



West Walton Nursery School Newsletter

Summer Term Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term!

A very warm welcome to all our children, parents and carers as we begin the Summer Term at **West Walton Nursery School**.

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to the warmer months ahead. The Summer Term is always a particularly exciting time in Early Years, with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning, exploring nature and developing children's independence and confidence.

Our team have been busy preparing an exciting range of experiences and activities, carefully planned around the children's interests and individual stages of development.

Learning Through Play

Our curriculum continues to be based around the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**, ensuring that children have opportunities to learn through meaningful play, exploration and first-hand experiences.

During the Summer Term, we will be exploring topics and experiences linked to:

-  Growing, plants and flowers
-  Minibeasts and the natural world
-  Weather and seasonal changes
-  Farm animals and life on the farm
-  Our local community and wider world
-  Stories, rhymes and traditional tales
-  Creative and sensory experiences
-  Number, counting and mathematical thinking
-  Physical development and outdoor play

As always, children's own interests will help to shape our planning.

Outdoor Learning

With the warmer weather approaching, we will be making the most of our outdoor environment.

Outdoor play provides children with valuable opportunities to develop their physical skills, communication, problem-solving, confidence and independence.

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with suitable clothing for the weather.

Please remember:

- Apply sun cream before your child arrives at nursery.
- Provide a sun hat during warmer weather.
- Send your child with a named water bottle.
- Provide suitable clothing for outdoor play.
- Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled.

We will follow our nursery procedures regarding sun protection and will continue to encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Sun Safety

As the weather becomes warmer, please remember that children need protection from the sun.

We ask parents and carers to apply sun cream to their child before attending nursery. Where appropriate, please provide sun cream for your child to use during the day in accordance with our nursery procedures.

A named sun hat should also be provided.

We will make use of shaded areas and carefully consider when children access direct sunlight, particularly during the hottest parts of the day.

Safeguarding & Screen Time

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding children, we would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of monitoring children's screen time and online activity. Young children are increasingly exposed to tablets, phones, televisions and other digital devices, and it is important that their use is age-appropriate and supervised.

We encourage families to set clear boundaries around screen time, choose suitable content and, where possible, watch or play alongside their child. Please be mindful of what children may be able to access online, including through apps, games and video-sharing platforms. Keeping devices in shared family spaces and using appropriate parental controls can help to keep children safe.

At nursery, we promote children's wellbeing through active play, social interaction, communication, creativity and opportunities to explore the world around them. We encourage families to balance screen use with plenty of opportunities for physical activity, outdoor play, reading, imaginative play and quality time together.

Spare Clothing

Please ensure your child has a complete set of spare clothes at nursery.

Summer activities can involve water, sand, mud, paint and other messy experiences, and we want children to be able to fully participate without worrying about getting dirty!

Please check your child's spare clothing regularly and replace items as they become too small or unsuitable for the season.

Early Education & Childcare Funding

Important Reminder for Parents & Carers

If you receive **funded childcare hours**, please remember to check that your **Childcare Account and eligibility details remain up to date**.

Parents who are eligible for **Tax-Free Childcare or the working-parent funded childcare entitlements** may need to reconfirm their eligibility regularly.

Reconfirmation deadline – 31 August 2025

If you have received a message asking you to reconfirm your eligibility, **please make sure this is completed by 31 August 2025** to avoid your funding being affected.

We strongly recommend that parents log into their childcare account and check their eligibility well before the deadline.

If you are unsure whether you need to reconfirm your eligibility, please check your childcare account or speak to the appropriate funding service.

Please note: It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their eligibility is reconfirmed within the required timeframe.

If your circumstances change, please let us know as soon as possible, as this may affect your child's funded entitlement.

Encouraging Independence

As we move towards the end of the academic year, we will continue to encourage children to do as much as possible for themselves.

This includes putting on coats, managing shoes and clothing, washing hands, using the toilet, tidying resources and making choices about their play.

These everyday experiences are incredibly valuable in developing children's confidence and preparing them for their next stage of learning.

Preparing for School

For our children who will be starting school in September, the Summer Term is an important time as we prepare them for their next exciting chapter.

We will continue to develop children's:

- Independence and self-care skills
- Communication and language
- Confidence and resilience
- Social skills and friendships
- Ability to follow routines
- Listening and attention skills
- Physical development
- Early literacy and mathematical skills

We want every child to leave nursery feeling **confident, capable and excited about starting school**.

We will continue to work closely with families and schools to support a smooth transition.

Reading at Home

Please continue to share books with your child at home whenever possible.

Reading together provides a wonderful opportunity to develop vocabulary, listening skills, imagination and communication.

You don't always need to read the whole story. Talking about the pictures, asking questions and encouraging your child to predict what might happen next are all fantastic ways to support early literacy.

Healthy Eating & Drinking

We will continue to promote healthy eating and drinking throughout the Summer Term. Please ensure your child brings a suitable named water bottle to nursery each day.

As the weather becomes warmer, staying hydrated becomes particularly important.

We will also continue to encourage children to develop independence during mealtimes and to make healthy choices.

Reminder: Food Allergies at nursery 2025 / 2026

**This academic year (2025 / 2026), we have a child at nursery who has severe allergies to:
Nuts, lentils, and Peas (Including Chickpeas)**

Therefore, we request that packed lunches be:

Nut-free

No Legumes - Lentils, Peas (this includes Chickpea products) or White Beans

Keeping Your Details Up to Date

Please remember to inform us promptly if any of your circumstances or contact details change.

It is particularly important that we have current:

- Telephone numbers
- Email addresses
- Home addresses
- Emergency contact details
- Collection arrangements
- Medical information
- Dietary or allergy information
- Details of people authorised to collect your child

Having accurate information ensures that we can keep your child safe and contact you quickly when necessary.

Summer Term – Dates for Your Diary

We have lots planned for the Summer Term, and we're looking forward to a fun-filled few months with the children!

Every Thursday | 10.30am – 11.00am

☆ Super Star Sports

19th May | AM

 School Leavers' Photos

If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday and you would like them to have their photo taken, please speak to a member of staff.

20th May | 2.00pm – 3.00pm

 Sports Day – School Leavers Only

25th – 29th May

 Half Term

19th June | 9.00am – 10.00am

♥ Father's Day Stay & Play

A post with more details will follow.

W/C 6th July

 School Leavers' Party

Date to be confirmed.

14th July | 11.00am – 1.00pm

 Teddy Bear's Picnic

Everyone is invited to join us for this special event. More details will follow.

17th July

 Last Day of Term

Please add these dates to your calendars. We will share further information about individual events nearer the time.

Additionally, as the weather improves, we hope to provide the children with a wide range of exciting experiences, including outdoor learning, nature exploration, creative activities and opportunities to explore our local community.

Further information about specific events and dates will be shared with parents and carers throughout the term

Working Together

We really value the partnership we have with our families.

If you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share with us, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Your child's key person is always available to discuss your child's experiences, development and progress.

Autumn Term Dates 2026

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Term Dates 2026 - 2027

September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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Looking Ahead

As we come towards the end of another busy and exciting year, we would like to thank all our families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see the children grow, learn and develop, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

We wish all our school leavers the very best as they take their next steps into school. We will miss them and hope they have a fantastic start to their new adventures! To all our remaining families, we look forward to seeing you again in September for another exciting year at **West Walton Nursery School**.

We hope everyone has a **happy, safe and enjoyable summer!** 