



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 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your continued support, I cannot quite believe how quickly this half term has gone! One half term left and what a busy half term that will be – please ensure you have all the dates in your diaries.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

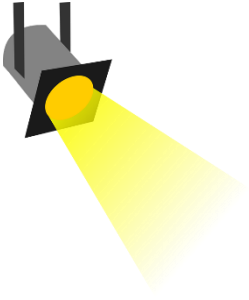
Mr Lucas Upham
Headteacher

Well Done Year 6!!!

Last week in our Celebration Award Assembly we celebrated the hard work of the Year 6 children, who had their SATS tests last week. We recognised the work they had put in, but we also recognised that in their nearly 7 years at Primary School, the children have become more than just children who can sit maths and English tests. They have shown themselves to be kind friends, great sports stars, artists, musicians, compassionate human beings, and a host of other things too.



Spotlight on Owls class



Owls Class have been enjoying learning all about different animals and the groups they belong to, including mammals, reptiles and insects. As part of our topic, we were very excited to welcome Freddie the Tortoise into school and learn more about reptiles by observing him closely. The children listened really carefully as Mrs Brine explained how she looks after him and the things he needs to thrive. We have also loved watching caterpillars grow and change into beautiful butterflies, learning about the life cycle along the way.

After carefully observing and caring for them, we were delighted to release the butterflies into the wild. It has been a wonderful hands-on learning experience for the children.



Staffing update

We have successfully completed our recruitment process, and I am delighted to share that Miss Symms will be joining our school in September. Miss Symms is an experienced local teacher who brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we are confident she will be a wonderful addition to our already fantastic community.

Miss Symms will also be joining us for our transition day on Wednesday 1st July, where she will have the opportunity to meet the children and begin getting to know our school.

Walton Wellbeing Ambassadors – Photograph competition

After half term, the Walton Wellbeing Ambassadors have asked to run a photograph competition. The theme will be “Wellbeing through Nature” and all children are encouraged to enter a picture! In June, I shall be delivering an assembly about the impact on our physical and mental wellbeing of spending time in nature and the competition is designed to help children engage with this incredible link between the natural world and human health.



Over half term, encourage your child to notice the beauty of our environment and if you can, let them take some photographs. There will be further information to follow, but the deadline for entries isn't until Friday 3rd July, so there's plenty of time.



Leaves, trees, flowers, rivers, streams, rocks, insects, skylines....all welcome.....landscapes, close ups, any artistic style....be creative!

Mrs Cooper - SENCo/ Wellbeing Lead

****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 1 st June	Swallows
Monday 8 th June	Owls
Monday 15 th June	Wagtails
Monday 22 nd June	Kingfishers
Monday 29 th June	Robins
Monday 6 th July	Swallows
Monday 13 th July	Owls
Monday 20 th July	Kingfishers

<i>Mon 25th—Fri 29th May Half Term</i>	
<i>Term 3 - Summer 2</i>	
<i>Mon 1st – Fri 5th June</i>	<i>Arts week</i>
<i>Mon 1st—Fri 12th June</i>	<i>Yr 4 Multiplication Check</i>
<i>Tues 2nd June</i>	<i>Willow Weaving Day (whole school)</i>
<i>Tues 2nd June</i>	<i>Class Photos and Y6 Leavers' photos</i>
<i>Tues 2nd^h June</i>	<i>Year 6 families pre-residential meeting (Kilve) 5:30 – 6:00pm</i>
<i>Wed 3rd June</i>	<i>Willow Weaving Day (whole school)</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>Mon 8th June</i>	<i>Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament – Mr OD to send details.</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>Fri 12th June</i>	<i>Art exhibition</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>Mon 6th July</i>	<i>Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament – Mr OD to send details.</i>

Tues 7 th July	SATs results out	
Fri 10 th July	School reports out	
Fri 10 th July	New families starting in September Teddy Bear’s picnic 1:30 – 3:00pm	
Mon 13 th July	KS2 Production dress rehearsal (school only) 2:00 – 3:00pm	
Tues 14 th July	KS2 Production 2:00 – 3:00pm	
Tues 14 th July	KS2 Production 6:00 – 7:00pm	
Wed 15 th July	KS2 Production 6:00 – 7:00pm	
Mon 20th July	Y6 Prom 4:30 – 6:00pm	
Wed 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service 1:30pm	
Inset days 2026 -20 27		School Meals Order Deadlines
Thurs 3 rd September 2026	Lunches taking place week beginning:	Deadline to book lunches:
Fri 4 th September 2026	Monday 15th June	Sunday 7 th June
Mon 4 th January 2027	Monday 22nd June	Sunday 14th June
Fri 28 th May 2027	Monday 29th June	Sunday 21st June
Fri 25 th June 2027	Monday 6th July	Sunday 28th June
	Monday 13th July	Sunday 5th July
	Monday 20th July	Sunday 12th July

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

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/>.