

Newsletter ~ July 2026

The Windmill Primary Federation



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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the summer term, I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to another successful academic year at Walpole Highway Primary School.

Our pupils have worked hard and embraced a wide range of learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. We have been pleased with the outcomes of this year's national assessments, including the Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Tables Check. Our Year 6 pupils also completed their SATs after months of hard work and preparation; they should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

Alongside their academic learning, pupils have represented the school in sporting events, performances, educational visits and a variety of enrichment activities. These experiences are an important part of school life and make a valuable contribution to pupils' personal development. Highlights this term have included the Year 6 residential visit to Hilltop and the Dance Festival at Springwood.

Thank you to our staff for their continued commitment and professionalism, and to our parents and carers for your ongoing support. By working together, we continue to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Craig Jansen, Executive Headteacher at West Walton, for his support and leadership throughout this academic year. His guidance and dedication have been instrumental in the smooth running of both West Walton Primary School and the wider federation. We are extremely grateful for his commitment, hard work and the positive contribution he has made to our schools over the past year.

Finally, to our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to secondary school. We hope you look back on your time at Walpole Highway with fond memories and we wish you all the very best for the future.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the new academic year on Thursday 3rd September.

Emma Hunt & Kelly Farthing
Exec Headteacher & Head of School

Hedgehogs

Wow... where has this year gone? Time certainly flies when you're having fun!

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into the Walpole Highway family. From my very first day, I have felt incredibly supported, and it has been such a privilege to teach your wonderful children and get to know you all. It has been a year full of smiles, laughter, learning and memorable moments that I will always treasure.

Reception

I am so proud of everything the Reception children have achieved this year. They have all made fantastic progress and have grown so much in confidence and independence, both in their learning and in their everyday life skills. Watching them flourish has been an absolute joy.

This half term, we have been exploring the topic of The Sea. The children have learnt about water safety, discovered how to light up a lighthouse using a battery and bulb, and explored the impact that plastic pollution has on our oceans.

In Maths, they have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and creating repeating patterns. In English, the children learnt the story of *The Rainbow Princess*, before innovating it and confidently retelling it in their own words. They then used their imaginations to write their own wonderful versions of the story. I have been so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm.

Year 1 and Year 2

It has also been another busy and exciting half term for Year 1 and Year 2, who have continued to work incredibly hard.

In Maths, we have learnt to tell the time, explored the days of the week and months of the year, worked with money, and practiced weighing and measuring. The children have shown great determination and resilience as they have tackled these new concepts. In English, we have enjoyed reading a range of information texts, including one about giant pandas. The children then wrote their own information text about Muslims and their beliefs, making excellent links with our RE learning.

Our Science topic has been astronomy, where we have explored the Solar System, the planets and our place on Earth. In History, we have learnt about powerful voices and how individuals have helped to shape and change the world. During DT, the children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their own Roman chariots, which was a fantastic way to revisit our previous learning about the Romans.

To our wonderful Year 2 children, I want to wish you every success as you move up to Owls Class. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow this year, and I know you are more than ready for your next adventure. Keep believing in yourselves, continue to work hard and, most importantly, enjoy every moment—you are all going to do brilliantly!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for your kindness, encouragement and support throughout the year. Working together has helped make this such a happy and successful year for the children, and I am truly grateful. I hope you all have a fantastic, well-deserved summer break, filled with fun, laughter and special family memories. Stay safe, enjoy every minute, and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs Else



Owls Class

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of every single member of Owls. It has been such a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, resilience and independence throughout the year. They have all worked so hard, embraced new challenges and I truly love being their teacher. It has been a privilege to share so many wonderful learning experiences with them.

This term has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum. In History, we have been exploring the Suffragettes, a topic the children have thoroughly enjoyed, especially as it linked so well with a previous English unit. In English, we have read *Street Child* and used it as inspiration to write our own historical narratives. The children produced some fantastic writing and really enjoyed bringing history to life through their stories. In Geography, we have been discovering the diverse landscapes, countries and cultures of South America, while in Design and Technology the classroom has been full of creativity as we designed and built our own Egyptian shadufs. It has been wonderful to see the teamwork, problem-solving and determination the children demonstrated throughout the project.

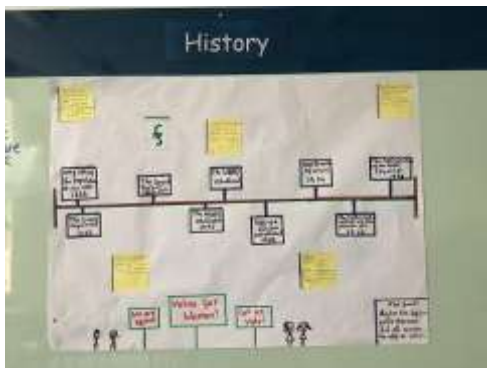
A huge congratulations to our Year 4 pupils for completing their Multiplication Tables Check. They approached it with determination and should all be very proud of their efforts. Well done also to every child across the class for completing their recent assessments. It has been wonderful to see the progress everyone has made this year, and it is clear that all of their hard work is paying off. They are growing in confidence and improving every day.

Finally, I would like to say a very special goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children, who have now reached the end of their primary school journey. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and of the wonderful young people they have become. While we will miss them greatly, we know they are ready for the exciting adventures that await them at secondary school. We wish each and every one of them the very best of luck for the future.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been greatly appreciated. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday. Enjoy making special memories together, take care, stay safe and treasure the precious family time. I will miss every one of the children and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when we return.

Have a fantastic summer!

Miss Clark



Diary Dates

COMING SOON

1st September – Staff Training Day

2nd September – Staff Training Day

3rd September- Children Back to School

Autumn Term -Dates to be confirmed – Owls class swimming lessons

15th October - 2.30pm – 4pm - SEND Tea & Talk in collaboration with MHS

School Uniform Reminder

The compulsory school uniform is detailed below. The logoed sweatshirt and cardigan are available to purchase from Price & Buckland. They will also stock other uniform items – however, these are available from other high street retailers.

Price & Buckland Website: <https://price-buckland.co.uk/>

Available from Price & Buckland

Only required items with logo:

Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Logoed) - £10.75 or Cardigan (Logoed) - £11.75

Optional items that can be purchased from Price and Buckland

These can also be purchased from other high street retailers:

Tailored Grey Trousers

Tailored Shorts

Grey Pleated Skirt or Pinafore

Gingham Summer Dress (School Colour- See Uniform Policy)

PE Bag

Book Bag

Available from High Street Retailers

White Polo T-Shirt

Plain grey socks/tights or black/white socks

Flat black, plain leather-type shoe with enclosed toe and heel

PE Kit

White Crew Neck T-Shirt

Black Shorts

Black Tracksuit - jogging bottoms and crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies)

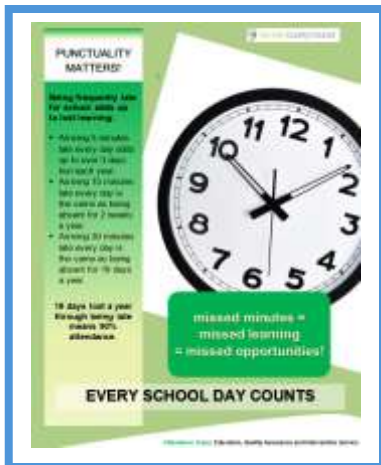
Trainers or Plimsolls

The Windmill Primary Federation example acceptable shoe styles

Examples of acceptable shoe styles



Examples of unacceptable shoe styles



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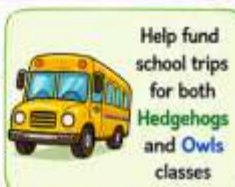
END OF YEAR

Thank You!

As we come to the end of another school year, everyone at **FOWHPS (Friends of Walpole Highway Primary School)** would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to every single person and family who has supported us throughout the year.

This has been our first year as a completely new committee, and we are incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together. None of it would have been possible without your generosity and support.

THANKS TO YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO:



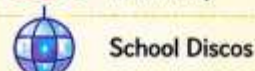
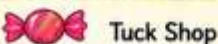
PLEASE LOOK OUT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE for any upcoming events we have coming up in the new school year!



If you have any ideas on how to raise money, or would like to **get involved**, please let us know!

THANK YOU for making this year such a success!

TOGETHER WE RAISED MONEY BY...



Every penny raised has gone straight back into supporting our **wonderful children and staff!**

WE WILL BE BIGGER & BETTER NEXT YEAR!

Lots of exciting ideas and events planned!

ENJOY THE **SUMMER HOLIDAY** EVERYONE!

From

Laura Panks
(Chair)

Katie Whitehouse
(Vice Chair)

Lynette Cobb
(Secretary)

Sarah Norton
(Treasurer)