



Waddesdon Village Primary School

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8th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. On behalf of all the staff at Waddesdon Village Primary School, we would like to thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts that we received at the end of the summer term. Your kindness is much appreciated by us all.

A special welcome to new pupils, staff, parents and carers to our school. On Friday, it was wonderful to see the children happy to be back and ready for a new academic year. Classrooms were lovely and calm as I went round and saw everyone. In my assembly, I shared with the children our value for the month of September and October – Perseverance, and how we can do anything we want to do if we stick at it for long enough.

We have also launched our new Behaviour and Relationship policy and Class Dojo is working well. More information regarding our new approach will be shared at the meetings being held on Wednesday 10th September at either 9am or 5pm.

'Meet the Teacher' information will be available to you via a PowerPoint that will be uploaded to the 'Class Pages' section of the school website on Monday. The aim of this is to give you further information regarding the school year for your child in their new class. Should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

Communication

Communication is identified as an area of strength in our school and we wish to keep it this way. We believe that it is vital to continue our positive and constructive partnership between home and school. We pursue an 'Open Door' policy so that you, as parents and carers, feel you can informally approach the teaching and leadership staff with any questions, suggestions, issues or concerns, whether large or small. Experience has shown us that there is very little we cannot find a way through if the school community works together. However, *if we don't know about it, we can't help*, so please *always* come and talk, write a note, drop us an email (office@waddesdonprimary.com) or pick up the phone (01296 651237).

Please see the 'Who to Contact' flowchart below.

Nut Policy

Waddesdon Village Primary School is a nut-free school.

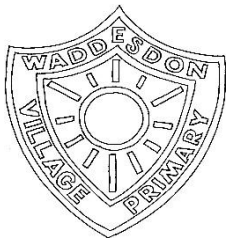
Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in your child's lunch box.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.



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Staff led clubs

Clubs, both academic and sporting, continue to be a huge part of life and learning here at Waddesdon Village Primary School.

Last year, in line with other schools, we asked for a small charge (£1 per week) for staff led after-school clubs. We will continue with this again this year. Please note, the small cost does not include home learning club, the school football team training sessions or lunch time clubs.

The £1 contribution will go towards staffing costs as well as resources required for the efficient running of the clubs. We ask that this payment is made in advance of your child's attendance at the club. Thank you.

The Clubs Form opened at 3pm on Sunday 7th September and will close at 6pm on Wednesday 10th September.

Millie, Class 5

We are proud to announce that one of our pupils, Millie, has been selected to be part of her cheerleading team competing in Tampa, Florida next year. In order to raise funds for her trip, Millie will be running a tuckshop after school on Friday 19th September and I know she will appreciate your support.

PE days

CLASS	DAYS
Class R	Thursdays
Class 1	Mondays and Fridays
Class 2	Fridays <i>(Summer Term: Tuesdays swimming)</i>
Class 3	Tuesdays and Thursdays <i>(Spring Term: Tuesdays swimming)</i>
Class 4	Tuesdays and Wednesdays <i>(Autumn Term: Tuesdays swimming)</i>
Class 5	Mondays and Wednesdays
Class 6	Mondays and Thursdays

Important information

A couple of notices and reminders for the beginning of the school year:

- **Autumn Term 1 dates:** these are attached to this letter.
- **Birthdays reminder:** As you may know we like to support and encourage the children to celebrate their birthdays when they fall on school days. However, from September, we will not permit any food items to be handed out in school. This is to safeguard pupils and staff who have allergies and intolerances, ensuring we remain as safe an environment as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding with this
- **Uniform:** The children have come back to school looking incredibly smart and in-line with the school's [uniform policy](#). Thank you for your support with this. We understand that from time to time, some parts of uniform may fall outside of the school policy as a one-off. However, if it is expected to be ongoing, please contact your child's the teacher. If support with meeting the uniform expectations is required, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. To support with Art and Design lessons, can we please ask that your child has an old, over-sized shirt or apron that can be kept in school and worn during lessons to protect their school uniform.



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- **Mobile phones:** In order to restrict the number of issues and upsets caused by phone usage, often at the park, before and after school, we intend to only grant permission for mobiles to be present at school in exceptional circumstances. Walking home without an adult will not be considered as exceptional, so you may wish to bear this in mind when making arrangements. If you have a particular circumstance that means your child must have a mobile phone with them after school, please put this in writing 'FAO Miss Forchione'.
- **Fidget toys:** Towards the end of the last academic year, we noticed a significant increase in the number of children bringing fidget toys, including putty, in to school. Whilst we appreciate that for some children these enhance concentration, reduce anxiety and stimulate learning, for others, they are becoming a distraction and this is impacting on teaching and learning. In order to avoid this, all fidget toys, including putty **will not be permitted in school**. Teachers are aware of those children who require such items to support them with identified and specific needs, and therefore these items will be permitted. However, putty will be provided by the school in the form of blu-tac alleviating the need for parents to provide this. If you feel that your child requires equipment to support their needs, please contact Miss Cross (our school SENDCo) via the school office. Miss Cross will then liaise with your child's Class Teacher and each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

These are the main messages for you at the moment as we start back, but please regularly check your child's bag, Tapestry, Parentmail and also the school website where any correspondence is published. You can also follow our school's X/Twitter account for latest news: @WaddPrim

I will always try my best to make time to be out on the playgrounds before and after school, so please do not hesitate to stop and speak to me. Regular Headteacher Updates will be sent out, so please ensure you read them carefully to stay informed about the events taking place this term.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. I wish everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Kind regards,

Miss Laura Forchione
Headteacher



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Autumn Term 1 – dates

03.09.2025	INSET day
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05.09.2025	Children return to school
08.09.2025	'Meet the Teacher' PowerPoint uploaded to 'Class Pages' on the school website
09.09.2025	Year 6 Transfer Test – practice
10.09.2025	Behaviour and Relationship policy launch for parents: 9am and 5pm
11.09.2025	Year 6 Transfer Test
22.09.2025	Year 6 residential and SATs meeting – 5.30pm
26.09.2025	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 8.30am <i>all welcome</i> Mufti day Cake Sale – 3.20pm
29.09.2025	Food collection for Aylesbury Vineyard
03.10.2025	Individual and sibling photographs
06.10.2025	Year 4 residential meeting – 5pm
10.10.2025	Year 6 Transfer Test Results Day
24.10.2025	Break up at 3.20pm
HALF TERM	
03.11.2025	Children return to school

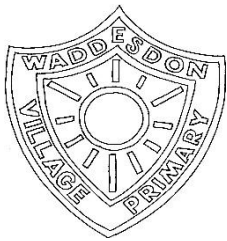
Important dates that you may like to add to your diary is our invitation for you to come in to school on the dates below. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible.

These dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 11th November – Open afternoon for Year 3 and 6 – 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Wednesday 12th November – Open afternoon for EYFS and KS1 – 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Thursday 13th November – Open afternoon for Year 4 and 5 – from 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Monday 17th November – SSPs Parent/Carer evening – 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Tuesday 18th November – SSPs Parent/Carer evening – 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Wednesday 19th November – SSPs Parent/Carer evening – 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Tuesday 25th November – Parent/Carer evening – 3.30pm to 7.30pm
- Thursday 27th November – Parent/Carer evening – 3.30pm to 5.30pm



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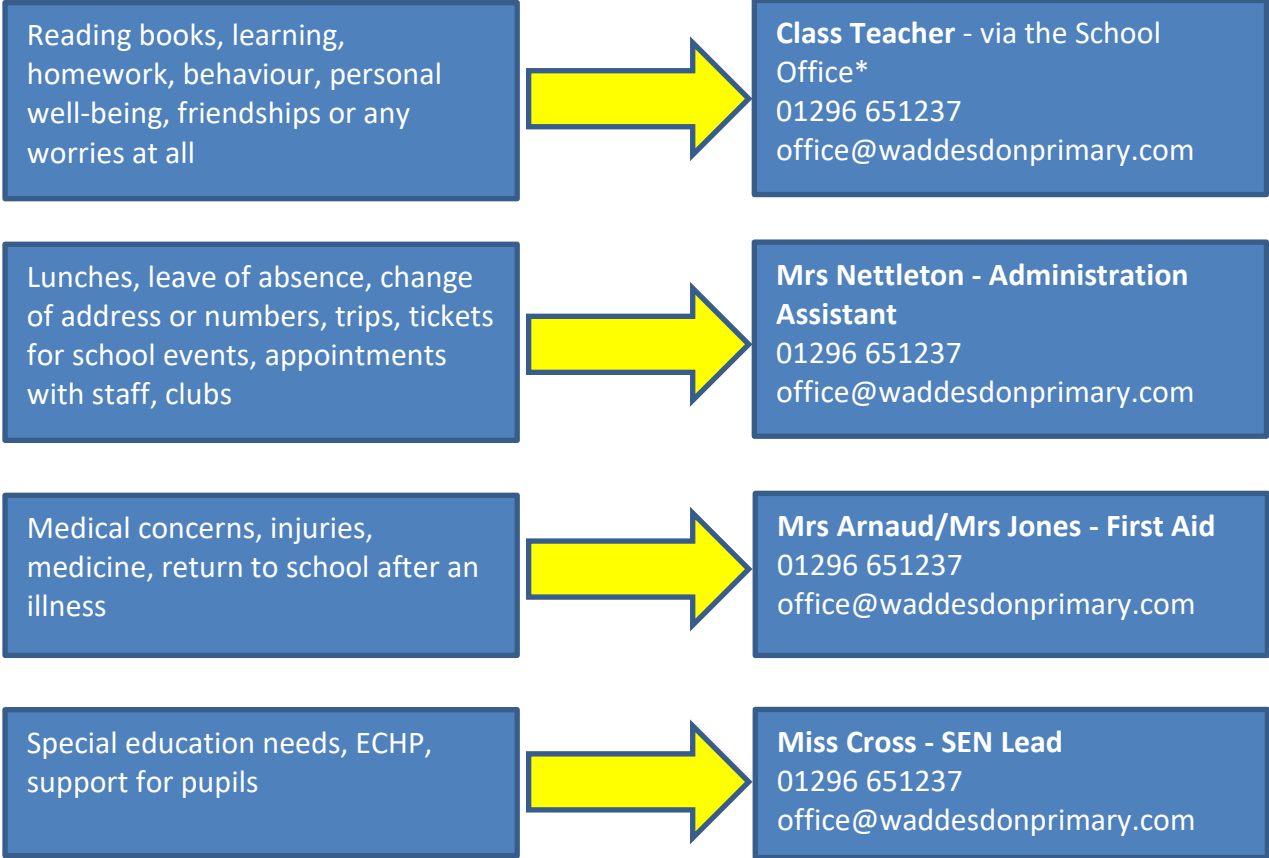
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Who to Contact



If you have contacted the class teacher and still have concerns, please contact a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team:

EYFS – please contact Miss King

KS1 classes - please contact Miss Cross

KS2 classes - please contact Mrs Swanson

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Mrs Leslie, Deputy Headteacher

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Miss Forchione, Headteacher

