



WALTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

06.02.24 Safer Internet Day
08.02.24 Waterton's Got Talent School Audition
08.02.24 LKS2 Dodgeball Shay Lane (8 pupils)
09.02.24 School closes for half-term
10.02.24 PTA Table Top Sale
19.02.24 School reopens
19.02.24 Young Voices
05.03.24 Class 9 trip to Sandal Castle TBC
06.03.24 Class 8 trip to Sandal Castle TBC
06.03.24 SATs information for parents
07.03.24 World Book Day – dress up as a word
08.03.24 Class 7 trip to Sandal Castle TBC
08.03.24 PTA Mother's Day Secret Room
15.03.24 PTA Easter Disco
19.03.24 & 20.03.24 Parents Evening
21.03.24 LKS2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
21.03.24 School closes for Easter holidays
21.03.24 Waterton's Got Talent final at Normanton Junior Academy
22.03.24 INSET day
08.04.24 School reopens
10.04.24 Reception Tropical Butterfly trip
17.04.24 Class 1 & 2 Great Fire of London workshop
18.04.24 Class 3 Great Fire of London workshop
02.05.24 School OPEN on local election day
06.05.24 School closed for bank holiday
10.05.24 KS1 trip to Eureka
13.05.24 KS2 SATs week
24.05.24 School closes for half-term
03.06.24 School reopens
04.06.24 Class Photos
05.06.25-07.06.24 Robinwood Y6
06.06.24 Transition parents' workshop (4pm)
14.06.24 PTA Father's Day Secret Room
22.06.24 PTA Summer Fayre
19.07.24 School closes for summer
22.07.24 INSET day

INSET Days in the calendar year 2024/2025 will be 02/09/24, 03/09/24, 14/02/25, 21/07/25 and 22/07/25. Wakefield Council school calendar dates for the year can be found [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another positive week in school with lots of positives. My particular highlight was delivering a surprise parcel to some children in LKS2. Inside were some Wonka bars linked their class novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The faces of the children were a joy to behold, especially when one group found a golden ticket inside! Jaw-dropping and gob-smacked comes to mind. It's those moments that make it such a wonderful job.

Updates

We are grateful for your cooperation with implementing the new parking system at school. We will continue to monitor this as there are still some parents using it for drop offs, especially when running late. We do understand the stresses involved with the morning/home-time rush, but it is important that the car park is not used without permission. In all honesty, I don't think I've ever been to another school in Wakefield where there is not a gated car park. It is not common or usual for parents to use staff car parks for this purpose. We now require all requests for permits to be emailed to the school office for us to review. In the case of children being dysregulated before school and needing to use it for that purpose, please phone the school office from 08:30 to make a special request and I will try to support you in the car park if necessary. Also, please don't forget the Waterton Academy Trust survey. The closing date is 23rd February 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/heh0pta4dc>

Parent Survey Results – Sports Competitions

One of my favourite memories from my own primary education is representing the school at sporting competitions. This is was also a common theme in your survey responses. We will therefore make a commitment to participating in as many competitions as possible. This will start on Thursday 8th February with a local school pyramid LKS2 Dodgeball tournament after school at Shay Lane for 8 pupils. Look out for Miss Wilde's post on ParentHub. We have also signaled our intention to participate in the trust-wide events as well. We will endeavour to ensure that children are selected evenly and fairly.

Walton Library

Last week I met with Meryl Smith from Walton Library. We share a common interest in our organisations developing a close working partnership with one another. It is important to us that the school is seen to be an active contributor to life in the local community, and that we make best use of the opportunities available to us. Over the next few months classes will be visiting the library to take part in activities, listen to stories and to loan books. Meryl has kindly written a message on the next page to share with you the work that the library does.

Mr. Craig Thorpe
Headteacher

HOUSE TEAMS			
Fortis Strength	Doctus Wisdom	Verus Loyalty	Amicus Friendship
1879	1729	2202	2051

Class	Week %	Week Pts	Term Pts
Holly Blues	94.4%	0	2
Purple Emperors	94.8%	0	4
Class 1: McDonald	96.7%	1	2
Class 2: Hockney	95.3%	1	1
Class 3: Hargreaves	96.3%	1	8
Class 4: Moore	95%	1	6
Class 5: Woodies	95.3%	1	2
Class 6: Whittaker	91.7%	0	5
Class 7: Burrow	94.1%	0	4
Class 8: Sharman	95.5%	1	3
Class 9: Bronte	94.7%	0	0

ATTENDANCE
Whole school attendance this week was **94.9%**

100% = 5 points
98% = 3 points
95% = 1 point

Weekly winner: Non-uniform Friday
Termly winner: Treat day

School attendance [policy](#)
Wakefield Council attendance [link](#)

WALTON'S BEST

Congratulations to our pupils who have been recognised for their being their best selves and for making us all proud!

Holly Blue: Amelie G & Max E (plus Boe and Elena from last week – apologies for the mix up!)

Purple Emperors: Emmeline C & Archie L

Class 1: Hope L & Tommy T

Class 2: Noah H & Sophia A

Class 3: George P & Lily J

Class 4: Eleanor R & Harper WU

Class 5: Molly F & Evaya H

Class 6: Ollie R & Max J

Class 7: Jacob B & Alex H

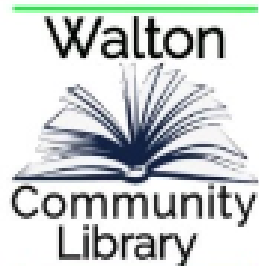
Class 8: Tyson E

Class 9: Eva J & Sophia C

Sharing news

If you have any news that you would like to share in this newsletter then please do get in touch via the school office email. For example, this could include significant sporting achievements like an U11s football team winning a trophy or a talented gymnast competing at a significant event. Perhaps it may be that one of our pupils is engaged in some noteworthy fundraising activity that we should celebrate. Maybe you are aware of an event that is happening soon in the local area....whatever it is, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. As a disclaimer, we choose that it is not appropriate to share but in most cases I envisage that we would be keen to support and share such news.

A message from Meryl Smith at Walton Library...



Walton Community Library is pleased to continue the strong partnership we have with the school. Our library is situated in Charles Waterton House, Almond Avenue on Waterton Green. We have a well-stocked children's section with books by popular authors. Recently the children's section has doubled in size. We welcome groups of children to visit with their class teachers to borrow books. Our library runs many activities for local residents. Run almost entirely by volunteers, we fund-raise throughout the year. This year we will be repeating our Family Fun Run on Monday May 6th with adult and children's runners, at the Walton Colliery Nature Park. On Sunday July 7th we have Walton Open Gardens where approximately 15 gardens across the village will be opening to the public. We are delighted that the school will be getting involved again. For more details of these and many other events, pop into our library.

Moving forwards together