



Walnut Tree Walk
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

13th February 2025



Dates for your Diary

Messages

February	<p>Thurs 13th: Year 6 to theatre to see Pig Heart Boy</p> <p>Fri 14th: End of half-term. School finishes at normal time. After School Club as normal.</p> <p>Mon 24th: Children return</p>
March	<p>Wed 5th: Year 5 to Haberdashers for a sports competition</p> <p>Wed 5th: Y3 trip to recycling centre</p> <p>Thurs 6th: Year 3 trip to recycling centre</p> <p>Wed 19th: Y4 to Kew Gardens</p> <p>Thurs 20th: Y4 to Kew Gardens</p> <p>Tues 25th: Year 2 performing at Royal Festival Hall</p> <p>Mon 24th - Fri 28th: Parent conference week. You will receive a letter nearer the time with details of how to book an appointment using Scopay</p> <p>Mon 31st: No after school club or activity clubs on this day due to staff training</p>
April	<p>Thurs 3rd: Spring Fair</p> <p>Fri 4th: End of term. School finishes at 3:30pm. No after school club.</p> <p>Tues 22nd: Children return</p>

PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join. The focus will be on organising the Spring Fair.

Admin and Premises Staff

We are delighted to welcome back Nicole after half-term. Her maternity leave has flown by and she will be returning to her office role. We have also appointed Susan (who has been covering part of Nicole's role) to work as a third member of the admin staff team for two hours each morning. Nicole's responsibilities are primarily finance, HR and IT; Susan is responsible for attendance, dietary requirements and first aid; and Sharon leads the office team with her main responsibilities being parents and pupils, including managing extended services (breakfast, after school club and activity clubs etc). However, when you call or come into the office, any one of them will be happy to help you with your queries and messages. Thank you to Nicola for covering the IT part of Nicole's role while she has been on maternity leave. Nicola will be returning to her class Teaching Assistant role full time. We have also appointed Larry permanently in the Premises Officer role. He has been doing a great job over the last few months and we are really pleased to have him fully on board the staff team.

Toys, bags, jewellery etc

We are noticing a growing number of items being brought in from home! Please do not let your child bring in any toys, shoulder bags (it appears to be a trend in one of the Y5 classes!), collectable cards, smart watches etc.

Nursery and Reception admissions

We are really pleased to have received a record number of first choice applications for Reception in September 2025, meaning we will have two full classes again. If you have a two year old child who will be turning three next academic year, please apply for their nursery place now using the link on our school website.

What's been happening at WTW this half-term

Nursery

Nursery have had lots of fun learning about all things colour, space and shape! The children became astronauts and explored our solar system as they learned about the different planets and then made rockets and shining stars from salt dough. Nursery also learned about length and distance as we played different running games whilst also continuing our shape and counting work. With our continued mid-week/Friday baking, children have made a plethora of yummy foods such as banana bread, scallion pancakes for the Chinese New Year and even pizza! The children have gained confidence as they ventured out to the rest of the school and shared their baked goods with other staff members.



Reception

Reception have had a busy start to 2025 including their first assembly! The children have learnt lots about their topic 'All around us' from some history of the school to London's famous landmarks. They also had a lovely time exploring Lunar New Year including doing their very own dragon dances!



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Year 1

This half term year 1 have really enjoyed our topic 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. We have learnt about the classification of animals and their diets, identified different parts of the body and used our senses. We enjoyed using all the different equipment during our gymnastic lessons.



Year 2

This half term we have been developing our oracy skills in English through exploratory group talk and drama performances. We had a really exciting Times Table Rock Star battle between classes that got the whole Year 2 involved in learning their times tables. We also enjoyed the workshop with the fire brigade on being safe in case of emergencies.



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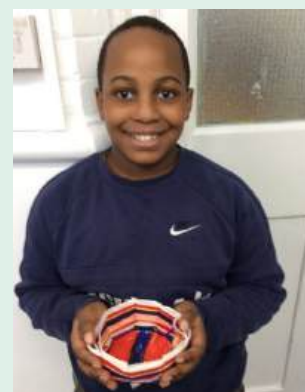
Year 3

Year 3 celebrated Mental Health Week by designing biscuits to represent different positive emotions. We practised mindfulness by meditating and expressing our creativity by designing a range of different biscuits. Year 3 have used their arts skills to create impressive Stone Age sculptures, bringing history to life through their creativity and craftsmanship. In Science. Year 3 investigated rocks by examining their properties, such as texture, colour and hardness. Through hands-on experiments, they learned how different rocks are formed and how their unique characteristics make them special.



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the history and traditions of weaving in South America. In Design and Technology, they have enjoyed weaving their own colourful bowls, inspired by the handiwork of the people who live in the Amazon Rainforest. During Children's Mental Health week, the children explored what health and well-being means to them and mindfully decorated biscuits to end the week.



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Year 5

This half term has been full of wonderful trips for year 5! We were lucky enough to watch *The Lion King* at the theatre, which was loved by all of us. On our next adventure we visited the Horniman Museum where we participated in a workshop all about Africa. We learned a lot about African culture, instruments, and the Maasai Tribe. We especially enjoyed exploring many of the animal skulls and skins! We then visited the London Central Mosque and The Islamic Cultural Centre, where we visited the beautiful prayer room and learned lots about the Qu'ran.



Year 6

Year 6 started the year with an adventurous trip to ClipnClimb! Last week, they took part in their Into University Focus Week which involved a mock trial at the Royal Courts of Justice and a Graduation Ceremony at Kings College London. In the final week of term, they are attending a theatre production of *Pig Heart Boy*, the text they have been studying in English.

