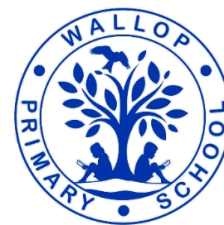




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 12th June 2026

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**

Admin Officer: **Mrs Claire Fernie**

Chair of Governors: **Mr Jon Hannan**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break in the sunshine! We've had a wet couple of weeks back, but that hasn't stopped the children from getting outside and returning ready for learning. Well done to our KS1 children who took part in the national Phonics Screening Check this week - they have done themselves and all of us proud! Year 4 also tackled their statutory times table tests brilliantly, demonstrating great progress.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Armed Forces Day on 26th June. The children will enjoy activities throughout the afternoon, and families are invited to join us from 2:30pm for some presentations from each class and a hoped-for flyover at 3:00pm.

I am incredibly grateful to Mrs McRobert and Mrs Jones for stepping up to full-time roles before Christmas to ensure continuity for Kite and Kestrels class. In September, they will return to their job-share in Kite class. I am delighted to share that we have a new member of staff joining the team. We will warmly welcome Miss McGrath as the new Kestrels teacher. Miss McGrath brings fantastic mixed-class experience and completely shares our vision that "every learning minute matters." She will be visiting us regularly this term, to spend lots of time in Kite and Kestrels class to get to know the children before September. Mrs Williams will continue in Owl class and Miss Ryall in Eagles.

Finally, a vital update on safeguarding. You may have seen recent media reports regarding the national rise in AI technology being used to misuse innocent images of children online. To ensure our children's absolute safety, we have made the decision to no longer post forward-facing photos on our social media channels. Our current website will also be updated over the coming weeks - meaning it may look a little bare for the time being - ahead of launching a brand-new school website this September. While it is deeply saddening to have to take these steps, safeguarding must always come first. We know our community will find creative, safe new ways to celebrate and share the children's proudest moments.

Best wishes,
Miss Simons



Bike week

Get your bikes checked at a community event:

[FREE cycling support for adults](#)

Did you know many Repair Cafés offer bike repair? And they can also signpost you to

other local repair services! Find your local Repair Café here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/loveyourfurniture#repair>

My Journey Hampshire also have some great tips on picking up a second hand bargain:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/cycle/looking-after-yourbike/>

Take a look at subscription services such as Bike Club to hire the perfect size bike for

your child, and swap to a larger size when they're ready! Money Saving Expert have

also shared this helpful article on long term bike hire: [Is it cheaper to rent – rather than buy – your kids' bikes?](#)

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.
MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME Including bath time safety and garden hazards.	STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.	PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".	AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.	WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.
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Small actions, big difference

- Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- Choose safe places to swim.
- Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other

HSCP
Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together

The Summer Sun!



Wow, wasn't that sunshine amazing in half term? I definitely enjoyed soaking up some warmth, but the unprecedented temperatures also highlighted just how much hotter and more unpredictable our summers are becoming due to climate change. Because of this, managing heat exposure has become a really important part of our routine planning.

We want to make sure the children can enjoy the summer safely, so we will be implementing the hot weather guidance provided by Hampshire County Council's health and safety team here at Wallop Primary.

We also wanted to share a few quick, practical reminders for home to help keep everyone safe:

- **Watch out for dehydration and sunburn:** These are the most common issues, but heat-related illness can range from mild discomfort to life-threatening heatstroke.
- Younger children (particularly under 4s) and those with medical conditions or on certain medications are much more vulnerable to the heat.
- If your child seems unwell, immediately move them to a cool area, encourage them to drink water, and seek medical advice if they don't perk up or if you are worried.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and healthy!



Little Wandle

Well done to all our children who participated in the Phonics Screening Check this week. We are very proud of the progress they have all made this year.

We have been using Little Wandle as our chosen phonics scheme for almost a full academic year and we are thrilled with the impact it has had on early reading. Thanks go to the Armed Forces Educational Trust for helping us fund the resources. Without their grant, changing phonic schemes wouldn't have been possible. Don't forget, you can access the parent resources here:

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

Meet the Team

Name: Mrs Fernie

Role: Admin Assistant

What I love most about my job: No two days are the same, and I love to help and support all the staff and watch the children thrive.

Something you might not know about me:

I have lived in 4 countries.

When I'm not at school, you'll find me...

out sightseeing with my family

My favourite children's book: Isadora Moon by Harriet Muncaster. Isadora is half fairy, half vampire!



School Holidays and INSET

Armed Forces Day - 26 June 2:30pm

Happy's Circus - 30 June

End of Yr Reports - 8 July

Open afternoon - 10 July 3pm

Yr5/6 End of Yr Play - 16 July 6pm

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Yr 6 Graduation - 20 July 2.30pm

Summer holiday 23 July - 31 Aug

INSET Monday 1 Sept 2026

INSET Friday 23 Oct 2026

INSET Monday 2nd Nov 2026

INSET Monday 4 Jan 2027

INSET Friday 28 May 2027



Funded by
UK Government

Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.



Book Schemes



HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities>

