by Class 4 - well done. Photos at the back of the Newsletter. A new prize is up for grabs this term - show us what you can do!

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.



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Community News

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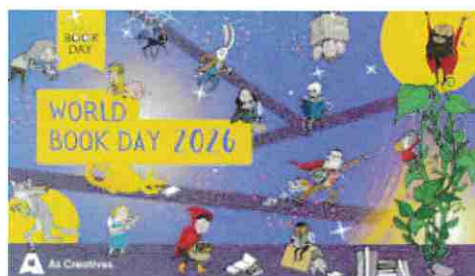
[Bluebirds - Christmas Day.pdf](#)

[SCS Christmas Camp.pdf](#)

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

Essex Library Service are once again running a Winter Reading Challenge for children in January, and 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.](#)

A flyer is attached at the back of the Newsletter.

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 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. It can also cause children to become very anxious entering the class when they are all settled.

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

Swimming Y5 & Y6 - last date for swimming is 9th February.

A new block will start on 23rd February for Y4 and Y5 - details and email to follow shortly.



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

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.

Class	Days
EYFS	Wednesday & Friday
Class 1 Miss West	Monday & Wednesday
Class 2 Mrs Barker	Wednesday & Tuesday
Class 3 Miss Coutts	Monday & Thursday
Class 4 Mrs McIntyre & Miss Lobosco	Monday & Friday
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.

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

Tub2Pub

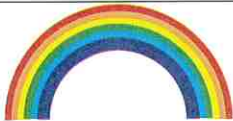
Don't forget, we are collecting your empty plastic chocolate tubs (please bring to the office before **3pm, Tuesday 27th January 2026**). These raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support via Green King.

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?

9.1.26			16.1.26		
R	Freddie	Reginald & Albie	R	Reggie	Ivy & Daniel
1	Archie	Muhammed & Gabrielle	1	LillieJean	Esme T & Dolleigh
2	Lily	Chase & Halle	2	Halle	Toby & Elodie-Mae
3	Daisy	Bella W & Albert	3	Cody D	Ella & Blake
4	Riley	Henry W & Lacey-Mae	4	Shaziya	Gerson & Sitong
5	Sammy	AJ & Harry L	5	Eddie	Kim & Sam
6	George	Charlene & Leo	6	Max	Harrison & Mia-J

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher



2.2.26	Class Photos
16.2.26	Half Term holiday
23.2.26	School opens 8.30am
24.2.26	Roots to Food (Y3,4,5 & 6) - details to follow
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 Easter Fayre
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 (to be confirmed)
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%**. This will be updated and posted on each newsletter.

Week ending 9.1.26

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%

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%

Class 4 won the Autumn Term treat for the best attendance; they enjoyed an afternoon of games, nibbles, refreshments and dancing! Will they win the Spring Term treat? Can another class do better??



Vacancy – Midday Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and reliable Midday Assistant to join our school.

The successful applicant will work during our busy lunch break in classes, the playground and the dining hall. They must be able to work independently and as part of a team, promote positive behaviour and have a calm and patient manner.

The hours are 11.45 to 13.00 each day, term-time only.

To start as soon as possible, on completion of pre-employment checks.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Please phone 01255 675657 or email in admin@walton.essex.sch.uk

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) at your local library!

What is the Winter Reading Challenge?

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-12. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

Children are invited to complete 6 challenges from a list of 12 reading and creative activities, and it's **FREE** to take part. Their mission is to help some friendly animals that work in different professions across Essex!

How can my child take part?

Visit your [local library](#) to sign up. Your child will:

- Receive their Challenge sheet
- Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12)
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've complete 6 challenges they will receive a certificate and they will be able to enter our prize draw – with the chance to win bigger prizes such as Kindles, book tokens and toys

When?

The challenge starts on Saturday 10 January and runs through to the end of the February half term on 22 February. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the Essex Library Service [website](#) to check.

Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the [library website](#) and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

We look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes

Essex Library Service



Essex County Council



**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter!

Explore our Pawfessionals' amazing careers as you progress through the challenge.

Choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, you'll get a sticker! Complete six, and you'll receive a certificate and get to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies!

Plus, you can join in with themed events and activities at the library!



Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk