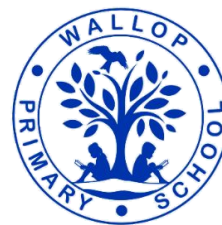


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Wallop Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to say a huge well done to all of our children for such a fantastic start to the school year! It has been wonderful to see so much learning taking place across every classroom, with fantastic progress being made, especially in reading and phonics. Thank you for your continued support at home with daily reading - it truly makes a huge difference.

A special thank you to everyone who joined us for our Pumpkin Trail this week! It was a lovely celebration of the autumn term, and the children did a great job decorating their pumpkins. A massive thank you goes to all of our staff for running the event. We hope everyone enjoyed the face painting, cookie decorating, and s'more toasting!

As we head into the holiday, we want to keep *Every Learning Minute Matters* momentum going! Simple everyday activities offer wonderful opportunities. You could count the number of pushes on the swing at the park, practise times tables as you walk up the stairs, or read recipes and signs together.

Looking ahead to after the break, we are excited to launch a new menu option for school dinners! Alongside all our regular hot meals, we are introducing a brand-new 4th choice. This is a packed lunch option that includes paninis, sandwiches, toasties, and wraps - a great option at only £2.75 a day! Take a look here [School Meals - Wallop Primary School](#).

Thank you again for all your support this term. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful, and happy half-term break!
Miss Simons

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**

Admin Officer: **Mrs Lex Butler**

Chair of Governors: **Mrs Pat Bunche**



BREAKFAST CLUB

LOCATION:



THE SCHOOL HALL

WHEN:



EVERY MORNING
from 7:45 AM

COST:

£3.75

FUN ACTIVITIES:



BOARD GAMES



LEGO



DRAWING



OUTDOOR PLAY

WHAT WE DO:
FUN BEFORE SCHOOL!



PLAY BOARD GAMES



CREATE WITH LEGO



BE CREATIVE:
DRAWING & ARTS



RUN BY FRIENDLY
WALLOP SCHOOL STAFF



Things to do this october half term

- **The Army Flying Museum at Wallop** - "Join us for a spooktacular Half Term ... if you dare!" — "a week packed with Halloween-themed crafts, fascinating trails, hands-on activities and incredible creatures!" Activities are available every weekday 10am - 12:30pm.
- **The Hawk Conservancy Trust in Andover** - Enjoy an exclusive Spooky Owl flying display, where myths and legends surrounding these mystical creatures come alive. Plus, solve riddles and collect letters on a mysterious trail to claim a Halloween sticker.
- **Mottisfont in Romsey** - Join the Bunnies of Hoppity Hill on the "We're Going on a Ghost Hunt" trail running through October 3 – November 1, 2026.
- **The Pumpkin Trail (Winchester)** - Head to the Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum at Serles House (Southgate Street) starting **Saturday, 24 October 2026 at 10:00 AM** for an interactive family pumpkin trail with **free** entry and a chance to win prizes.



Attendance

We have lots of children with 100% attendance for this half term, which is fantastic. We know that illness can't be helped but I do want to make you aware of some information.

On Fridays, our attendance is significantly lower than on the other school days and it is also lower than at least a quarter of similar schools to Wallop.

Please can we all work together to make every learning minute matter for every day of the school week.

Click this link for NHS guidance:

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)



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](#)

School Holidays and INSET

INSET Friday 23 Oct 2026

INSET Monday 2nd Nov 2026

Eagles residential 16th-19th Nov

Dress bright and shine day - 20th Nov

Kite and Kestrels Nativity 9th December

**Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Friday
11th December**

INSET Monday 4 Jan 2027

INSET Friday 28 May 2027

Thruxton Glitter and Glow Firework Festival!

Saturday 7th November

Support Andover Foodbank by buying tickets to the Thruxton Glitter and Glow Firework Festival!

Andover Foodbank is thrilled to be this year's charity beneficiary of this fantastic event, organised by Andover Community Events at the iconic Thruxton Race Circuit.

With spectacular fireworks, a disco, market stalls, food, light-up tractors around the track, a bonfire and a fairground rides, it's set to be a brilliant family night out!

Every ticket purchased helps support Andover Foodbank, so get yours today and enjoy a fabulous evening while making a difference in our local community.

<https://thruxtonracing.co.uk/event/firework-festival>

