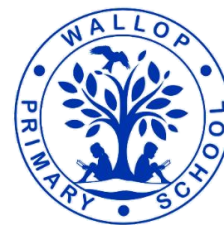




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**

Admin Officer: **Mrs Lex Butler**

Chair of Governors: **Mrs Pat Bunche**

Welcome back to a new school year! The children have made a brilliant start to the new term and I am so delighted with how settled they are in their new classes. I have already seen the classes demonstrating fantastic listening, fantastic sitting and lining up in their fantastic lines. If you don't know about our fantastic behaviours, make sure you ask your child and they will be able to tell you all about it!

Next week, you have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher at one of our meet the teacher events. We have two on Tuesday 15th September at 3:30 and 4:00. This is so that if you have children in different classes, you can attend a session with each teacher. Even if your child has the same teacher as last year, it is still worth coming along as they will be going through some key messages for the year ahead. We work on a 2 year cycle so the curriculum is not the same for children in KS1 and 2 when they have their teacher for a second year. In Year R and KS1 there will also be a big focus on phonics and how we teach early reading. We hope to see you there! If you can't make the meeting, and want to get in touch with your child's class teacher, please email the school office and they will pass the message on to them. They will get back to you as soon as they can.

We will be celebrating the season of harvest in our singing assemblies over the next few weeks and we will also have a harvest festival assembly. As part of this, the children are invited to bring in some donations for the Andover Foodbank. If you are able to help, donations can be brought in on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th September. You have received an email with suggested items from the admin team.

Best wishes,
Miss Simons

Smartphone free childhood

As you'll remember from letters from me last year, all schools are moving towards being smart-phone free and the Test Valley schools (including Wallop) have begun this from this September. Here is a light-hearted video that captures why smartphones are so dangerous for children. [Smartphone Free Childhood US - "Let's Change The Norm"](#)

Beat the midweek rush with meal planning

The children are back in school and we're all getting back to our regular routines. To save yourself time (and money!) why not take 10 minutes to make a meal plan for the week ahead? There's lots of information online to help you get started, including [ready made plans to suit your diet and budget](#).

Did you know you can earn Green Points with [Hampshire Kitchen Heroes](#) for meal planning? This free app rewards you when you take action to make your food go further and the user with the most Green Points wins a day out at one of the following Hampshire attractions:

- [Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens](#)
- [Runways End Outdoor Centre](#)
- [Calshot Activities Centre](#)
- [Staunton Farm](#)
- [Tile Barn Outdoor Centre](#)
- [Manor Farm](#)



Can you help?

Over the summer, we had the banked playing field levelled out so there is no longer a steep drop onto the playground, making it much safer for the children. We are now in desperate need of some grass and wildflower seed to plant on to the new ground. If you are able to donate some bags, we would really appreciate it. Drop them in at the school office, or click to purchase from our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Sign up for free at: hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk



We're teaching every child
to read with Little Wandle
Letters and Sounds Revised

At Wallop Primary School, we use **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised** as our chosen phonics programme to teach early reading.

Working in partnership with families is key to reading success, and we encourage you to explore the Little Wandle parent portal at [Little Wandle Parent Zone](#).

Here, you will find short videos demonstrating how phonics is taught in school, guides on how to pronounce each sound correctly, and plenty of practical, fun ways you can support your child's reading journey at home.

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Modelling good behaviour - parent webinar

The Road Safety Team are launching support for parents; encouraging parents to educate their children about road safety from a very early age.

They have asked schools to help promote this, to enable them to share these important messages with a wide audience. The idea of the webinar is to encourage parents to set a good example and model safe road safety behaviour at all times.

Click the link below to sign up!



[Parent webinar registration form](#)

Hampshire
Healthy
Families



School nurse

If you would like to speak with the school nurse about any worries or concerns you have, you can reach them via their parent portal phone number: **02382 313092**.

They are a really lovely team and can help with a range of challenges including sleep, eating habits and so much more.

School Holidays and INSET

INSET - **1/9/2026**

Meet the teacher meetings - **Tue 15th Sept**

School photo day - **Thu 17th Sept**

Book Fair - **13th - 20th October**

Parents evening - **13th & 15th October**

Half term - **26th - 30th October**

INSET **Friday 23 Oct 2026**

INSET **Monday 2nd Nov 2026**

INSET **Monday 4 Jan 2027**

INSET **Friday 28 May 2027**

NETFLIX

The Amazing Digital Circus, is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix. At first glance the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. **However**, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents find unsuitable for primary-aged children. The show carries a **12 rating** on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format. This series is not suitable for younger viewers. Please continue to monitor what your child is watching online on TV, laptops, tablets and phones.

Thank you for your support with this safeguarding matter.