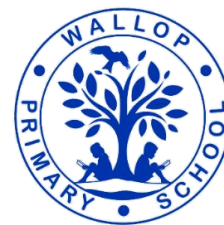




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**

Admin Officer: **Mrs Lex Butler**

Chair of Governors: **Mrs Pat Bunche**

It's been an exciting couple of weeks in school with our new clubs well under way. Lots of children are enjoying being part of cooking club, cross country running club, girls football, Lego club, book club and the Around the World Club. These will continue for a few weeks after the half term so if you would like to sign your child up, please get in touch with the school office so your child can join in the fun!

Last year, our library had a wonderful make-over. We moved it to a larger space and improved the storage, accessibility and resources available to the children. I am incredibly grateful to Mrs Fowler, our volunteer librarian, who donates so much time to reading in our school. There are not many primary schools that have a librarian anymore, so we are one of the lucky ones! As you will know, the PTA sadly disbanded at the end of last year, however there was still some money left in their pot and we have used most of this for re-carpeting the library as it was incredibly bare and faded. Once the furniture is all back in at the start of next week, I will share a before and after photo on the school Facebook page, so make sure you take a look!

I would just like to touch on school attendance for a moment. We fully recognise how precious family time is and always aim to support family's needs with warmth and empathy as far as reasonably possible. However, as you may be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) has an increased focus on attendance nationwide this year. In line with these expectations, I will not be approving term-time holiday requests except under truly exceptional circumstances. To help support our families in taking time away together, we intentionally scheduled two INSET days on either side of the upcoming October half-term break. We hope this extended window enables you to enjoy a longer break together as a family without impacting your child's attendance and learning. I fully sympathise with the increased costs of holiday outside of term time - my own family is impacted by this! But as we always say at Wallop, every learning minute matters and having good attendance is a key part of that. If you have any questions about this, or would like to discuss your child's attendance in general, please do get in touch to arrange a time to come and see me or to chat on the phone. Or you can catch me at parents evening next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Simons

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!

FREE talk for parents

22 October 7-8pm

If you don't have time to listen

Just book online and receive a link to the recording available for 48 hours



ADHD & Homework

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



How Kids Bypass Content Filters (And How to Stop Them)

Understanding the Methods Children Use to Circumvent Parental Controls

Children are often more tech-savvy than their parents realize. From VPN apps to cached web pages, kids have discovered numerous ways to get around content filters. Understanding these methods is the first step toward building a filtering strategy that actually works.

Have a look at this website <https://cleanbrowsing.org/learn/how-kids-bypass-filters> to check you have the right settings on the devices your childre have access to.

A message from Kestrels class

Last week, Kestrels class went on a school trip to The Army Aircorps Museum. The School Councillors are going to tell you a bit about it.

We did an Eagle trail where we had to find the colours. Red and pink were hard because they were reflective. It was fun though!

We went around the upstairs and downstairs sections and we found out all about the different planes and the first ever plane. It was made of fabric and bamboo and couldn't carry much!

We also got to look around like we were being pilots.

We enjoyed our school trip!

From Gracie-Mae and Jackson

Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisations are taking place on Monday 19th October. Please talk to your child about the benefits of this and reassure them that it will just feel a bit tickly being sprayed up their nose. There is a letter from the NHS included in this newsletter telling you a bit more about it. We have provided all our staff with the flu vaccine as well to keep Wallop running smoothly over the winter months.

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

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

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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.



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C 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	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
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.	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.	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.	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.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	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.	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.	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.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	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.	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).
	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.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	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.		

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?'

School Age Immunisation Service - Parent Newsletter

Annual Flu Vaccination Programme

All children are eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Parents and carers are sent a link to the online consent form between September and November, ahead of the school vaccination session.

The vaccine is usually given as a nasal spray. For children who cannot have the nasal spray due to medical or religious reasons, a porcine-free injectable vaccine is available. Details about how to request this are included on the electronic consent form.

Why should I get my child vaccinated? Flu is a highly infectious illness that children can catch and spread easily. For many children, flu can be very unpleasant and may lead to complications such as ear infections, bronchitis, or pneumonia. In some cases, it can result in serious illness requiring hospital treatment.

Vaccinating your child not only helps protect them from flu but also reduces the spread of the virus to others who may be more vulnerable to serious illness, including babies, pregnant women, older adults, and those with long-term health conditions.

What if my child misses their school vaccination session? If you provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine and they are absent on the day of the school session, you will automatically receive an email inviting you to book an appointment at a local community clinic, ensuring your child still has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

It's not too late to complete the consent form. Even if your child's school vaccination session has already taken place, submitting a form now will allow you to book an appointment at a local community clinic.

For contact details and further information about the School Aged Immunisation Service and the vaccination programmes offered, please visit:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/>

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