



Walton WI

Walton WI (a friendly group who always enjoy a chat!) meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We plan a varied programme of meetings throughout the year including talks, craft activities, demonstrations and plenty of opportunities to join in and have a go with things! We also enjoy visits and meals out together so WI is a great way to meet new friends and discover new interests.

If you would like to come along to a meeting either as a visitor or to join as a member, please speak to Emma Brocklebank on 07729 210 393.

We are planning to create a knitted/crocheted poppy display for St Mary's Church, Walton for Remembrance Sunday 2025. If you are able to help knit or crochet some poppies please keep an eye on the WI table in the Village Hall from January 2025. Patterns and wool will be available for you to use, and completed poppies can be returned there.

St. Mary's Church, Walton

We usually hold two Sunday services a month, current dates and times of services are listed on the Church noticeboard in the Churchyard. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday 1st December – 11am Holy Communion service. Archdeacon Ruth and Revd Angela will lead this service.

Sunday 22nd December – 11am Holy Communion service with Revd Angela

Tuesday 24th December – 2.30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service. Refreshments at Old Vicarage Brewery following the service.

There will be a Christmas Day service of Holy Communion at Nether Denton Church at 9.30am. No service will be held at Walton, although everyone is warmly welcome to attend the Nether Denton service.

Sunday 29th December – 10.30am There will be a joint Mission Community Service at St Martin's Church in Brampton.

Sunday 12th January 2025 – 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 26th January – 10am Covenant Service of Holy Communion

Knitted versions of Mary and Joseph will be visiting families during Advent. They will be making their journey around the Parish and will arrive at St Mary's Church in Walton on Christmas Eve to participate in the Carol Service. Please welcome Mary and Joseph into your home and sign the accompanying book as a record of their journey in December.

For more information about the Church please contact the churchwarden: Charlotte Shaw (01697 543002).

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Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School

Autumn One and Two has been a period of welcoming back, settling in, and getting to know our new starters. As well as our Reception cohort, since September we have been lucky enough to welcome two new starters into our Nursery, with two more two-year-olds due to start in the New Year. So far, we have had a stimulating and engaging term packed full of extra-curricular activities and exciting learning topics.



In September, we took part in Breakfast Week and linked this to our work in PHSE and Science, thinking about keeping our bodies healthy and exploring a range of less familiar foods. Everyone enjoyed trying all the delicious breakfasts and discussing which foods were their favourites.

To end the month, Oak class went on an out of school visit to Eden Rock Indoor Climbing Centre, where they all showed great resilience and courage as they tried something new and developed new physical skills. This was followed by a local history walk around Carlisle city centre, following a picture trail and looking at the different buildings and their uses over time to link with our History curriculum work. We then visited Warwick Bridge corn mill and had a fascinating tour of the mill and learned about the milling process from grain to loaf. We were able to refer to our learning about the history of agriculture and the growing stages of plants in Science.



Acorn and Sapling Classes went on an out of school visit to Brampton to look at the range of buildings and their uses and they combined this with a visit to one of Brampton's newest businesses, Ice Cream Bar Moo's and the library.

At the start of October we hosted our Harvest Community Lunch followed by our Harvest Festival Celebration. The delicious two course meal was well attended by families of the school and many from our wider community. It was wonderful to see so many there to share the special event with us.

During October, Oak Class took part in a football tournament hosted by William Howard School, alongside many other primary schools from the Brampton Cluster. We made a hybrid team with Gilsland CE Primary School. They followed this up by attending Gilsland School for another Football Match in November, allowing them to further form friendships and continue to develop their sports skills.

The whole school took part in RE week in Mid-October, when we learned about Christianity around the world, focusing on Romania. We were visited by Rachel from NISCU, Reverend Edward and Father Andre during the week, which culminated in a joint celebration with other LISH schools at Lanercost Priory, where the children presented their learning and fantastic artwork.



We are ensuring our pupils can access a wide range of physical exercise, which supports both their physical and mental wellbeing. As well as a weekly P.E club that runs free of charge for all pupils, there have been a wide range of extra-curricular sports activities so far this term. Oak Class have been able to attend a horse care and horse-riding session at Lads Lodge, as well as an annual Cross Country event at Talkin Tarn, plus Lacrosse at William Howard School for Year 5 and 6 children. →

Staff and children attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Walton. Staff and children presented readings, prayers, and musical accompaniment. It was a very special ceremony, and pupils represented our school beautifully. This was followed by us observing a two-minute silence on the 11th at school, which was marked by the two oldest children ringing the school bell.



Sapling Class recently joined Gilsland CE Primary School for a trip to Susan's Farm, where they were able to collaborate with other learners as part of our PSQM journey and consolidate some DT skills by making cheese scones to bring back to school. The scones were fantastic, and everyone had a brilliant day out at

Susan's Farm where they had the opportunity to collect eggs, feed sheep and look after the geese!

The whole school were able to take part in a workshop led by SCARF, which focussed on both the mental and physical health of children and how to make healthy choices. Children enjoyed meeting Harold the Giraffe and learning all about how he keeps himself healthy.

Oak Class were invited to attend a STEM Lego workshop hosted by Gilsland CE Primary School. This was an excellent opportunity to collaborate with another school, provided a valuable transition opportunity for pupils and helped the children to develop their skills and knowledge in STEM subjects in a fun and engaging way.



The run up to Christmas is here and we are beginning to think about of exciting Christmas events. PTFA are kindly providing a Pizza and Film night for all pupils in early December. This will be great opportunity for children to enjoy a special treat together out of school hours. We are also looking forward to starting rehearsals for our Christmas Performance and can't wait to practise lots of new songs.

Children will also enjoy our annual school Christmas Party, where we all celebrate the joy of Christmas together, sharing a special Christmas buffet, games and dancing. We have also been reliably informed that a very special guest is going to come all the way from the North Pole to deliver some early Christmas presents too!

Children will be heading to Walton on December 17th for Carol Singing around the village from 2pm. Do keep a look out for us, and perhaps even join us for some songs if you can! On December 18th we will be hosting our final Community Lunch of 2024, with our fantastic Christmas Lunch. This will be from 12noon and is open to all. If you would like to come along, please get in touch with the school office. It is sure to be a full house so get booked in as soon as possible!

On the final Thursday of term, Reception to Year 6 pupils will be heading off to Keswick to Theatre by the Lake to watch a performance of The Jungle Book. This is a wonderful end of term treat and we are all very excited for it.

After such a busy term, we will all be ready for a peaceful and restful Christmas Holiday. We hope, when the time comes, that all our pupils, their families and all of you from the wider community have a truly blessed Christmastime and a very happy New Year.

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Walton Reading Group

We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the Old Vicarage Brewery at 7pm. Members suggest books to be read over the coming months and we all do our best to read the book ready for our monthly discussion! However, it doesn't matter if you don't finish the book (as long as you don't mind spoilers!) as joining in with the discussion and listening to people's opinions about the book often spurs people on to finishing it.

You're very welcome to join us, hope to see you soon.

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Walton Young Farmers

Walton Young Farmers meet every other Monday night usually at 7 or 7:30 pm at either Walton or Walton and Lees Hill School. Young Farmers is for anyone age between 10 and 28 who want to join a club that does lots of different activities. We have lots of annual competitions for everyone and we compete against other clubs in the county at things such as Field Days and Stock Judging.

It costs £50 for new members to join our club this year but all competitions and some meetings are free which means there are lots of benefits in paying to join. We also have a Facebook page where we post all our upcoming meetings.

If you are interested or know someone who is please come to one of our meetings or contact us via Facebook for more information or when our next meeting is.

We also invite members past & present to our join us for our 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday 25th January at the Garden of Eden where we will be dancing the night away to Jason Arnup & Band. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Amy Nicholson - 07975675263 Chloe Dodd - 07468519944 (Or contact us on Facebook!).



Old Vicarage Brewery

As usual, the Bar will be open

Christmas Eve (Tues 24th December) 3.30pm - 6pm,
following Church Carol service

New Year's Eve (Tues 31st December) 8pm – 12.30am

In 2025, planned events include:

Sat 25th Jan, 7pm – Burns Night Dinner

Sat 21st March 7pm – Lasagna Night

Both these events will be bookable and details will be on Facebook in the New Year if not before.

You can contact us about any of these dates and events on tythingraham@aol.com or 07948431031

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Walton Tearoom

will be closed from 25 November
whilst work is carried out on the
roof of the Village Hall.

It will reopen in January.

See Facebook page for updates.

Telephone 07594 704734



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