

Walnut Tree Walk  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

8th December 2025



## Dates for your Diary

## Messages

December	<p><b>Tues 9th:</b> KS2 Winter Disco, 5-7pm</p> <p><b>Thurs 11th:</b> EYFS Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p><b>Fri 12th:</b> KS1 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm</p> <p><b>Fri 12th:</b> Junior Citizens trip for Year 6</p> <p><b>Mon 15th:</b> Y6 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p><b>Tues 16th:</b> Y5 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p><b>Tues 16th:</b> Nursery and Reception celebration of learning for parents 9 -9:30am</p> <p><b>Wed 17th:</b> Y4 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p><b>Thurs 18th:</b> Y3 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p><b>Thurs 18th:</b> Christmas lunch</p> <p><b>Thurs 18th:</b> PTFA Winter Fair, 3:30-5pm. <b>No after school club.</b></p> <p><b>Fri 19th:</b> End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm. <b>No after school club.</b></p>
January	<p><b>Mon 5th:</b> Children return to school</p> <p><b>Wed 7th:</b> Year 5 going to see performance of A Christmas Carol at Old Vic (2pm)</p>

### Christmas at WTW

There are quite a few things happening over the next couple of weeks. See page 2 for a summary. The PTFA are also selling refreshments between 9 and 10am before each show meaning that parents can wait in the warm after drop off.

### Activity Clubs

All activity clubs have finished for the term, with the exception of chess and KS1 multi-sport which will finish on Friday. Homework club will also operate as normal this Friday for the children who normally attend.

### Breakfast and After School Club Booking

The booking for January and February will go live at 10am on Wednesday 10th December. If your child attends an activity club, these same groups will continue next term. Activity clubs will run from Week 1 for 10 weeks (6 weeks before the Feb half-term and 4 weeks after). For the summer term, we will ask parents to re-apply for all clubs so that children can change clubs if they wish to.

### Oracy

You may have heard the children talking about oracy or even seen them wearing stickers celebrating strong oracy skills. See page 3 for more details about this.

### Collection for the food bank

Thank you so much for your generous donations. We collected 232kg of donations!



# Christmas at WTW

## Christmas Shows



**Nursery and Reception: Thursday 11th December at 10am**

**Years 1 and 2: Friday 12th December at 10am and 2pm**

**Year 6: Monday 15th December at 10am**

**Year 5: Tuesday 16th December at 10am**

**Year 4: Wednesday 17th December at 10am**

**Year 3: Thursday 18th December at 10am**

Please note that due to our small hall, **a maximum of two people per child for the Early Years and KS1 shows** please so that we can fit everyone in!



## Christmas Lunch

**This will be on Thursday 18th December. Please let Sharon know this week if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school lunch on this day**

## KS2 Disco

**Tuesday 9th December 5-7pm**



## Class Parties

**These will be on the last day of term: Friday 19th December. Class teachers will let you know about how you can contribute to this nearer the time.**

## Winter Fair

**The PTFA's Winter Fair will be held on Thursday 18th December at 3:30-5pm.**

**Please remember to use the Easyfundraising website when shopping over this festive period**

Please continue to use the Easyfundraising donation website if you do any shopping online. It is a really simple and easy way to bring in additional funds for the school. It is very simple to use and can be done for household bills, weekly shops as well as more specific online purchases (Argos, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, M&S, ebay, booking.com etc). The school gets a small donation with every spend, which if we all used it would amount to a significant amount of money. You have to go on the following website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

and then type in **Walnut Tree Walk** into the search for a cause box.

and then click on the link of the retailer that you would like to shop at.





# Spotlight on Oracy

at Walnut Tree Walk



## Every Voice Has Power

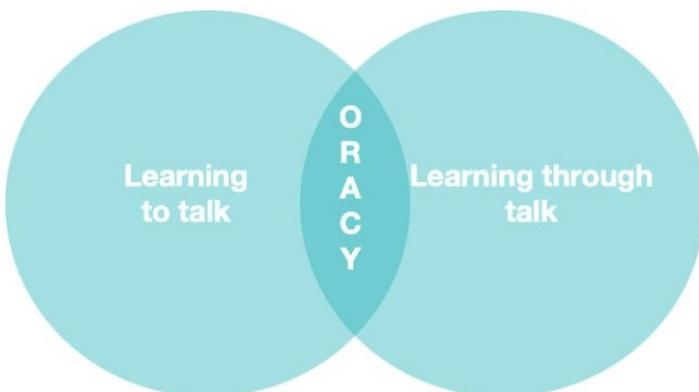
At our school, we believe that being able to speak clearly, listen carefully and communicate with confidence is just as important as reading and writing. These are skills children will use every day - in lessons, in the playground and as they grow into young adults.

Through our work with **Voice 21**, we help every child develop strong oracy skills. This means giving pupils regular opportunities to discuss ideas, explain their thinking, work with others and use their voices thoughtfully and respectfully. Whether they are sharing a story, collaborating in a group, debating an issue or presenting their learning, children are encouraged to find their voice and use it well.

### ORACY

Oracy is articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

### What is Oracy?



Oracy supports learning across all subjects: talking helps children understand concepts more deeply, build vocabulary and develop confidence in expressing themselves. It also boosts social skills, self-esteem and helps children feel comfortable participating in the world around them.

By placing oracy at the heart of classroom life, we aim to ensure every child feels heard, valued and able to communicate with assurance - now and in the future.

In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching students to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all students, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life

*(Voice 21, 2025)*



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## PHYSICAL:

how you use your body and voice when you talk. It includes things like your gestures, body language, and how you change your voice to express emotions or speak louder or faster.



## LINGUISTIC:

the words and phrases you choose to use and how you put them together when you speak.



## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL:

how you connect with others, take turns speaking, and make sure everyone feels heard and understood.



## COGNITIVE:

how you organise your thoughts, explain your ideas clearly, and ask questions to better understand things.

## WHAT IS ORACY?

Oracy is all about how we talk and listen to others.

The **Oracy Framework** can help you decide which speaking, listening and communication skills you need in different situations. It breaks these skills down into four strands, as shown on this page. Stickers are given out to children who demonstrate these skills within lessons.

KS1

## The Oracy Framework



Here are some things to think about when you are using your oracy skills:



## EYFS Oracy Framework

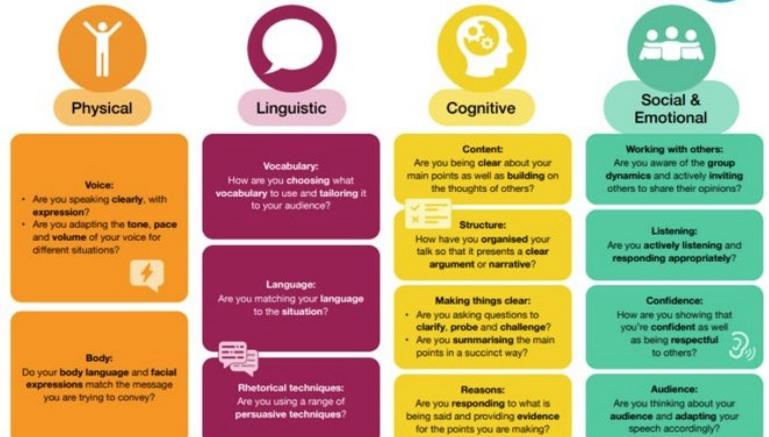


KS2

## The Oracy Framework



Here are some things to think about when you are using your oracy skills:



THURSDAY 18TH  
DECEMBER

3.30PM –  
5PM

WALNUT TREE WALK PTFEA

WINTER  
FAIR

**FESTIVE FOOD + DRINK**

TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | CRAFTS | MUSIC | STALLS

ENTRANCE FITZALAN STREET SE11 6DS

raising money for school keyboards + guitars

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**PLEASE  
BRING LOTS OF CHANGE**

**THURSDAY 18TH 3.30PM –  
DECEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ 5PM**

**WINTER  
FAIR**

**WTW \* WTW \* WTW \* WTW \* WTW \*  
RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE**

## **We need your support + help**

### **Sourcing raffle prizes**

- If your workplace or a company you know could offer vouchers / gifts / experiences**
- Donations from local Businesses**
- Prizes for children such as giant novelty chocolate bars**

**Raffle tickets on sale from Monday 1st December  
(before school and after school.)**

### **We would be very grateful for the following**

- Sweet and Savoury baked goods (no nuts, bring on the day)**
- Unopened bottles / toiletries / gifts for the tombola**
- Good as new second hand toys**

**Please bring in from Monday 15th Dec onwards**

- Volunteers to buddy up to help run a stall on the day**
- Remember to bring cash and small change on the day**

**Many thanks for your support + help xxx**