



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 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of events, including Sports Day, the Year 6 residential, our stay-and-play sessions for September starters, Arts Week, and our Arts Exhibition—just to name a few!

The remainder of the term promises to be just as full, so please do ensure that all key dates are noted in your diary for the final four and a half weeks.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and wish you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Lucas Upham
Headteacher

Road Safety

Please help us keep everyone in our school community safe by driving and parking with care when arriving and leaving the site. Be mindful of pedestrians, avoid parking on pavements or in restricted areas, and follow all local traffic guidance. We also kindly remind parents and carers to ensure that children are supervised at all times, particularly in busy areas such as the car park and surrounding roads.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

ROAD SAFETY



PTA announcements

Sports Day raised £289. Thank you to everyone that supported. Thank you also to Burns the Bread and Lidl for donations of scones, strawberries and cream.

School Disco



We are excited to announce our **Summer School Disco**, taking place on **Thursday 25th June** in the school hall.

This year we are trying something a little different!

KS1 Disco (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

🕒 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Children are welcome to bring disco clothes to school and will have the opportunity to get changed in their classes before the disco begins.

KS2 Disco (Years 3–6)

🕒 4:45pm – 5:45pm

Parents and carers are not required to stay for the disco's, however if KS1 parents would like to stay, they are more than welcome.

Children will be able to be collected promptly from the pedestrian gate at the front of the school, KS1 will exit out of the exit gate (to the right of the vehicle gates) to allow KS2 to enter through the entrance gate (to the left of the vehicle gates).

Tickets: £5 per child

The ticket price includes a choice of **two snacks**, including options such as crisps, biscuits and sweets. Alternative snacks will be available for children with dietary requirements, including dairy-free options.

Our disco will be hosted by **Action Pussycat**, who will be providing lots of fun, age-appropriate entertainment including music, magic and interactive games.

Please ensure your child brings a **named water bottle** with them.

To book your child's place, please use the following payment link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVQ0KCPS>

When making payment, please include:

- **Your child's full name**
- **Their Key Stage (KS1 or KS2)**
- **Any dietary requirements or allergies**

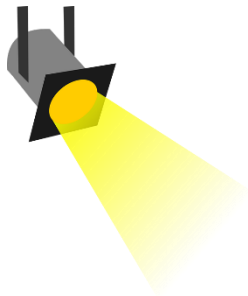
Tickets must be purchased by 11:00pm on Wednesday 24th June.

We look forward to a fantastic afternoon of fun, music and dancing!

Kind regards,

The PTA

Spotlight on Kingfishers class - Year 6 Residential at Kilve



This week, our Year 6 Kingfishers enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Kilve. During their stay, they took part in a wide range of adventurous activities, including grass sledging, climbing, walking on the Quantocks, fossil hunting, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding—among many others!

I had the pleasure of spending a day with them and was incredibly impressed. They were an absolute joy to be with and proved themselves to be outstanding ambassadors for our school and the wider community.

Here's the link to see photographs of their trip: [Walton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School - Photos](#)

SURVEY



Survey summary updates

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The outcomes have given me a clear understanding of our school and community, helping to guide our next steps as we continue to provide the best possible education for all children.

Before and After School Provision

The survey demonstrates a very strong demand for after-school provision, with all respondents either confirming or considering use. Before-school provision shows moderate but viable demand. Parents place high value on structured, high-quality activities, particularly sports and enrichment clubs, rather than basic childcare.

Next steps:

- I am in discussions with external providers to understand what they can offer
- I will aim to provide after school provision for September 2026

School Logo

The survey shows strong support for the importance of the school logo, with the majority favouring a modernised version rather than a complete redesign. The community values the logo's Christian identity and heritage, but feels it currently appears dated and not fully reflective of the school's values and community.

Next steps:

- I will generate example logo(s) concepts based on survey themes with support from children

Please note that, should the logo change, there would be no expectation for your child's uniform to be updated immediately; a phased approach would be taken.

Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest quality of education and care for our pupils, we invite you to share your views through the Ofsted *Parent View* questionnaire.

While we are not expecting an Ofsted inspection until 2027, gathering your feedback now is incredibly important to us. This questionnaire will help support our ongoing self-evaluation, celebrate what we are doing well, and identify areas where we can continue to improve for your children.

Ofsted uses Parent View to gather feedback from parents and carers about their child's school, and your responses are extremely valuable in helping us build a clear and accurate picture of our provision.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire by scanning the QR code below:



Alternatively, you can access the survey directly via the following link:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The questionnaire is quick and straightforward to complete, and your feedback will remain confidential.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for taking the time to contribute your views.

Staffing update

We are delighted to share that we have successfully completed an internal appointment. From September, Mrs Tidmarsh will move from her current role as Senior Teacher to Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Tidmarsh is keen to further develop her experience in whole-school leadership, and I would like to warmly congratulate her on this exciting and well-deserved step forward.



****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 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>Wed 24th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Wells Cathedral Leavers Service</i>
<i>Thurs 25th June</i>	KS1 Disco (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) 3:30pm – 4:30pm
<i>Thurs 25th June</i>	KS2 Disco (Years 3–6) 4:45pm – 5:45pm
<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</i> <i>8:40am to New Class – Break</i> <i>End of the day collect from ‘normal’ class</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i>	<i>New families starting in September – New children stay 9:00 – 10:30am</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i>	<i>Open Classroom with New Class Teacher 3:15 – 3:45pm</i>
<i>Mon 6th July</i>	<i>Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament – Mr OD to send details.</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>

Wed 15 th July	KS2 Production 6:00 – 7:00pm	
Mon 20 th July	Y6 Prom 4:30 – 6:00pm	
Wed 22 nd 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 15 th June	Sunday 7 th June
Mon 4 th January 2027	Monday 22 nd June	Sunday 14 th June
Fri 28 th May 2027	Monday 29 th June	Sunday 21 st June
Fri 25 th June 2027	Monday 6 th July	Sunday 28 th June
	Monday 13 th July	Sunday 5 th July
	Monday 20 th July	Sunday 12 th 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/>.