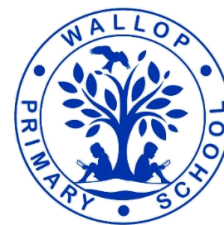




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**

Admin Officer: **Mrs Lex Butler**

Chair of Governors: **Mrs Pat Bunche**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and I want to share how proud we are of how hard the children have been working. We have also been particularly pleased with breaktimes and lunchtimes. It is a real joy to watch the children playing so actively, kindly, and collaboratively together. Their positive energy and showing our school value of valuing others has set a brilliant tone for the whole school and they continue to earn lots of paper chains for our whole school celebration.

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor to join our governing body. Parent governors play a vital role in our school community, working alongside school leaders to help set our strategic direction, monitor progress, and ensure high standards of education for all of our children. You do not need any prior experience in education - just enthusiasm, a willingness to ask questions, and a commitment to helping our school thrive. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact the school office to speak to me or our Chair of Governors, Pat.

As you will be aware, our PTA sadly disbanded last year. However, we would still very much love to organise our traditional Pumpkin Trail for the children this autumn. If you feel you might be able to lend a hand (with sourcing or organising pumpkins, or helping out on the day of the event itself) please contact the school office. Any support you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Once we know the event can happen, we will share dates and details as soon as possible.

Best wishes, Miss Simons



Clothes Donations

Do you have any school uniform, coats or other wet weather clothes you could donate?

We would love to be able to support more of our families with clothing for school and for the autumn and winter months. If your child has grown out of some items, please send them in in a bag marked donation. Thanks!



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!

This was a busy week with Robyn across a wide range of subjects. The dominant pattern this week was students working on extended writing tasks, drafting sentences, checking vocabulary, asking for challenge questions, and getting unstuck — with Robyn guiding them back to the task rather than doing the work for them. A hybrid animal writing lesson in Owl class generated the most sustained back-and-forth of the week. Here's one example:



Student: How do you spell vegetarian?

Robyn: It's spelled vegetarian.

To help you remember it, can you spot the smaller word "vegetable" at the start, then add "-arian" on the end?

Student: Thank you.

Robyn: You're welcome. What sentence are you trying to use vegetarian in for your hybrid animal's diet?

Student: The unicorn is a vegetarian, but it also eats meat. And before bed, it has a cup of milk and a carrot.

Robyn: You've got some nice specific details there (milk and carrot before bed). But check your word choice: if your unicorn eats meat, can it still be a vegetarian, or is it the other diet word we learnt in the lesson?

Which do you want it to be — no meat at all, or both plants and meat — and how could you show that with a because or while sentence?

Robyn is really helping us to make sure every learning minute matters!



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](#)

Outdoor learning



Our staff enjoyed some fantastic training from Learning Through Landscapes – the UK's leading outdoor learning and play charity. This training was possible as a result of a grant we applied for and we were delighted to be successful with our application! The grant has also provided us with some more outdoor learning resources. We have absolutely amazing grounds here at Wallop and the staff now have loads more ideas for how we can take our learning outside more often.



As you will have seen from the letter shared last week, we are participating in the

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult at home or school or to Childline. It is an age-appropriate programme and we have the workshops in Eagles and Kestrels class next week. The mascot Buddy will be visiting each class too!



School Holidays and INSET

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

Kite and Kestrels Nativity 9th December

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Friday

11th December

INSET Monday 4 Jan 2027

INSET Friday 28 May 2027

 **Funded by
UK Government**

 **Hampshire
County Council**
Hampshire Achieves



Raising Resilient Children Online course

Mondays 28 September - 19 October

7pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Topics include:

- Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies and tips.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- ADHD nervous system differences, sensory systems, emotional regulation, stress response, attention regulation, and executive functioning.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

3 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm

Andover Community Church
Charlton Road, Andover SP10 3JH



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

EMBRACING AUTISM

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism.

Topics include:

- Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic young person and practical strategies.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Supporting Young People to Make Sense of their Experiences - empowering young people and putting them at the centre of their experience.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

17 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm

Andover Community Church
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