



# Wallop Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 28th July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather, we have continued to get stuck into our learning and  enjoy opportunities for play and collaboration outside the classroom too. The children have really enjoyed some new toys on the playground and, as always, I have been impressed with how well they play together across year groups and classes.

Just yesterday, the Eco Council led a lunchtime workshop to create bird feeders to attract more wildlife to our grounds and to look after our woodland birds during the winter months. It was also a great way to reuse single-use plastic!

Our new library has continued to be a highlight for both children and staff. The preschool have also enjoyed using it, and we hope this will become a regular event for them. Mrs Fowler, our school librarian, is fantastic at recommending books to staff and children alike, and the children really enjoy listening to her read stories during their weekly library sessions.

We had a great day dressing up in spots for Children in Need, and I am pleased to share that we raised £72 through non-uniform donations and £37.56 from the change trail. Well done Wallop for contributing to this charity!

We've still got three weeks of the term before the Christmas holidays. The children are doing brilliantly with attendance, and we look forward to drawing the prize for the Christmas Countdown competition. Thank you for your support in making every learning minute matter.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Simons



### A message from the School Council

On Thursday, the School Council went to Tesco to help the caring Andover Food Bank to get more food for people who need it. When we arrived, we were kindly greeted by nice people and we got to wear Christmas headbands and aprons. We handed out leaflets with shopping lists. We also helped out at the donation area. The best part of the day was when a man brought a whole trolley load of things from the list to the donation point.



Mala and Mila



### Junior Road Safety Officers

Alongside our School Council and Eco Council, 4 children in Eagles class have now been elected to be our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs). I attended training with them last week, which was excellent. They will be leading assemblies and various initiatives throughout the year to help our children learn about road safety.



We are excited to be launching Jigsaw, our new whole-school PSHE programme which is designed to support children's wellbeing, personal development, and PSHE learning. Jigsaw lessons will teach emotional literacy, mindfulness, social skills and key aspects of Relationships and Health Education in an age-appropriate and engaging way.

Our staff will be receiving training next week so that we are fully prepared to begin teaching the programme from January 2026. We will share further information with you in the coming weeks but I am really excited to get started with this key development in our curriculum at Wallop Primary.



Subscribe to the Best Start in Life parent hub [newsletter](#) here for tailored updates, tips, and guidance throughout your journey as a parent. There are lots of really helpful resources and tips, so check it out.

### Wishlist



We're really after some enamel mugs and bowls for Kite class's role play kitchen.

If you think you can help, items on our wish list start from £5 - please help us out if you can!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)



### School Holidays and INSET

**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**

### Key Dates for December

**Kites & Kestrels Nativity 11th Dec**  
**Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch 12th Dec**

## Anti-bullying week

We have recently taken part in anti-bullying week and during this time we launched our new anti-bullying policy, which you can find on the school website.

We taught the children to remember

**STOP**

**Several Times On Purpose**  
**Start Telling Other People**

## **Proud to be Wallop Primary**

We want our children to feel proud to be at Wallop School. A huge part of this includes wearing the correct uniform. We are also aiming to get sporting kits with the logo and school name on for when we compete in events. If you know any companies who could sponsor this, let us know. Please make sure your child is in the correct uniform each day. If you have any worries about uniform, let us know and we will be able to help.

### Important Notice

We have been made aware of a case of threadworm. Please see the NHS guidance below for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>



# Listening to children and having conversations with them

**Sh**

**Share attention**  
Be at the child's level. Pay attention to what they are focused on.

**R**

**Respond**  
Follow the child's lead. Respond to their non-verbal and verbal communications. You could make a brief comment on what they can see, hear or feel.

**E**

**Expand**  
Repeat what the child says and build on it by adding more words to turn it into a sentence.

**C**

**Conversation**  
Have extended back and forth interactions. Give children time to listen, process and reply.

**Supporting inclusive practice: every child, every day...**

**The benefits to your child of learning more than one language are huge.**

**Comment more, question less**  
Oh! I can see Spot hiding in the basket.

**10 second rule**  
Give children time to listen, process and reply.

**Interactive book reading**  
Lion! It's a fierce, scary lion!

**ShREC approach supports all forms of communication children use, including signs and symbols.**

**ShREC** is a communication approach developed by Sheringham House Children's Centre, The East London Mencap Service and UCL Institute of Education.



## National School Attendance Award

2024/25 Summer Term



Wallop Primary School

Top 25% of all FFT Primary Schools in England