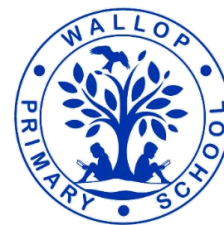




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 10th October 2025



Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**
Admin Officer: **Mrs Claire Fernie**
Chair of Governors: **Mr Jon Hannan**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn term is well under way and all the classes are busy and getting stuck into their learning. I am always so impressed as I walk round the school and visit lessons when I see how engaged the children are in their learning and the fantastic learning behaviours they are showing. We had a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration assembly last week. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the collection for the Andover Foodbank; we made a striking display! To continue the autumn celebrations, I do hope you will be able to join us for our annual halloween trail and pumpkin competition on Friday 17th October. It's going to be a great event. The PTA would be very grateful of any extra support, so if you can help out at all, please contact Mrs Fernie in the school office.

Before the summer holidays, we celebrated Armed Forces Day and if you were able to join us, you'll remember the charity stalls organised by Year 6. I am delighted to share with you that together we raised a fantastic £95 for the Army Benevolent Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic day!

I also need to share some staffing news with you. Mrs Connie Barnes, our Kestrels class teacher, is sadly going to be leaving us after half term to take up a new post in a nursery setting, closer to home. I'd like to thank Mrs Barnes for all her hard work and dedication over the last 5 years and for her contributions to the wider school community as chair of the PTA.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best for this new chapter in her career. From next half term, Kestrels Class will be taught by Mrs Parker Monday-Wednesday and Mrs McRobert Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Parker has already been teaching the class regularly this year and Mrs McRobert knows the children from teaching them last year, so I know the transition will be smooth for the children. Kite class will now be taught full time by Mrs Jones.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Simons



[Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you so much if you have managed to bring in some items for Kite class from the last newsletter. We really do appreciate it. **We are still in need of conkers, pinecones, corks, plant bulbs and compost. Please let us know if you can help!**

Click the Wishlist title for other ways you can help us!

A message from Eagle class!

Eagles class went to the Army Flying Museum, on Monday 6th October to learn about World War Two. We learnt a bit more about The Blitz and how blackout curtains were used to hide and wait out.

We saw many interesting things such as the 1940s houses and planes as well as a giant glider. It was a great trip!

From Jelly and Safal, Eagles class.

Little Wandle

Nursery rhymes are a big part of the fun in early learning! Singing together helps children develop their speech, listening, and memory skills, without even realising they're learning. Rhymes also build confidence and help children join in and play with others. Best of all, they're lovely to share at home too! You can find some great songs and rhymes to enjoy together using the link below from the parent section of our new Phonics Scheme, Little Wandle.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnameTabNurseryRhymesVideos>

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Halloween Safety Tips for Families

Halloween is an exciting time for children, dressing up, trick-or-treating, and having fun after dark! To help make sure the night is memorable for all the right reasons, please keep these simple safety tips in mind:

- 1) **Choose safe costumes:** Buy from reputable shops and check labels for a **UKCA or CE mark**.
- 2) **Avoid flames:** Many costumes can catch fire easily — keep children well away from candles, pumpkins, and bonfires
- 3) **Layer up:** Wearing clothes underneath costumes adds an extra layer of protection.
- 4) **Teach “Stop, Drop and Roll”:** Make sure children know to stop, drop to the ground, cover their face, and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Let's keep Halloween full of fun and free from frights!
(Child Accident Prevention Trust)



PE Uniform Reminder

House Colour
T-Shirt
(with school logo
or plain)

Navy sweatshirt
for colder weather



Plain
black
shorts



Plain blue
or black
tracksuit/
jogging
bottoms for
cold weather



Plain black
or white trainers
(for sport, not fashion)



Thank you for helping us keep everyone looking
smart and ready for action!

Clubs

We're really excited to expand the range of after-school clubs on offer for our children! Alongside the fantastic clubs already running, we'd love to add even more opportunities. **If you have a sport you can coach, a craft you could teach, or a hobby you'd like to share, please pop in and chat with Mrs Fernie in the office.** We can organise the necessary safeguarding checks, including DBS. It's a wonderful way to get involved with school life and the children's personal development.

School Holidays and INSETs

INSET 24th Oct

Autumn half-term 27th Oct-31st Oct

INSET 3rd Nov

Christmas holiday 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan

INSET 5th Jan 2026

Spring half-term 16th Feb - 20th Feb 2026

Easter holiday 30th Mar - 10th April 2026

May bank holiday 4th May 2026

INSET 5th May 2026

Summer half-term 25th May - 29th May 2026

Summer holiday 23rd July - 31st Aug 2026

School Values

As you will know, this year we have launched our new school vision “every learning minute matters” and our school rules “ready, respectful, safe” are embedded. I am now looking at our school values.

I have already chatted to groups of children about the school values and they feel they are really important but that there are too many!

Research shows that most children can easily remember between 5 and 9 words. With ready, respectful, safe already in the mix, I would like to build our values around 5 words.

Our values are important for our whole community so I am also asking parents, staff and governors for your input.

Parents and carers, please click this link to a Google form to share your ideas.

<https://forms.gle/yqGAVKkjNH9KJ8pj7>

THANK YOU





WALLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN TRAIL

4.30PM - 6.30PM

OCTOBER

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**HOTDOGS
MARSHMALLOWS**

**MUSIC
PUMPKIN COMPETITION**

FOLLOW THE PUMPKIN TRAIL THROUGH WALLOP WOODS

SUGGESTED DONATION 50P PER TICKET SCAN TO BOOK

