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The Windmill Primary Federation

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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half term, I would like to thank all our pupils, staff and families for their continued support and for the part they play in making our schools such special places to learn and work.

It has been lovely to see our children embracing new opportunities and making progress across the curriculum. As part of our PSHCE learning, the children have been exploring the theme 'Being Me in My World', including recognising and celebrating their achievements and understanding how it feels to be proud of themselves.

Next half term, the children will explore what it means to be a bystander and how they can become upstanders by taking positive action when they see someone being treated unkindly. This work will be complemented by a focus on anti-bullying in the lead-up to Anti-Bullying Week (16th–20th November).



I would also like to take the opportunity to say a very special thank you to our wonderful caretaker and cleaner, Tracey Hammond, who will be retiring after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the federation. Tracey has been an incredibly valued member of our school community at Walpole Highway and her hard work, commitment and care have helped to make our school welcoming and well-maintained for generations of children and staff. On behalf of everyone at Walpole Highway Primary and across the federation, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for everything she has done over the years. We wish Tracey a very happy, relaxing and well-deserved retirement, although she will be greatly missed by us all!

As we head into the half-term break, I hope all our families enjoy some well-earned time together. Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning, opportunities and achievements.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term holiday.

Emma Hunt & Kelly Farthing
Exec Headteacher & Head of School

Smile Believe Succeed

Hedgehogs

It has been a busy half term in Hedgehogs Class! Our Reception children have settled in extremely well and have made a wonderful start to their Reception year. Our topic has been 'All About Me', where we have learnt about our bodies, how to keep healthy and our feelings. The children have all begun their reading journey and have really enjoyed their daily phonics lessons. They have also formed lovely friendships, and it has been a pleasure getting to know such a wonderful group of children.

In Years 1 and 2, the children have enjoyed retelling The Tom Cat in English and have written their own 'fast-forward' stories. We have recently started our new English unit, A Trip to a Country Museum.

In Maths, we have been exploring place value, addition and subtraction. The children have also enjoyed learning about maps in Geography, investigating our senses in Science, and exploring primary and secondary colours in Art. In Computing, we have been learning about 'Technology All Around Us', discovering the different ways technology is used in our everyday lives. In RE, we have been exploring the Creation Story.

The children have worked incredibly hard throughout this half term, and they should all be very proud of what they have achieved. I'm sure they are ready for a well-deserved rest over the half-term break. I know I am!

Wishing everyone a lovely and relaxing half term!

Mrs Else






Owls Class

Owls Class have settled back into school routines brilliantly and have had a fantastic start to the year! The children have worked hard, embraced new challenges and enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum.

In English, the children have completed their first unit, creating an explanation text inspired by '*Wolf Brother*'. We also linked our Science learning on classification to English, with the children writing another explanation text to share their scientific knowledge. In Maths, we have been working hard on place value and the four operations, developing our understanding and confidence when solving problems and explaining our methods.

In History, we have explored the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks and enjoyed a wonderful Ancient Greece Day, which was great fun! Our Geography learning has focused on our local area, particularly King's Lynn, helping us to develop a better understanding of the places around us. Art has allowed the children to explore different design ideas and choose their own final pieces. It has been lovely to see their creativity shine!

The children have done really well during swimming this half term, continuing to develop their confidence and skills in the water.

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I am very proud of all the children and the effort they have put into their learning. I hope everyone enjoys a restful break, with plenty of time to relax and spend quality time with family over the spooky season!

I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term.

Miss Clark










Diary Dates

2nd – 11th November – Royal Legion Poppy Items on Sale
3rd November – 9.30-10.30 – New Reception Pupils Open Morning
10th November – Flu Vaccinations
10th November – Parent Consultations
12th November – Parent Consultations
11th November – Vision and Hearing Screening - Year 6 and Year R
11th November – Remembrance Performance at Springwood High School
12th November – Music Workshop at Marshland High School – Music Students only
13th November – Children In Need Day – Wear spots
30th November & 1st December – Bikeability Level 1 & 2 for Year 5 & 6
2nd December – Pantomime
2nd December - WNAT Christmas Carol Service (KS2) 6pm-7.30pm4th December – Bikeability Level 1 for Year 3 & 4
10th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Christingle Service at Walpole St Peters Church – Date to be confirmed

Important Reminders

Parentpay Meals

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, it is the parent/carer's responsibility to cancel any pre-booked meals on ParentPay. Although the school office will help where possible, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to cancel a meal before it is prepared. Any meal that has not been cancelled by the parent/carer may therefore still be chargeable. Please remember to check ParentPay and cancel any bookings as soon as you know your child will not be attending school.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We have a special dessert planned for Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November! Children who have a hot school meal booked through ParentPay will be able to choose from decorated cupcakes, bear-shaped shortbread or fruit.

Please note that the special desserts are only available with a booked hot school meal and are not available with the school packed lunch option. If your child would like to enjoy the special Children in Need dessert, please make sure you book their hot school meal on ParentPay for Friday 13th November.

Parking Reminder

Please can we remind all families to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. The yellow zigzag markings outside the school gates must be kept clear at all times to ensure good visibility and help keep our children and families safe.

With the ongoing works nearby reducing the available space and passing places along the road, we kindly ask everyone to take extra care and be considerate of our neighbours and other road users.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep the area outside school safe.

FOWHPS

Friends of Walpole Highway Primary School

OCTOBER 2026

We hope you've all had a fantastic start back at school!

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM FOWHPS



HALLOWEEN DISCO

£3 each including either a hotdog and chips or chicken nuggets and chips.





HOT CHOCOLATES & TUCK SHOP

Fridays are coming back! Starting Friday 6th November.





COMPETITIONS FOR FIREWORKS

Get your thinking caps on and take part!



MOVIE NIGHTS

Cosy films, great company and lots of fun!



AND THEN WE'LL BE TALKING MORE ABOUT

CHRISTMAS

Including our Christmas Shop where children can purchase loved ones a gift of their own.



COMPETITIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Plus lots more festive fun to get involved in!



We will also be continuing to contribute towards school trips and the panto.



We've already contributed towards Owls' event at the start of the school year.



If anyone has any ideas on how we can raise as much money as possible, please let us know.

We are getting short of funds and if we don't get ideas or help we will have to start to think about what is going to happen in the future for FOWHPS.

Your ideas and support make a real difference!

Thank you for everyone's support when we do have our events!