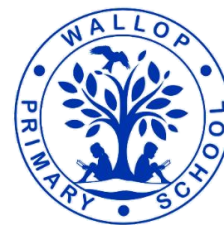




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Dear parents and carers,

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

This is the final newsletter for the academic year 2025–2026! The school has had a truly fantastic year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here as Headteacher. I am really looking forward to the new term in September, where we will continue to build on this success and keep providing the children with brilliant opportunities.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Jon Hannan, our Chair of Governors. He has been an incredible support to me and to the school over the last year. He is now moving on to a new adventure that involves travelling all over the world, so unfortunately, he has needed to step down from being a governor. We wish you all the best for the future, Jon! I am delighted to share that Pat Bunche will be taking on the role from September. She has been part of our governing body for almost a year and is very experienced in education and governance. We will also have a couple of parent governor vacancies next year, so if you think you can spare some time to support the school in this capacity, please let me know and I can give you some more details. More information will also follow in the new academic year.

I'd also like to thank Mrs Fernie for all her support while I have been at Wallop. In the Autumn term, she kept the office running smoothly single-handedly while we recruited for the Finance Officer position. She is always so calm, supportive, and wonderful with the children. I will really miss her proactive and caring approach.

A huge thank you also goes to all the staff here at Wallop. They have worked exceptionally hard this academic year, which has enabled all our national testing results to improve from last year - meaning our children are even better prepared for their next stage of learning. The staff's dedication to providing exactly what each child needs in every lesson is incredible, and I am very proud to work with such a brilliant team. Beyond academics, the staff have gone above and beyond to provide wonderful experiences for the children, supporting them on numerous trips, cluster sporting events, and PTA activities. They give so much of their time to the school, and I am excited to see what we will achieve together next year.

And thank you to you, our families. Your support means so much to us, and we really value working closely with you to ensure we know your children well and can do our very best for them. Thank you for attending celebration assemblies, parents' evenings, open afternoons, sports days, the circus, and the fete. I really appreciate being part of this fantastic community.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. Please stay safe and have lots of fun making memories as a family. We look forward to seeing you for another brilliant year on September 2nd!

Best wishes,
Miss Simons



Year 6 Leavers

It will soon be time for us to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children as they begin the next chapter of their education journey at secondary school. The staff have ensured an exciting end to their primary school years with a graduation ceremony, a trip to Paultons Park and today a special leavers' lunch. We wish them all the best for Year 7 and beyond!

If you gave permission for us to send your child's photo to the Andover Advertiser, keep an eye out as the photos will be published next week.



Summer Support

If you need some support over the summer, while school is closed, don't forget you can reach out to the School Nurse Team. You can access the School Nurse Parent Portal via **02382 313092**.

You can also access support at the Andover Foodbank on 01264 362111 or email office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

And here are a few other useful numbers:

Hampshire Domestic Abuse Advice Line: 03300 165 112

YoungMinds Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544

Shout Crisis Text Line: Text 85258

Looking for affordable ways to eat out as a family over the holidays?

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/kids-eat-free/>



The PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the Happy Circus event in June. This was a brilliant community event and it was great to work on this with the pre-school. I am grateful to the staff who volunteered additional hours to support the event. The circus raised £85 which will be split between the school and the Wallops Preschool.

Unfortunately, at the last meeting, there were not enough parent attendees to ensure all the roles that are required could be filled. There needs to be three to be quareted. So unfortunately, our PTA has had to fold. The money in the PTA account will be donated to the school and we intend to use this for a new carpet for the school library.

I would like to thank Mrs Griffiths for her dedication as chair of the PTA and for all her support over the last year.

As a school, we will continue to run fundraising events throughout the year where possible to ensure the children still have these opportunities, but understandably these may look a little different. When events are advertised, if you think you can help, I would really appreciate it.



Following the unprecedented MenB outbreak, in Kent in March 2026, pharmacies have been commissioned to deliver a one-off MenB vaccination programme.

This programme is for young people born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008; on or after 21 July 2001 and who are starting university or at some further education colleges for the first time this autumn. Visit your local pharmacy or for further information go to NHS page [MenB vaccine for children - NHS](#)

School Holidays and INSET

INSET 21st July and 22nd July

Summer 23rd July - 2nd Sept

INSET 3rd Sept

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

Robyn Report

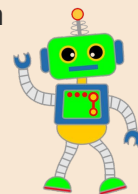
This was a busy week across maths and English, with 157 questions asked to Robyn! Here are some of the ways Robyn the AI teaching assistant has been making every learning minute matter this week:

The dominant pattern this week was children asking for challenge questions once they'd finished their set work, then submitting answers for checking.

Several students photographed their finished work and asked for it to be marked. This one, from the Tuesday money lesson, shows a clean piece of work being confirmed and then nudged a little further: **Student:** Column addition $£3.85 + £1.70 = £5.55$. Column subtraction $£10.00 - £5.55 = £4.45$. Sentence: "she gets £4.45 pound change." **Robyn:** That's correct (total £5.55 and change £4.45); can you rewrite your final answer as one sentence that includes both amounts clearly?

Friday's time lesson included a creative extension task where students made three-digit numbers from digit cards and converted them from minutes into hours and minutes.

Eagles and Owls will continue using Robyn next term.



Hampshire LA are asking for parents to share their views on the SEND local offer:

We would like to hear from Hampshire parents and carers about your child's education and support experience.

Your feedback will help shape Hampshire's Accessibility Strategy – a plan for improving access, inclusion and support for children and young people in education settings across Hampshire. It will also help us improve the Hampshire SEND Local Offer, which provides information about help and services available for children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families in Hampshire.

The survey asks about topics such as:

- How welcomed and included your child feels in their setting
- How well their needs are understood and supported
- Any barriers they face in accessing education and school activities
- How easy it is to find information and support through the Hampshire SEND Local Offer

Your views will help us improve information, services and support for families across Hampshire.

Complete the survey here:

[Hampshire SEND Local Offer and your views on your child's education and support](#)

Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences.

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