

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



Thursday 17th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school following the summer holidays. The first two weeks of the new academic year have flown by, and it has been fantastic to see our classrooms filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and a love of learning once again.

We have been delighted to welcome 17 new children to Walton CEVC Primary School. They have settled in exceptionally well and have quickly become valued members of our school community.

It has been a real pleasure to see so many smiling faces each morning and to reconnect with both children and families after the summer break. The positive attitude, excellent behaviour and eagerness to learn shown by all our pupils have made for a fantastic start to the term.

I would like to thank our staff, pupils and families for their continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with opportunities, achievements and memorable experiences for all.

Mr Lucas Upham

Headteacher

Calling All Parents!

Is your child due to start school in **September 2027**?

Or do you know a family with a child who will be starting school then?

We would love to welcome you to join

Walton CEVC Primary School.

Come and discover our friendly school community, meet our dedicated staff, and see what makes Walton such a special place to learn and grow.

Please help us spread the word by sharing this message with friends, family and neighbours who may be looking for a school place for September 2027.

Walton CEVC Primary School

2027/2028 New Intake

School Tours

Please join us for a tour if your child is due to start school September 2027

We warmly welcome all families, whether you are in catchment for our school or not, to come and see what Walton CEVC Primary school can offer your child.

Tuesday 6th October: 9.15 - 9.45am
Monday 12th October: 5.15 - 5.45pm
Thursday 15th October: 9.15-9.45 am

Village School	After-School Provision
Excellent Results	Wonderful Children
Forest School	Caring Staff

Contact Us to book a place

Phone Number: 01458 443675

Website: www.waltonprimary.co.uk

Summer Improvements to Our School

Throughout the summer holidays, staff and contractors have been busy making a range of improvements across the school site. We are delighted to share that we have installed **seven new Velux windows and blinds**, redecorated **two classrooms in Kingfishers and Swallows**, refurbished the **boys' toilets**, and enhanced the school entrance with a selection of **new plants and landscaping**.

I am sure you will agree that these improvements have further enhanced our learning environment and created even better spaces for our wonderful children to learn, grow, and thrive.

Our programme of improvements will continue over the **October half-term**, when we will move into the next phase of works. This will include redecorating **Owls Class, The Nest**, and the **staff room**.

Thank you for your continued support as we invest in and develop our school environment for the benefit of all our pupils.

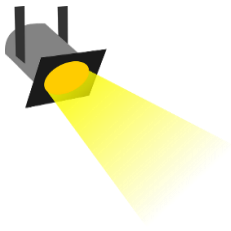


What is ClassDojo?

ClassDojo is a communication platform that helps schools, families and children stay connected. Through the app, parents can receive important updates, messages and photographs of learning activities taking place in school. It also allows staff to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements, helping families to stay involved in their child's education.

We are currently introducing ClassDojo at Walton CEVC Primary School and look forward to using it to strengthen communication between home and school. If you receive an invitation to join, please follow the instructions provided to create your account and connect with your child's class.





Spotlight on Owls Class



It has been a wonderful start to the year in Owls Class!

Our Reception and Year 1 children have settled into school really well and have enjoyed making new friends along the way. We have begun our phonics sessions, and the children have been working hard to learn their new sounds. We have also been finding out all about our school, the people who work here and the important jobs they do. As part of our learning, the children have been exploring their surroundings and have enjoyed drawing and creating their own maps. It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence and becoming happy, curious members of our school community.

Mrs Manley – Owls Class teacher





Birthday reminder!

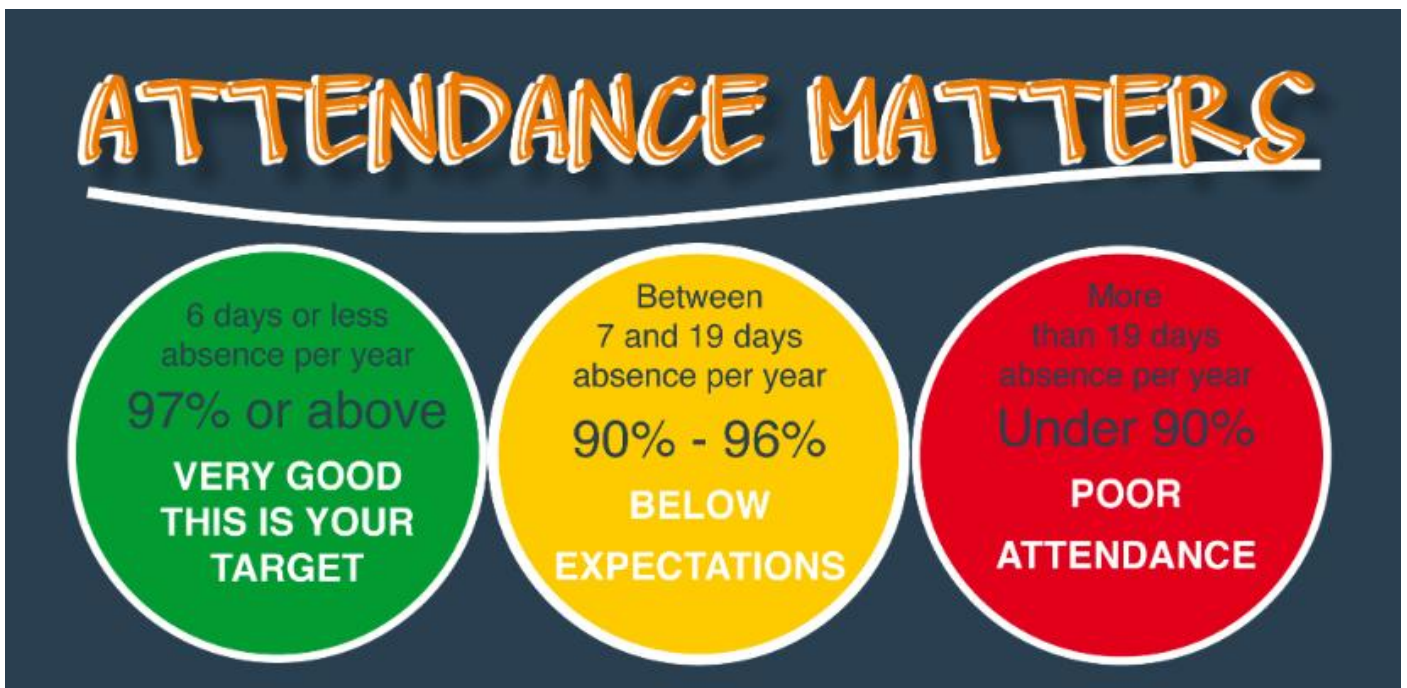
When it is your child's birthday, they are welcome to wear their own clothes to school instead of their school uniform if they wish. If their birthday falls during a weekend or school holiday, they may choose to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday to celebrate with their classmates.

Attendance matters

Please see letter sent out on Monday 14th September 2026

Our school's attendance is **95.6%**

Our target is 97%



Safeguarding at Walton CEVC Primary School

Keeping Children Safe

The safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority. At Walton CEVC Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, caring and supportive environment where every child feels valued, respected and protected.

We encourage all children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried, upset, frightened or concerned about themselves or someone else. We regularly teach children about personal safety, healthy relationships, online safety and how to seek help when needed.

How Families Can Help

- Talk regularly with your child about their day and any worries they may have.
- Monitor your child's online activity and discuss safe internet use.

- Remind children that they can always speak to a trusted adult at home or at school.
- Report any safeguarding concerns to the school as soon as possible.

Online Safety Reminder As children spend increasing amounts of time online, please continue to supervise internet use at home and ensure that parental controls are in place where appropriate. Encourage children to tell an adult if they see anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Need Support? If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the school. Our safeguarding team is always available to listen, support and take appropriate action when required.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Lucas Upham, Head Teacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Kate Tidmarsh, Deputy Headteacher

"It's OK to Talk. If something is worrying you, tell a trusted adult."