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February 2026

Welcome to Wallace Hall ELC's Newsletter
A warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us!

Purpose of the Newsletter

We will publish a newsletter once a term, to detail any significant changes and events in the ELC.

Appropriate clothing

Please could we remind you all to ensure your child comes to the ELC with the appropriate clothing, and also plenty changes of clothes in their blue bag. It is also very helpful if your child's items are labelled with their name.

A few children do not seem to have their waterproofs/wellies after the holidays. Please could you double check if your child needs these. We are happy to provide ELC ones if you are unable to do this.

Celebrations in the ELC

We have lots of celebrations coming up in the ELC, including looking at different cultural celebrations. If you prefer your child to not take part in any of the following, please let a member of staff know.

Valentines, Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Ramadan, World Book Day, St Patrick's Day, Easter.

Transition

If your child is heading off to P1 after the summer holidays, we will be starting our transition timetable soon. There are sessions that include meeting the P1 teacher, spending time with their buddy, and having lunch in the dinner hall.

A programme of events will be distributed out to all children going to P1, and if you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Nut Free School

This is a gentle reminder that we aim to be a nut free ELC. Please check anything that your child brings in their packed lunch does not contain nuts. This includes cereal bars and Nutella.

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Illness/absence

Although it is not compulsory for a child to attend ELC, we still require to be informed if your child will not be in, the reason and when you expect them to be back. This is in line with our Duty of Care as practitioners. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to see any of our policies relating to this. We ask that you follow these to ensure your child is fit and well to be attending the ELC.

Can we also ask that you make us aware of anything your child may have even if there is no isolation period for it, such as head lice. Such things can spread quickly in an environment such as the ELC, so it's really important we are aware.

ELC fundraiser

We will be arranging a fundraiser for ELC resources shortly. This is for resources used in ELC, and shared with Primary classes, as well as ELC improvements such as our garden area or specific areas of the ELC.

If you or your child has any fun fundraising ideas, drop us a message on Dojo!

Parental Engagement and Home Links

Lending Library

At the front entrance of the ELC, we have a lending library. Children are welcome to borrow a book for up to 2 weeks, which can be recorded in the yellow folder.

PEEP (Families learning together) sessions and Bookbug sessions – These sessions have started back up! Sign-up sheets are on new 'parent information' notice board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks.

Judi Park
ELC Manager

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Dates for your Diary!

<p>Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February</p> <p>February Break</p>	<p>The ELC will be closed these 2 days for February break.</p>
<p>Thursday 5th March</p> <p>World Book Day</p>	<p>Children are invited to come into ELC dressed as their favourite book character, to celebrate World Book Day. They are also encouraged to bring in their favourite book, however can we please ensure you write your child's name on the story book somewhere.</p>
<p>Thursday 26th March - 9am - 10.30am</p> <p>End of Term Stay and Play</p>	<p>You are invited to join us in the ELC for some spring and Easter themed activities. This is a free flow session, where you are free to come and go during the time stated. Sign-up sheets will be available in the cloakroom closer to the time, and could we ask that no more than 2 family members (adults) attend due to the number of families we anticipate attending. Younger siblings are of course welcome!</p> <p>There will be a donation box within the ELC should you wish to make a contribution towards our ELC fund, however this is completely optional.</p>
<p>Friday 27th March</p> <p>Last day of term</p>	<p>This will be the last day of ELC for the holidays, and we will return Monday 13th April.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th May</p> <p>Sports Day- Morning</p>	<p>More information on this will be released nearer the time, however we appreciate families need to arrange time off if they wish to attend.</p>

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