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Wallop Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**
Admin Assistant**: Mrs Lex Butler**
Chair of Governors: **Mrs Pat Bunche**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great start to the second half of the Autumn Term. The children have returned to school brilliantly as always, and it has been wonderful to welcome some new families to Wallop. We have already been very busy with our learning and enrichment opportunities, including a visit from our local Police Community Support Officers. Each class had the opportunity to chat with the PCSOs about their jobs, and it was great to hear about how they support our community. The highlight was definitely seeing the children take a turn in the driver's seat of the police car!

Eagles Class also went on an exciting trip to the Winchester Science Centre, and I was thrilled to hear how brilliantly they represented the school while extending their scientific learning. Well done, Eagles!

As Christmas approaches, many of you may be having a clear-out to make space for new items. If you have any games, puzzles, chess sets, etc., that you would be happy to donate to the school, our Breakfast Club would be very grateful. You might also be able to help with some items from our wishlist, linked below.

A highlight of the school calendar for me is attending the Over Wallop Remembrance Day service. This year, we were able to take both Owls and Eagles class. It was a lovely opportunity for us to mark this important date with the community, taking time to think of those who serve our country now, in the past, and in the future. We had a shared whole-school assembly before walking into the village, which was also a lovely moment. As always, the children made me very proud, showing respect and demonstrating our school value of "valuing others."

Best wishes,
Miss Simons



New Football Club! 360 are now going to be running a weekly football club on a Friday after school. Information about this was sent home earlier this week but if you would like more information, or to sign your child up, please contact 360 via **www.360degreesportscoaching.co.uk/book-online** .

Want some help from the **School Nurse** with sleep, toileting or eating habits?
Message them directly on
07507332417

Can you help?

We are always so grateful to our families and the wider community for your generous donations and offers of help.

Please take a look at our

Amazon Wishlist

to see if there is anything you can donate to the school. We really do appreciate it!

Christmas

The festive season will soon be upon us, so I just thought I would take the opportunity to let you know about a few events coming up.

Christmas Cards - The deadline to order your child's design for The Cauliflower Christmas Cards is 17th November. Take a look at the slip that the children brought home for instructions, or contact the school office.

Christmas lunch - Please use this link to order your child a Christmas Dinner for Friday 11th December. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day! https://forms.gle/oF977Mz4gS7yRhfF8

Kites and Kestrels Nativity - Kites and Kestrels will be performing "Christmas Counts" to their families on the 9th December at 10am.

Rudolph run - On Friday 18th December (the last day of term), we are participating in a sponsored "Rudolph Run" to raise money for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover War Memorial. The children will be given antlers and noses to dress up in and take part in a fun run, which they can collect sponsors for soon.

Modelling road safety behaviour

As it now gets darker earlier, it is really important to model and talk about safe behaviour on and near roads. For support with how you can do this with your children , take a look at this link here.

We have 6 Junior Road Safety officers in school from Eagles class who will be talking to the children about being seen by dressing brightly! To support this message, next Friday 20th November the children can come to school in bright and shiny clothes for our "time to shine" day.

Best Start Family Hub - now open in Andover! From infant feeding and parenting advice to child development and SEND guidance, Family Hubs offer accessible support throughout your child's early years and beyond.

In Leigh Park, local families are already making the most of their Best Start Family Hub. The Peep Stay and Play sessions are thriving with crafts, songs, and storytime, leading into a hugely successful six-week Peep programmes. As one local parent shared:

> *"Honestly, the group has been amazing. From support and friendships, to seeing J have the best time and grow in confidence, it has been such a joy."*

Check out the poster below for key services at the new Andover Hub, visit the Best Start Family Hubs webpage, or follow Best Start Family Hubs Hampshire on Facebook for the latest news and session times!

Robyn helps make every learning minute matter! This week, Robyn, the AI teaching assistant, has mostly been giving children opportunities to check their understanding with quizzes and application tasks. Take a look at this response in my weekly headteacher report showing Robyn making sure learning is really accurate.

> STUDENT [PHOTO]: Worksheet: "Convert to the same unit in your head or jot it down. Then choose >, < or ="
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> Handwritten comparisons: 1500 ml > 1 L 2) 2500 ml < 3 L 2000 ml = 2 L 4) 950 ml < 1 L 0.7 L = 700 ml 2) 0.25 L < 480 ml 1.5 L > 1200 ml 4) 0.97 L < 1 L 3.3 L > 3000 ml 6) 1.05 L = 1050 ml
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> "EXPLAIN IT: How did you know whether 0.97 L is greater than or less than 1 L?" Handwriting: "Because 1L has 1000ml but 0.97 has 970..." (ending cut off).
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> ROBYN: All your comparisons are correct, and your explanation correctly compares 970 ml with 1000 ml—can you check that you have included units after both amounts?

Key Dates

Deadline to order Christmas Cards - 17th Nov
Sponsored shhh day - 30th November
Kite and Kestrels Nativity 9th December
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Friday 11th December
Rudolph Run - Friday 18th December
INSET Monday 4 Jan 2027
INSET Friday 28 May 2027

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat
Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms
Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores
Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis
Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits
You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease
If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome
Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo
They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm
See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever
They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox
Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection
If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles
They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea
Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Rudolph Run

What is the Rudolph Run ?

The Rudolph Run is a fun, festive sponsored run or walk where children get to become Santa's reindeer!
On a date chosen by your school the children will put on their Rudolph noses and reindeer antlers and take part in a sponsored run or walk around the school.
They'll be lots of festive fun, plenty of smiles and hopefully a little Rudolph magic along the way!
Every child taking part will recieve their very own reindeer antlers and Rudolph nose to keep.

Why are we taking part?

We're raising money for our local Hospice **The Countess of Brecknock,** which provides vital specialist care and support to adults living with life-limiting illnesses in our local community.
The hospice provides care completely free of charge to patients and their families, offering nursing, emotional support, day services and help for families and those experiencing bereavement.
It costs a great deal to provide this care, and the hospice relies on the generosity of local people.

Every pound raised will help the hospice continue to care for local people when they need it most.

How can you help ?

We would be incredibly grateful if you could support your child by:

- Helping them collect sponsorship from family and friends.
  Sponsorship envelopes and a QR code donation card will be sent home with each pupil to make it easy for family and friends to donate.
- Sharing their Rudolph Run fundraising efforts with others.
- Returning any sponsorship money to school as requested.



Helping local people and families when they need us most.

The Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover War Memorial
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BEST START IN LIFE | FAMILY HUBS

Your new Best Start Family Hub in Andover

Calling all parents and carers!



FREE opening day fun!

Tell your family and friends!

Your new Best Start Family Hub is opening at Spring Meadow on 29 October.

Discover a **free one-stop shop** of trusted information, advice and support to help you through your journey as a parent.

Come and chat with our friendly Hub Connector, who can signpost you to information, advice and support for families from pregnancy through to age 19, or up to age 25 for young people with SEND.

Whether it's health and wellbeing or childcare and education questions, you can find everything you need to support your child to have the best start in life.

Also part of the Best Start Family Hubs Network:

Andover Library
Chantry Centre,
Andover, SP10 1LT



Lots of activities for children and families.

Best Start Family Hub at Spring Meadow

Smannell Road, Andover, SP11 6JP

29 October 2026
2 to 5pm

Scan the QR code to learn more about Best Start Family Hubs, including locations, services and opening times.