



Walton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School Newsletter

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day. "I have come that they may have life and have it in all its fullness" John 10:10

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you for the first time as the new Headteacher of Walton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

From the moment I arrived, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by the staff, children, and families. The warmth, kindness, and sense of community that runs through Walton is truly special, and I would like to thank you all for such a positive and supportive start.

I am extremely excited and privileged to be leading and working within such a wonderful school community. Walton is a place where children are clearly valued, nurtured, and encouraged to flourish, and I am very much looking forward to building strong relationships with you all as we continue to move forward together.

Please read on to find out what some of our children have been getting up to this week. We will be showcasing children's learning and achievements more frequently in future newsletters, as we celebrate the wonderful things happening in classrooms every day.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Mr Lucas Upham
Headteacher



Robins class

On Wednesday 21st April, Year 3 and 4 visited the Bath and West Showground to learn more about how the food we eat every day is produced.

During the visit, experienced farmers shared their knowledge and gave the children a fascinating insight into modern farming. They explored everything from milking cows to the use of satellite navigation systems in harvesting.



The organisers of the workshops praised the excellent manners of the Walton children, and it was clear that everyone came away with a deeper appreciation of the hard work British farmers do to keep our fridges full.

Staying safe in the sun/warm weather

The weather is getting warmer, please make sure you help us to protect your child – they must have a water bottle in school (ideally not squash), a hat and sunscreen applied before school (we cannot apply sunscreen in school).

Reading At Home

Reading with your child or listening to them read for 5-10 minutes per day can drastically improve their educational achievements, their creativity and their life chances. Please talk to your children about the books they enjoy: the titles, the authors and what it is about those texts they enjoy the most e.g. description, rhyming, etc.

****Dates for your diaries****

These will be added to the Website Calendar, *please subscribe to keep up to date with school events*

Muddy Mondays 10.45-12.10pm	
Monday 27th April	Kingfishers
Monday 11th May	Wagtails
Monday 18th May	Swallows
Monday 1st June	Owls

Term 3 - Summer 1	
Fri 29 th June	Village Hall – Annual meeting 5:30pm An evening of entertainment and information – Children from the school will be singing and dancing.
Wed 29th April	Robins class trip – Somerset Science Centre
Mon 11th –Thurs 14th May	KS2 SATs Week
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd May	Arts week
Mon 25th—Fri 29th May Half Term	
Term 3 - Summer 2	
Mon 1st—Fri 12th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Check
Tues 2nd June	Willow Weaving Day (whole school)
Tues 2nd June	Class Photos and Y6 Leavers' photos
Wed 3rd June	Willow Weaving Day (whole school)

<i>Tues 6th June</i>	<i>Year 6 families pre-residential meeting (Kilve) 5:30 – 6:00pm</i>
<i>Mon 8th - Fri 12th June</i>	<i>Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check</i>
<i>Mon 8th June</i>	<i>New families starting in September meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 9th June</i>	**Change of date** <i>Happy Café Hall 10.15am</i>
<i>Fri 12th June</i>	<i>Sports Day (all day, families welcome in the afternoon 1:30 – 3:00pm)</i>
<i>Mon 15th— Wed 17th June</i>	<i>Y6 Residential to Kilve Court</i>
<i>Thurs 18th June</i>	<i>New families starting in September Stay and Play 1:30 – 3:00pm</i>
<i>Fri 19th June</i>	<i>Reserve Sports Day</i>
<i>Wed 24th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Wells Cathedral Leavers Service</i>
<i>Fri 26th June</i>	<i>INSET</i>
<i>Mon 29th June</i>	<i>Families informed of new class teacher for September 2026</i>
<i>Tues 30th June</i>	<i>Whole School Spanish Day</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i>	<i>Year 6 Secondary Transition Day</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i>	<i>Whole school transition to new class (Times to be confirmed)</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i>	<i>New families starting in September – New children stay 9:00 – 10:30am</i>
<i>Tues 7th July</i>	<i>SATs results out</i>
<i>Fri 10th July</i>	<i>School reports out</i>
<i>Fri 10th July</i>	<i>New families starting in September Teddy Bear's picnic 1:30 – 3:00pm</i>
<i>Mon 13th July</i>	<i>KS2 Production dress rehearsal (school only) 2:00 – 3:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 14th July</i>	<i>KS2 Production 2:00 – 3:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 14th July</i>	<i>KS2 Production 6:00 – 7:00pm</i>
<i>Wed 15th July</i>	<i>KS2 Production 6:00 – 7:00pm</i>
<i>Mon 20th July</i>	<i>Y6 Prom 4:30 – 6:00pm</i>
<i>Wed 22nd July</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Service 1:30pm</i>

<i>Inset days 2026 -20 27</i>
<i>Thurs 3rd September 2026</i>
<i>Fri 4th September 2026</i>
<i>Mon 4th January 2027</i>
<i>Fri 28th May 2027</i>
<i>Fri 25th June 2027</i>

School Meals Order Deadlines	
Lunches taking place week commencing...	Lunches taking place week commencing...
Mon 4th May	Mon 4th May
Mon 11th May	Mon 11th May
Mon 18th May	Mon 18th May

Other key events taking place in the community: **Church events at Holy Trinity**

Sat 2 nd May	Community consultation day 10:00am – 3:00pm. ‘Come along to look at, discuss and ask questions about the initial plans we have for the restoration and reordering of the church’
Sat 9 th May	Cream Tea 3:00 – 5:00pm £6
Sat 27 th June	Table Sale 10:00am – 2:00pm £10 per table
Sat 18 th July	Bake off – Restoration and Reordering Fund
Fri 2 nd October	Harvest Supper – Church funds

Safeguarding

As a parent, carer, staff member, or member of the public, you can speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads to raise your concerns. Speak to Mr Upham, Mrs Woodroffe or Mrs Tidmarsh.

Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact:

· Children’s Social Care on 0300 123 2224

Children’s Social Care at childrens@somerset.gov.uk

· The Police.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/safeguarding-children/report-a-child-at-risk/>.