



WALTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7

KEY DATES

04.03.24 Reception visit to the library
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
07.03.24 Class 6 visit to the library
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
15.03.24-22.03.24 Shakespeare Week
19.03.24 & 20.03.24 Parents Evening
20.03.24 Wear Blue for Marine Conservation
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 NJA
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,

Following the novelty of yesterday's leap year day, we now find ourselves in March. Schools are always busy places but it does particularly feel like there is a lot going on at Walton Primary Academy at the moment, which in my eyes can only be a good thing. This week our KS1 children went for a walk in the local area as part of their work on geography, and they combined this with a visit to the library. Indeed, all children (except nursery) will be visiting the library over the next two weeks. Reception are on Monday and Class 6 are on Thursday. The other remaining classes will go the week after. Next week we also have UKS2 visiting Sandal Castle and Wakefield Museum. This will involve a lot of walking and a short ride on the train but it will be worth it in order to enrich the children's learning.

Sporting Events

On Monday we hosted a Waterton LKS2 Korfbal tournament with children attending from South Kirkby, Ackworth Mill Dam and Normanton Junior. Yesterday we took a small group of children after school to Shay Lane for a Crofton Pyramid Dodgeball tournament. At both events the children competed superbly and did us proud with how they represented the school. Thanks go to Steve Biltcliffe for organising these competitions. We will be making arrangements for sports day shortly and will communicate the dates with you as soon as possible.

Parent Survey Results – Lunchtimes

In the parent survey it was mentioned that there could be 'improved supervision of the children during lunchtimes and better communication from lunch time supervisors with teachers'. We recently advertised for two lunchtime supervisors but were unable to recruit. Therefore, we have increased the hours of a couple of our teaching assistants to support us during this part of the day. In addition to this, we have timetabled for there to be a member of the leadership team out on duty (personally, I'm loving getting involved in netball and football in the MUGA!). Since half-term we have also re-organised the use of our equipment across the playground to make it as structured as possible. Lunchtimes are an important part of the school day and we will continue to look at ways where we can improve and make it run as smoothly as possible. We always welcome feedback so please do continue to share with us where it is working well and areas where we could make adjustments.

Working for Walton

At the end of last week I welcomed Mark Blount and Judy Mackley into school for a meeting on how we can work in partnership with each other. It was really positive and we are looking forward to being involved in their range of events across the year. Mark has written a message for parents on the next page, but needless to say we feel this is another step towards the school becoming even more embedded in the local community.

Mr. Craig Thorpe
Headteacher

HOUSE TEAMS			
Fortis Strength	Doctus Wisdom	Verus Loyalty	Amicus Friendship
2885	2762	3253	3249

Class	Week %	Week Pts	Term Pts
Holly Blues	98.3%	3	8
Purple Emperors	93.9%	0	4
Class 1: McDonald	98.7%	3	7
Class 2: Hockney	97.3%	1	8
Class 3: Hargreaves	99.3%	3	15
Class 4: Moore	97.7%	1	11
Class 5: Woodies	97.3%	1	5
Class 6: Whittaker	98%	3	10
Class 7: Burrow	96.9%	1	6
Class 8: Sharman	91%	0	5
Class 9: Bronte	93%	0	2

ATTENDANCE
Whole school attendance this week was **96.5%**

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!

Unfortunately, I was at another school today but well done!

Holly Blue: Eddie N & Alice M

Purple Emperors: Jack M & Albert H

Class 1: Miles W, Poppy T & Harry B

Class 2: Chester P & Aerin N

Class 3: Sam P & Jonny F

Class 4: Ava N & Ivy W

Class 5: Joshua M & Abigail D

Class 6: Annie T & Leo M

Class 7: Barnaby A & Matthew J

Class 8: Emily C & Erin T

Class 9: Lexi W & Ida J

Bikeability

Over the last two weeks we have had the pleasure of Cycle North facilitating the Bikeability programme with our Year 5 pupils. The children all seemed to enjoy it as they were trained on the playground and then ventured out into the community to apply their skills in a real-world setting. The instructors (Dean, Steve and Beth) were very complimentary about the children, describing them as 'a credit to the school', 'a lovely crowd' and that their behavior was 'superb'. Well done to them all.

We do recognise that the organisation of Bikeability on behalf of the school came a little later than it should have done, and this therefore caused some changes to the groupings during the two weeks. Thank you for patience with this and we vow that next year it will run smoothly.

A message from Mark Blount, the chair of Working for Walton...



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WALTON

Working for Walton CIC are looking forward to working closely with Walton Primary Academy through 2024 and beyond. We hold several events through the year, the next being a community litter pick on the 17th of March commencing at 10.00 am in the recreational ground opposite the Village Hall on School Lane, pickers and bags provided along with High Viz, come on down and join in the fun with accompanied children more than welcome. Following our Classic Car Show on 14th July we have the ever popular Scarecrow Festival over the weekend of 14th and 15th of September and we are delighted that the School is looking to be involved this year. If you live in Walton why not build a scarecrow too, It's a great weekend. Finally W4W CIC wish every success to all the pupils of Walton Primary Academy; a true community school, in a great community.

Moving forwards together