



Naphill and Walters Ash School

Newsletter September 2025

Key Dates

Thurs 25th Sept - Year 1&2
Windsor Castle trip

Wed 1st Oct - Year 4
Woodrow Parents Meeting

Fri 10th – 11+ Results

Welcome Back

The term has begun! The building work we had completed over the summer was finished the day before the children were due back; I was beginning to plan for no toilets in KS1! The KS1 toilets have had new flooring and sinks fitted and been redecorated. As some of you may have noticed the 'pond' we used to get at the end of the playground has not reappeared – a good sign as it means the drains may now be clear.

A message from the Head, Miss K Gwynn

We have started the term setting some clear expectations for the children about moving around the school quietly – walking on the left is still a work in progress. The children are coming in to school in the morning really well and are getting to know the morning routines.

To help with a smoother transition in the mornings, especially in KS1, can I ask that any messages about appointments, illness, changes to who is collecting etc are emailed or phoned into the office rather than stopping the teachers as they are trying to get the children in. The office always passes on the messages. You can pop a message in your child's Reading Diary but please tell your child there is a message in there and to show the teacher. It really helps if the teachers can get the children in as quickly as possible in the mornings.

I have told the KS2 children that when they see the teachers coming onto the playground they need to line up; I do not expect to have to tell the older children to get into their lines.



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Uniform

Information has gone out about changes to the wearing of earrings for PE. It is now recommended that earrings are not taped up as apparently it creates a false sense of safety and some earrings have been torn out whilst the tape was being removed. So, as with many other schools, we are going to say no earrings on PE/ games days. If your child swims, their hat must cover their earrings. Your child either needs to be able to remove their own earrings or, especially with the younger ones, do not wear them on these days. This means planning any future ear piercing for the summer holidays! If they have been wearing earrings for over 6 weeks the holes are not going to close up if the earrings are removed during the school day. Staff will not be removing the earrings.

We are expecting the children to take pride in their appearance; shirts are to be tucked in and uniform worn correctly. Some of the skirts are looking a bit short – the children, even Year 5/6 do still sit on the floor or on benches and we do not want anyone to feel awkward.

We are already gathering unnamed uniform – please name things!

Codes

In an attempt to save paper (and envelopes ending up in bushes) we will be emailing home any KS2 blue and orange strike code forms and blue ones in KS1/Year R. Hopefully we won't need to send many home! We asking parents to reply to the e-mail to let us know you have received the code rather than sign and return a slip.

NOTICE BOARD

School Lunches

If you are ordering your child's school lunch can you make sure you have put your child in the correct year group. You need to contact the company and alter this as the food is coming in labelled incorrectly.

School Visits

Year 1/2 are off to Windsor Castle next week.

Year 5/6 have been in the Planetarium this week.

There is a parents meeting coming up for the Year 4 residential to Woodrow House on 1st October.