

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Whole School Attendance w/c 6.10.25 - 95.08%

Year to date 10.10.25 - 95.75%

Whole School Attendance w/c 13.10.25 - 93.40%

Year to date 17.10.25 - 95.47%

School target 96.5%

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

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22nd October 2025

Dear Parents,

A half term completed, and the weather has been so kind to us until this week! Please remember that children need a coat in school every day - we try and get outside every break time for some fresh air!

We are coming back to one of the busiest half terms - Christmas discos, choir, a Nativity, a Bazaar and more- so please keep an eye out for emails and texts - we often ask for support and donations. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details.

Year 6 - admission to secondary school September 2026

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2025**. 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.

New EYFS for September 2026

We have an Open Morning on Tuesday 12th November, between 10am and 11am (see flyer attached. Please contact the school office to book in (Tel 01255 675657 or email admin@walton.essex.sch.uk)

From **10th November 2025** you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

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

Applications received after the 15 January 2026 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

School Parent Governor

Ms Dannielle Barnes has been appointed, unopposed, as a Parent Governor.



On Friday 14th of November we will be joining in with **Children in Need** and using the opportunity to raise money for charity.

Following previous years, children can wear their pyjamas / onesie, or even just something yellow. Please ensure appropriate for school, including PE lessons (EYFS & Y4).

We are asking for a 50p donation to come into school wearing either of these things. A donation can be made on the school gate, or in class.

There is a rumour that Pudsey may even visit us!

Please ensure the children are warm and they have a coat.

On Friday 12th 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 & Y4).



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 complete, eg no missing buttons. Thankyou

School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners must be paid for on the day, or even in advance. We cannot allow arrears to build up. Dinners cost £2.30, and are to be paid via School Money.

If you believe your child is entitled to receive Free School Meals, via eligible benefits, please contact the School Office for a form so we can check this for you.

If you are going to be late, please ensure you phone the school before 9.20am 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.

Speaking with staff:

Mrs Bliss, Mrs Firkins and Mrs Haley are on the gate to speak 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.

PE Kit

Please remember, children wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Tracksuits will be needed for colder seasons, but they must be plain black, navy or grey, and not named brands!



Class PE days are as follows:

Class	Days
EYFS	Wednesday & Friday
Class 1 Miss West	Tuesday & Wednesday
Class 2 Mrs Barker	Tuesday & Wednesday
Class 3 Mr Perryman	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

Clubs

This term we have the following clubs:

Day	Club	Times
Tuesday	Musical Theatre Y5 & Y6 (chargeable)	3.10-4.10pm
Wednesday	Basketball for Y3 & Y4	3.10-4.10pm
Thursday	Football for Y5 & Y6	3.10-4.10pm

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%!**

Please note that non-school attendance can result in prosecution and a criminal record, not just a fine!

Swimming Pool Parking Permits

Don't forget, we have car park permits which allow you to park in the swimming pool car park and Bath House Meadow car park between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.15pm. Please come and collect one. There is lots of parking to prevent congestion along Standley Road and Eagle Avenue. You collect your child from the playground, walk round the back of the classrooms, out the back gate direct into the car park. The car park provides a safe place for you all, but please be mindful of other cars as you walk through to the main gate.

Please park considerately, whether you are parking in the swimming pool or the roads around the school; we don't want to upset our neighbours, or put anybody in danger having to walk in the road.

Website

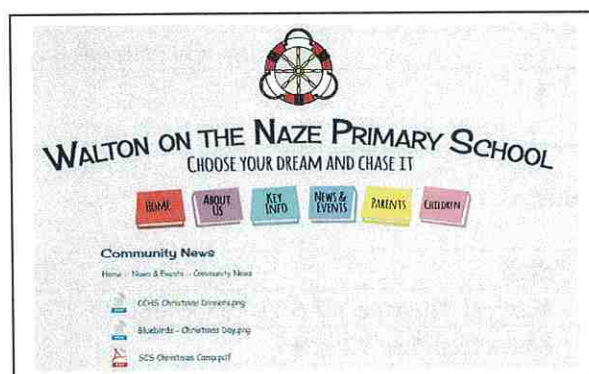
Don't forget, our website provides you with lots of the information you will need - homework, class topics, photographs of work the children have completed, term dates and safeguarding/on-line safety information. Click the link here to: www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk

There is also an online school calendar showing all upcoming events.

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.

<https://www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk/community-news/>



There is also a small noticeboard in the school foyer with information on courses, local events etc. Please pop in and check it out.

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?

3.10.25			10.10.25		
R	Koby W	Hailey & Coby D	R	Logan	Albie & Isabella
1	Muhammed	Scarlett M & Esme B	1	Tate	Esme T & Dolleigh-Rose
2	Ethan	Rueben Y & Mabel	2	Sienna	Louis & Lottie
3	Sophia	Jacob-Leigh & Ella	3	Myles	Harley & Olivia
4	Toby	Brooke & Peter D	4	Tiarni	Gerson & Sophie
5	Harry B	Sammy & Harley	5	Amiyah	Daisy & Mya
6	Ruby-Grace	Saira & Ronnie	6	Charlie G	Ruby-Grace & Louis

17.10.25		
R	Roman	Koby & Isla-Rose
1	Flourish	Archie & LillieJean
2	Logan	Lucas & Sienna
3	Lucas	Bella W & Sophia
4	Bailey	Ayaan & Bethany
5	Maisie	Bella & Sam
6	Evelynn	Lola & Sam

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! Did you do something different this summer holiday? We need some new photos for our board! Please send any photos, along with a brief explanation, to Mrs Martin at senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

REMINDERS 😊

Registration

The school gates open at 8:30am - registration closes at 8:45am.

End of school day EYFS 3:05pm, Years 1-6 3:10pm.

After 8.45am, you will need to take your children to the office and sign them in on a Late Form; this will be marked as L in the register; after 9.15am, children will be marked as U (it is classed as an absence code in data analysis). You will need to provide a reason for lateness - "missed the gate" is not valid!

Please note that if you are late, after 8.45am, you will not be able to bring your scooter or bicycle in to school.

Please also remember, if you are going to be late in and require a school dinner, you must phone before 9.15am and request this.

Earrings

As per Essex County Council guidelines, jewellery must be removed for PE. Taping is not allowed. If pupils cannot take earrings out, they will need to be removed before school. We cannot take your child's earrings out. Small studs are the only type of earrings which should be worn.



Hair

Please ensure long hair is tied back at all times. The children will be asked to tie their hair back if they come in with it down.

Nut allergy - we have several children in school with nut allergies. **These are life threatening.** Please remember that packed lunches must not include nuts. 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.

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.

Remember, one or two children who are regularly absent, can have a negative effect on class attendance data.

Please provide a copy of any medical appointments - you can also email these, copies of hospital letters etc, to Mrs Martin on senadmin@walton.essex.sch.uk

Our school is working in partnership with STPP (South Tendring Primary Partnership). There are twelve other schools all with school attendance as a key priority. You will see more information about this as the year progresses.

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 is suffering from a long term / reoccurring medical issue, please let us know.

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.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe and supporting the school. Enjoy the half term break.



Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher



Date	Event
27.10.25	Half Term holiday
3.11.25	School opens 8.30am
5.11.25	Y5 to Colchester Castle
6.11.25	Flu Immunisations
6.11.25	PTA Non Uniform day - in exchange for a sweet/chocolate donation for the Christmas Bazaar
7.11.25	Y6 Crucial Crew
11.11.25	Open Morning for prospective EYFS 2026
13.11.25	Open Morning for prospective EYFS 2026
14.11.25	Children in Need - dress in pyjamas/onesie/something yellow
17.11.25	Book Fair after school Monday - Thursday (details to follow)
19.11.25	Y6 Young Ambassadors trip
21.11.25	PTA Non Uniform day - in exchange for a gift/sweet/chocolate donation for the Christmas Bazaar
24.11.25	Flu Immunisations
25.11.25	Parents Evening 3.30-.5.30 (details to follow)
26.11.25	SEND / TFF Christmas Survival Coffee Morning (details to follow)
26.11.25	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm (details to follow)
27.11.25	PTA Christmas Bazaar (details to follow) (note change of date)
2.12.25	EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance 9.30am & 2pm
5.12.25	Whole school visit to Church
11.12.25	PTA Discos (details to follow)
12.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day - dress in a Christmas top/something red or green
17.12.26	Christmas Dinner!
22.12.25	Christmas Holidays

5.1.26	School opens 8.30am
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
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
22.5.26	PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for a sweet/chocolate donation for the Summer Fete tombola
5.6.25	PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift/sweet/chocolate donation for the Summer Fete tombola
20.6.25	Summer Fete
25.6.26	TTC Transition Day
26.6.26	Y5 experience day at TTC
20.7.26	Non Pupil Day
21.7.26	Summer Holidays

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.

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 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 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:

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

Autumn treat - currently, Y2 are in the lead, with Class 4 and Class 5 chasing them. Show us fabulous attendance next half term, and it could be your class!

School Attendance

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. Help us to "go green!"

Week ending 10.10.25

1	Class 2	96.79%
2	Class 4	96.79%
3	Class 5	96.78%
4	Class 6	95.33%
5	Class 3	94.67%
6	Class 1	93.92%
7	Class EYFS	88.12%

Week ending 17.10.25

1	Class 1	95.00%
2	Class 4	94.64%
3	Class 3	94.33%
4	Class 5	94.28%
5	Class 6	93.33%
6	Class EYFS	92.25%
7	Class 2	89.25%

Year to Date table 17.10.25

Who will win the trip out?

1	Class 4	96.38%
2	Class 3	95.71%
3	Class 5	95.06%
4	Class 6	94.92%
5	Class 2	95.71%
6	Class 1	92.82%
7	Class EYFS	92.80%

PTA NEWS

We will soon have a date for our AGM - all parents are automatically members, and you will be invited to attend. Details to follow, but please try and join us. Have you got some ideas you can share to help us raise some money, some different events to try? We would love to see you. Keep an eye out for the date.

Christmas Bazaar - Thursday 27th November - further details to follow.

Christmas Discos - Thursday 11th December - details to follow



Non Uniform Days:

Christmas Bazaar

In exchange for a chocolate/sweet donation for the tombola
In exchange for a Christmas gift/sweet/chocolate for the tombola

Friday 21st November 2025
Thursday 6th November 2025

Easter Fayre

In exchange for a sweet/chocolate donation for the tombola
In exchange for an Easter gift/sweet/chocolate for the tombola

Friday 13th March 2026
Friday 20th March 2026

Summer Fete

In exchange for a sweet/chocolate donation for the tombola
In exchange for a gift/sweet/chocolate donation for the tombola

Friday 22nd May 2026
Friday 5th June 2026



**Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service**



School Age Team

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services have a dedicated school age team service for all children and their families from the age of 5 years up until they turn 19 years (or 25yrs for those with SEN).

The School Age Team consists of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, Children and Young Person's Practitioners, and Healthy Family Support Practitioners who specialise in delivering care and support to school-aged children, young people, and their families within Schools, family homes, our Family Hubs and Delivery Sites and other community settings.

Support offered

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutritional support
- Physical health complaints
- Sexual health
- Health needs assessment
- Managing health conditions
- Personal hygiene
- And much more- signposting, advice, and support

Contact the school nurse team on
Tel:0300 247 0015
(Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Services commissioned by





Essex County Council

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5-day holiday would meet the national threshold.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.