



Wallop Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025



Headteacher: Miss Katie Simons

Admin Officer: Mrs Claire Fernie

Chair of Governors: Mr Jon Hannan

Dear parents and carers,

We've reached the end of our first half term of the year, and what a fantastic half term it's been! I'm incredibly proud of all that we've achieved. The staff and children have worked so hard, and our new Year R pupils have fully settled into The Wallop Way. Our vision that *every learning minute matters* continues to shine through, and our values of being *ready, respectful and safe* are now firmly part of everyday life in school. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's work and celebrating their achievements. Thank you to everyone who completed the surveys, I'll share the results with you after the half term.

Last Friday's PTA Pumpkin Trail was a huge success; the children's pumpkin designs were amazing! I am pleased to announce the winner was Charlie in Kestrels and Jessie from the Preschool. Thank you to all staff and families who helped make the event such a fun community occasion. The keyboard raffle has been drawn and number 243 is the winner! Our next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday 4th November**, and we'd love to see some new faces during this time for sharing ideas and planning for future events. The PTA plays such an important role in the life of a school, so please come along if you can.

I'm excited to share with you that we're taking part in *The Big Sing* – a Christmas song competition! We're learning *The Calypso Carol* with Makaton signing, and the entry deadline is **14th November**. Please help your child practise using this link: [Big Sing Practice Link](#). I'll share the voting link with you all so please help us spread the word so lots of people vote for us!

Thank you for all your support this half term. I wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,

Miss Simons

Toys at school

Just a reminder, please don't send your child to school with toys from home. If they get lost or broken we can't be held responsible for this. Children have been getting upset about Pokemon cards in particular when they have changed their minds about trading. So moving forward, no toys in school please. We have plenty of our own to have out at break and lunchtime and the school council are looking to buy more!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items to Kite class from our wish list in the last couple of newsletters. We really appreciate your kindness. Other classes are after a few things too and with school budgets as tight as they are, every little help is really appreciated. Take a look at our wishlist here: [Amazon Wishlist](#)



Our girls football team did us proud in the festival this half term.

We Love Fridays!

Fridays are such an important and joyful part of our week, especially with our Celebration Assembly! We've moved these to 9am, and it's been wonderful to hear such positive feedback from parents and staff.

At the moment, our attendance on Fridays is 94.7%, which is lower than on other days of the week and below that of similar schools. As our vision, "*every learning minute matters*," reminds us, regular attendance makes a big difference to children's learning and confidence.

We completely understand that illnesses can't be avoided, especially at this time of year, but let's keep working together to make Fridays just as successful as the rest of the week. Every Friday counts!

A message from our safeguarding governor:

"As the school's Safeguarding Governor, I recently spent time in school reviewing how well safeguarding procedures are understood and followed by both staff and pupils. My role is to monitor and ensure that the school's systems for keeping children safe are robust and effective. During my visit, I was impressed by how confidently pupils could explain what to do and who to talk to if they were worried about something, showing a strong understanding of how the school keeps them safe. Staff training records were all up to date, and it was clear that safeguarding is a shared responsibility across the whole team. I also looked at how the school tracks and responds to any concerns, including incidents of bullying. Leaders monitor these carefully, take appropriate action, and review the impact of their responses to make sure every child feels safe, valued, and supported. It was reassuring to see such a strong culture of care and vigilance throughout the school."

From Caroline James, safeguarding governor.

Free Courses Available for parents and carers

living in Hampshire.

Visit [Learning in Libraries – Hampshire County Council Shop](#) to book a free place.

Managing Your Household Budget

Learn how to:

- Create a practical budget plan
- Calculate income and outgoings
- Explore benefits and incentives to reduce household bills
- Access local and national support

Healthy Cooking on a Budget

Discover how to:

- Use a slow cooker to save on energy bills
- Store and reheat batch-cooked meals safely
- Enjoy a home-cooked meal and take home a free slow cooker and food voucher

Things to do in October half term!

If you are looking for some autumn fun over the half term break, have a look at the visit Hampshire website for lots of free ideas and events.

<https://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/what-on/halloween-events-in-hampshire>

The Winchester Science Centre also has lots of events on over the break too.

<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

School Holidays and INSET

IINSET 24th Oct

Autumn half-term 27th Oct-31st Oct

INSET 3rd Nov

PTA EGM 4th 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



November 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)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm