

Walton-on-the-Hill: Our Vision

Our Big Dream

We want school to be a place you never want to miss — a place full of joy, curiosity, friendship and challenge.

Our mission is: **Belong. Learn. Shine.**

We call the special feeling of our school “**Walton-ness.**”

It means:

- You feel welcome and cared for
- You are included and treated kindly
- You are encouraged to aim high
- Adults believe in you and help you do your best

We grow Walton-ness through five important feelings:

1. **Belonging** – You feel part of our school family
2. **Empowerment** – You know your voice matters
3. **Purpose** – You know *why* your learning is important
4. **Success** – You feel proud of your achievements
5. **Adventure** – You enjoy new challenges and exciting experiences

We learn indoors, outdoors and in our village community. We want every child to find something they love, discover new talents and be ready for the future.

School Development Plan 2025–26

How we are going to make our school **even better!**

Priority 1: Great Learning and Teaching

We want every lesson to be exciting, clear and helpful so you can learn really well.

We will:

- Make sure teachers use the same high-quality teaching approaches
- Help lessons build on each other so learning makes sense step by step
- Check how well everyone is doing and make sure no one falls behind
- Give younger children strong foundations in reading, writing and maths
- Help all pupils understand *how* they learn best

How pupils can help:

Give feedback on what helps you learn, what makes lessons enjoyable and what helps you remember things.

Priority 2: Inclusion, Well-Being and Personal Development

We want **every single child** to feel they belong, feel safe and feel valued.

We will:

- Make sure everyone gets what they need to succeed (fairness, not “one-size-fits-all”)
- Spot quickly if someone needs extra support
- Make school a place where kindness, respect and inclusion are seen everywhere
- Make sure children feel confident, capable and proud of their efforts
- Help improve attendance and behaviour by building strong relationships

How pupils can help:

Share ideas on how to make everyone feel welcome, included and supported. Tell us what helps you feel confident and happy in school.

Priority 3: Achievement for All

We want every child to make brilliant progress and be proud of their results.

We will:

- Focus on strong reading, writing and maths skills early
- Make sure pupils who need extra help get it quickly
- Challenge children who are ready for extra stretch
- Use assessments wisely so we know what to teach next
- Aim for results that are as good as — or better than — those across the country

How pupils can help:

Tell us what helps you do your best, what gets in the way of learning and how school can help you aim high.