



WALTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 5

KEY DATES

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
19.02.24-28.02.24 Y5 Bikeability
05.03.24 Class 9 trip to Sandal Castle
06.03.24 Class 8 trip to Sandal Castle
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
08.03.24 PTA Mother's Day Secret Room
11.03.24-15.03.24 Waterton Science Week
15.03.24 PTA Easter Disco
18.03.24-22.03.24 Shakespeare Week
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
July Y6 trip to Lightwater Valley (TBC)
11.07.24 Y6 Leavers Concert (18.00)
17.07.24 Y6 Leavers Disco (16.30-18.30)
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,

In the blink of an eye, that's my first half-term complete at Walton Primary Academy. What a wonderful welcome and introduction I have been given. I have learned lots already and have plenty more to take on board, but in the short time I've been here I've already come to appreciate what a great place this is to come to work every day. My highlight of the half-term has to be the Walton's Got Talent show yesterday afternoon. There was a real buzz in the hall as we watched seven tremendous acts perform confidently to a remarkably impressive standard in front of the school. Congratulations to Jack 'the next Elton' Taylor who wowed us with his piano performance and will represent us at Waterton's Got Talent in March.

Poetry Competition

In my Monday morning assemblies, I have been focusing on the meaning behind our school badge, namely the virtues of friendship, loyalty, strength and wisdom. I have tasked the children with composing a poem that reflects one of these virtues. The winning poem will be displayed in my office, around school and on the website. The poem can take any form. Children are welcome to submit more than one entry for more than one virtue, and it doesn't need to match the house that they are allocated to. The closing date will be the 29th February – entries are to be handed in to the school office for judging.

Parent Survey Results – After School Clubs

Following feedback from the parents' survey, we are continuing to broaden our offer of after-school clubs. There will be a 'Reception to Y6 Arts and Crafts Club', 'KS2 School Newspaper Club', 'UKS2 Football Club' and 'KS2 Multi-skills Club'. Please keep an eye out for the relevant posts on ParentHub in the first week back from the teachers running them. Each of these clubs will run from Monday 26th February until the end of May (11 weeks in total). They will be free to access. We will operate a lottery-style booking system rather than first-come first-served. You will be given a 24-hour window of time to register interest, after which names will be drawn randomly.

Staffing Update

On Monday we welcomed Mrs Reilly into school with her new arrival Ronnie who was born on the 16th January weighing 8lbs 4oz. Both mum and baby are doing great – it was really lovely to see them. On a similar theme, I am delighted to share that Mrs Hyett is pregnant, with her second baby due in August. There must be something in the water in EYFS! Finally, we are sad to see Mrs Geraghty leave us today as she takes up a permanent post at another Wakefield school. Mrs Greensmith also leaves us today in her role as lunchtime supervisor. We thank them for their services and wish them both all the best for the future. We are also excited to welcome Mr Usman to the team as a temporary TA from after half-term until the summer.

Mr. Craig Thorpe
Headteacher

| HOUSE TEAMS | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fortis Strength | Doctus Wisdom | Verus Loyalty | Amicus Friendship |
| 2202 | 2097 | 2613 | 2422 |

| Class | Week % | Week Pts | Term Pts |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Holly Blues | 91.7% | 0 | 2 |
| Purple Emperors | 93.9% | 0 | 4 |
| Class 1: McDonald | 96.7% | 1 | 3 |
| Class 2: Hockney | 99.3% | 3 | 4 |
| Class 3: Hargreaves | 98.3% | 3 | 11 |
| Class 4: Moore | 95.7% | 1 | 7 |
| Class 5: Woodies | 96.7% | 1 | 3 |
| Class 6: Whittaker | 95.7% | 1 | 6 |
| Class 7: Burrow | 89.7% | 0 | 4 |
| Class 8: Sharman | 95.8% | 1 | 4 |
| Class 9: Bronte | 96.7% | 1 | 1 |

ATTENDANCE
Whole school attendance this week was **95.6%**

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: Joseph L & Zara S
Purple Emperors: Will B & Holly P
Class 1: Teddy F & Charlie PT
Class 2: Leo B & Phoebe O
Class 3: Olivia H & Dylan P
Class 4: Krzysztof D & Ned R
Class 5: Jack L, Ella H & Frankie V
Class 6: Isobel M & Sam M
Class 7: Ruby R & Ella S
Class 8: Nuala T & Bridget B
Class 9: Sienna M & Niamh T

Year 6 Leavers

Although it is only February, we are already making plans for our Y6 Leavers. Following conversations with the UKS2 staff and input from myself having had Year 6 classes for the last few years, we have decided on the following:

- July: Trip to Lightwater Valley TBC
- Thursday 11th July 6pm: Leavers Concert (parents)
- Wednesday 17th July: 4.30-6.30pm Leavers Disco
- Friday 19th July: Leavers Assembly (no parents)

Please note that the trip to Lightwater Valley is yet to be confirmed – we will be looking to book in early March. For the Leavers Disco we will be encouraging 'birthday party clothing' rather than 'prom clothing'. Children will fundraise in the summer to contribute to the costs of party food, an ice cream van, entertainment etc.

A message from our Walton's Got Talent organiser Miss Taylor...

Once again, this year, school council members have been helping run the audition process for Waterton's Got Talent. We started with hotly contested heats within each phase, from which several finalists were chosen. Yesterday, we held the school finals, our very own 'Walton's Got Talent' in the hall. It was a fantastic afternoon full of fantastic performances, supportive audience members, and jaw-dropping skills! Everyone who took part did themselves and the school proud and the judges had a very tough decision on their hands. Once all the votes were counted, the brilliant and talented pianist Jack Taylor (from class 6) was announced as the winner and he will go on to represent the school at the trust wide performance on Thursday 21st March. We wish him the best of luck and know he will make us extremely proud. Good luck Jack!

Moving forwards together
