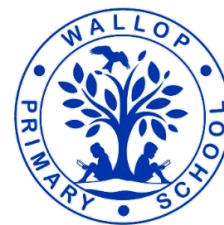




Wallop Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025

Headteacher: **Miss Katie Simons**
Admin Officer: **Mrs Claire Fernie**
Chair of Governors: **Mr Jon Hannan**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another brilliant couple of weeks at school and we are really noticing the autumnal changes to our beautiful school grounds. Kite class have enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the school site this week and it's also been great to see the children enjoying stomping through the fallen leaves at break and lunchtimes. The temperature certainly has dropped so please make sure your child has a jumper and coat in school for the chilly mornings.

We have continued to develop our fantastic behaviours in school. Please ask your child about the fantastic posters in their classrooms which show fantastic sitting, listening, walking and the fantastic line. I have been so impressed with the behaviour choices in the school; I know the teachers will have struggled with their teacher awards this week! Lots of children have also been to show me their amazing learning and I have given out a record breaking number of headteacher stickers! Today marks the start of our new lunchtime award for children showing fantastic manners at lunchtime. I look forward to announcing the winners in our celebration assembly today.

Best wishes,
Miss Simons



The Bus Code of Conduct

Our first priority as a school is safeguarding, and this includes how our children get to and from school. For the majority of our children, this is on the bus. If your child gets the bus to and from school, please can you have a conversation with them about who meets them at the bus stop and what to do if there isn't anyone there.

If you give permission for your child to walk home from the bus stop on their own, please talk to them about where they are and are not allowed to go and what to do if no one is at home unexpectedly.

So that we can support our families with this important safeguarding matter, we have updated our bus protocol at school to be more robust and we have also updated the Bus Code of Conduct. Please can all parents/carers whose child gets the bus complete this [Google Form](#) by Monday 29th September. If you have any problems completing it, please phone the school office.

Dogs on site Personally, I am a HUGE fan of dogs. I have one of my own called Buddy. However, not everyone is a dog person and they can create a lot of mess too. We have some children who are very scared of dogs so please remember, no dogs are allowed on the school site,

except for guide and assistance dogs. If you have to bring them to school, please keep them in the car and not where the children enter the gates.



WANTED

We are always looking to develop our learning environment, and I am hoping you might be able to help us. Kite class need:

- measuring cups/spoons
- Dolls/accessories e.g. clothes, highchair, bath
- Conkers
- Pinecones
- Corks
- Enamel/tin plates/bowls/cups
- Plant bulbs and compost
- A Doctors kit
- A small Dog bowl/dog bed
- off cuts of guttering (around a metre in length)

If you think you can help out with any of these items, please bring them to school with your child, or drop them off at the office.



Headteacher's Tea Party

At the end of each half term, I will be inviting 1 child from each year group to join me for a tea party to celebrate their *fantasticness*!

This special award will be for those children who ALWAYS show ready, respectful and safe choices.

Our New Phonics Programme – Little Wandle



We are excited to let you know that we have changed our school phonics programme to **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised**. This is one of the most widely used phonics schemes across the country because it is a robust and effective way of teaching children to read. At Wallop Primary School, we want to prioritise reading, and with our strong military community we know many children who join us mid-year will already have used Little Wandle at their previous school. For those who haven't, the programme provides strong support for identifying starting points and helping children catch up quickly.

Parents can find resources to support learning at home on the Little Wandle parent portal. These include guides to saying sounds and writing letters, helpful videos showing how phonics is taught in school, and an overview of what children learn.

You can access these resources here: [Little Wandle Parent Resources](#).



Don't forget, we are supporting the Andover Foodbank next Friday by collecting food to donate. Send your child to school with a tin or packet of food to share with families who need some help.

School Holidays and INSET

INSET 24th Oct

Autumn half-term 27th Oct-31st Oct

INSET 3rd Nov

Christmas holiday 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan

INSET 5th Jan 2026

Spring half-term 16th Feb - 20th Feb 2026

Easter holiday 30th Mar - 10th April 2026

May bank holiday 4th May 2026

INSET 5th May 2026

Summer half-term 25th May - 29th May 2026

Summer holiday 23rd July - 31st Aug 2026

Online Safety – Challenges and Hoaxes

We know children enjoy spending time online, but sometimes “online challenges” or “viral hoaxes” can appear on social media. While many are harmless, some can cause worry or even be unsafe.

The government advises that sharing warnings about these hoaxes can sometimes do more harm than good, as it draws unnecessary attention to them. The most helpful thing parents can do is keep regular, calm conversations going with their child about what they see online, encourage them to talk if something worries or upsets them, and remind them how to block or report harmful content. Creating an open environment where children feel listened to is the best safeguard.

For further advice and resources, parents may find the following sites helpful:

- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childnet](#)
- [Parent Info](#)
- [NSPCC](#)

Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time.

A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page

October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm