

# The WLD Echo

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Walton-Le-Dale High School

## Schools Out for Summer!





# Recent Events



We have officially broken up for the summer holidays! Our journalists have been hard at work to get this edition finished, edited and ready to give you school updates and summer holiday ideas. Please see page 12 for a Summer Holiday Bucket List and see how many activities you can tick off, page 13 has a list of paid holiday clubs and activities to keep you busy whilst building skills over the summer.



School finishes tomorrow on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, school will reopen to pupils on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September are inset days.  
Have a wonderful 6-week holiday and we'll see you all next school year!

Big Well Done to the 70 Year 10s that attended the Runshaw College Taster Day. You were **polite, hardworking, and a real credit to the school**. Stuart Dolman from the School Liaison team said you were "**really well behaved and a credit to the school**" and Lucy Anglesea described you as "**fantastic**". You made a great impression — we're proud of you! 🙌

Preston College's construction staff said our pupils were great, the Head of Public Services said our school was the best they'd had seen this summer and the Catering Team said our pupils were the best they had seen the entire year!

It's been a busy term for the year 10s, you've visited colleges, sat your mock GCSE's and you've done your work experience!

A big thank you as well to all the Year 9's who attended the Blackburn College Trip. Blackburn College gave some great feedback, the overwhelming majority of the pupils worked hard, were polite and were great ambassadors for the school. They worked well in every area from Sport to Business and Barbering to Construction, and more, they were described as fantastic by college staff. Thank you to all staff who gave time, cover, support and efforts to support the visit.

- Mr Turner

**We are very proud of our Year 10 students who started their Summer 2025 exams this term. Their conduct has been excellent. They have shown themselves to be mature and have risen to this challenge brilliantly. Well done Year 10. Keep it up!**

- Mrs Brown.

Enjoy your 6-week holiday, you've earned the rest!



We had our annual WLD Sports Day on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June! Turn to page 8 and 9 to read all about it and see which house took the cup!







# Pupil Travel Diaries

Oliver is one of our year 7 pupils and he recently went on holiday to Turkey! He has written an article below of his adventures whilst in this lovely country known for its rich history, vibrant culture, delicious cuisine, and stunning natural landscapes.



## Turkey/Türkiye



### Which country are you writing about?

I went to Turkey for a holiday with my family, the plane journey was about 4.5 hours long. I slept for a lot of it, but my little sister watched films on my dad's phone and we had a tray of snacks too. It was worth the long plane ride because Turkey is amazing!

### What activities can you do in the hotel you stayed at?

There were lots of things to do, there was Karaoke, free Wi-Fi, there was a pool with a slide too. I made friends with other kids staying there, I played pool and the buffet was great, there was pancakes, English Breakfast, ice cream and barbecue.



### What activities can you do outside of the hotel?

We went on boat trips and saw sea turtles, we jumped off the boat into the sea too. My dad jumped off the highest point but I jumped off the lower one, it was still scary, but after the first time it was fun. There was a Michael Jackson impersonator we saw and people dancing on a bar, it was fun.



I tried lots of new food in Turkey, but I didn't like the cockles.

### What things did you learn in Turkey?

I learned that sea turtles can live to be over 150 years old!



### What is your favourite memory of your holiday?

My favourite memory is jumping in the deep dark sea from the boat and spending time with my family. I loved it in Turkey and we want to go again, it might not be at the same hotel, but in the same country. I recommend you go there if you can, and take a boat ride to see the turtles.

- Oliver







# ANTI-BULLYING



Mr Golden



Mr Samuel



Miss Barrett

The Soak the Teacher Event on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July was a fantastic success!

So many staff and pupils turned up to donate to charity and get their chance to throw a sponge at a volunteer that we ended up having to turn some customers away as lunch had finished! Luckily it was a blisteringly hot day and I think our teachers enjoyed the refreshing cold sponges. A special shout out to Miss Barrett who we think took the most sponges.

We managed to raise a whopping:

**£122.00!!** For the Anti Bullying Alliance.

Please ensure you follow our social media channels for all the pictures captured in this event.

- The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Miss Christian



Mr Barrow



Mrs Youssouf



# AMNESTY CLUB

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July Mrs Hill organised a whole school event to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

We had an assault course in the gym and an army bootcamp ran by our very own army veteran Mr Barrow!

Miss Richardson and Miss Hill had a craft station of vintage creativity! Pupils were able to create bunting, play traditional games and complete arts and crafts. Everyone's creations looked incredible, and it was lovely to see so many pupils eager to learn about life during the 40s and join in with as many activity stations as they could!

Mr Christie and Mr Cairns ran a trenchball battle!

We had a vintage car from the 1940s at the front of the school for pupils and staff to take photos with!

Miss Main and Mr Turner worked together to create a mini museum, they had pictures and posters on display, one pupil said "it was pretty cool to see!"

All the staff joined in today and looked fabulous! From factory workers, to pilots, we had journalists, soldiers, and a special shout out to Mrs Rowson who looked incredible in a wedding dress made of poppies, a beautiful tribute to all those who gave their lives to make it possible for us to celebrate VE Day.



We had 1940s style music and dancing in the sports hall, despite the heat both staff and pupils were attempting a swing dance and freestyle!

In the arts theatre pupils had the option to enjoy an authentic vintage cinema experience. A great option to beat the heat and relax, enjoying films from the 1940s. The height of sophistication since the talkies took over silent films in the late 1920's

The library: Code Cracking HQ! With the help of the maths department, pupils were given the tools to make and break codes just like Alan Turing did when cracking the Enigma Code! We also watched The Imitation Game.

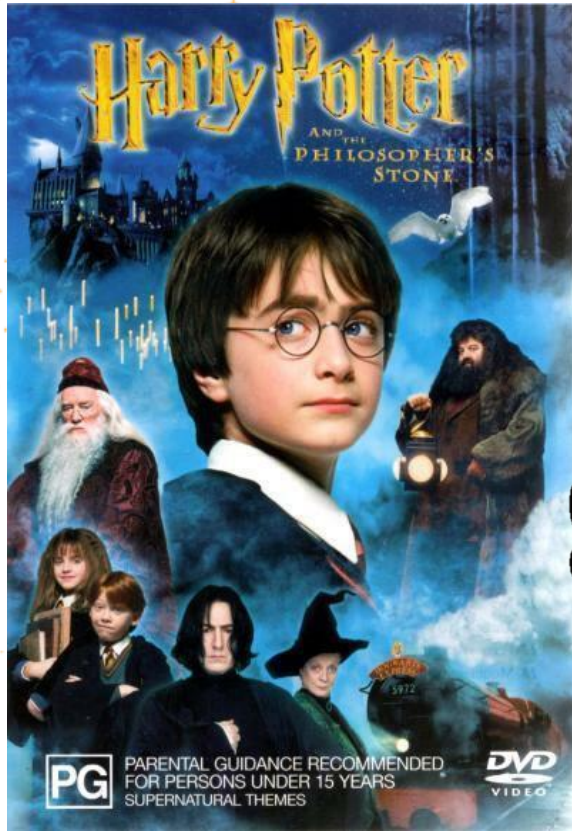
**The activities of the day were brilliant, with a lot of thought and planning going into every aspect of this educational celebration!**

**The activities were split into 'Zones' and were as follows:**

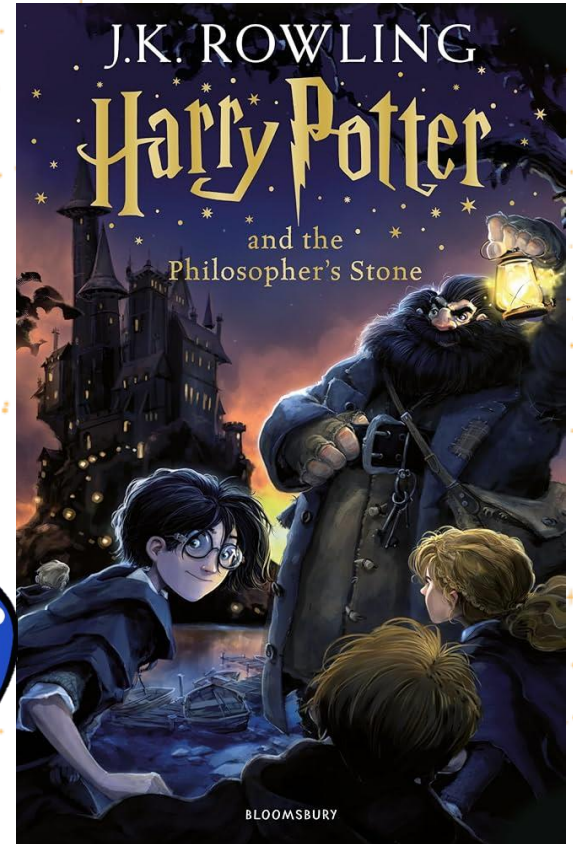
- **Zone 1: Bunting making, traditional games, arts & crafts.**
- **Zone 2: Assault course in the GYM**
- **Zone 3: 1940's dance and music**
- **Zone 4: Museum**
- **Zone 5: Vintage Cinema**
- **Zone 6: Army Bootcamp**
- **Zone 7: Code Cracking HQ in the Library**
- **SEN: Anderton Shelter**
- **Trenches: Handball/Dodgeball**



# READING AMBASSADORS



## VS



For this edition of The WLD Echo, our Reading Ambassadors are comparing the book vs the film and have chosen Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. The resounding opinion seems to be that the book is better due to the characters having more depth, it's also nice to have an insight into a protagonist's mind in a way that gets lost and muddled when the book is made into a film. However, some ambassadors loved watching the magic being brought to life and seeing Hogwarts and Harry, Ron and Hermione's adventures to save the world!

"I like the film more than the book. It was good to see the characters and Hogwarts in real life!"  
- Khaleesi G

"I think the books are better than the films."  
- Rithu B

I prefer the films because I like watching the story and the magic."  
- Minahil I

"I prefer the books because you create your own world when you use your imagination. I also think the characters were more interesting and had a deeper story in the books. The films are great, but I highly recommend the books!"  
- Mrs Denwood

"The book is definitely better. I like how the series gets darker with every book too, but I don't like the author as she has said some things I don't agree with."  
- Alice W

"I prefer the book because you can imagine the characters and the animals, rather than in the films you're being shown what they look like. I also don't like the second film at all because of all the spiders!"  
- Riley M

## Overall Rating



"I prefer the books because they have more detail, the characters and the plot feel more fleshed out. There is also a lot that happens in the books that you don't see in the films."  
- Matilda B



# 2025 BOOK FAIR

On the 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July we had our Scholastic Book Fair in the library! Every purchase made has helped fund free books for our school library, increasing the titles we have available.

Those that bought a book, why not give it a read over summer break and tick off an item on the page 12 bucket list!



The books shown here are the ones we had on offer, along with those available on the Scholastic website. It was brilliant to see the staff perusing and purchasing books and stationery and leading by doing. Many books, diaries and pointers were snapped up in the first week by eager WLD readers!

Thank you to all pupils and staff who purchased at our annual book fair.





# Sports



Articles written by one of WLD's sports writers: Ethan R

## Sports Day 2025!! Apollo takes the house cup!



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June we had our annual Sports Day where Apollo took the cup again! It was an incredible day where sportsmanship and team spirit were high. We had handball, bench ball, egg and spoon races, relay and sprints, every pupil taking part represented their house tremendously and was a credit to Walton-le-Dale!

A massive well done to Mr. Moore for organising the day and ensuring all staff got to join in and take part, it was brilliant to see the HALS dress up in inflatable costumes and have their own race too.



1<sup>st</sup> Apollo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Voyager  
3<sup>rd</sup> Challenger  
4<sup>th</sup> Endeavour  
5<sup>th</sup> Discovery

We had Sports Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, last year Endeavour took the trophy but this time it was Apollo. This was the first year that we saw Throughout the day, everyone enjoyed watching and supporting all the people competing. Over the course of the day, everyone had the chance to compete with the girls taking part in Benchball and the boys took part in Handball which was really good as everyone was able to take part.

- Ethan R









## Our DofE Year 9 students have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition!

A huge thank you to the staff that got involved on the walks and camping despite the weather!



Staff loved seeing students really step up to the challenge, despite lots of wet weather, unfamiliar routes, and challenging landscapes. Events like this require resilience and staff felt that this year's students truly demonstrated how they are becoming wonderful young adults who don't shy away from a challenge.

-Mrs McClelland

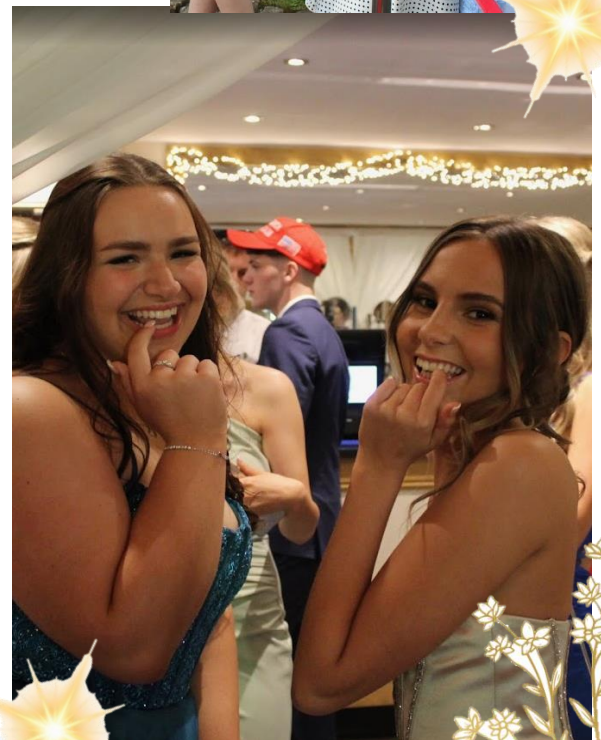




# Prom night



On the 26th of June our year 11s gathered for the formal and final goodbye at their prom. Everyone looked absolutely stunning dressed to the nines. A lot of WLD staff showed up for their final and fabulous farewell to Year 11.





# Summer Bucket List

## SUMMER 2025 BUCKET LIST! - FOR STAFF AND PUPILS. YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO ENJOY SUMMER.

Try and tick off as many as you can this summer!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Alton Towers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a water fight                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackpool Pleasure Beach                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a bike ride                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping or Glamping (try: Hipcamp)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly a kite                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie dye a t-shirt                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Go fruit picking (try Kenyon Hall Farm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go for a hike                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini golf                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Try to go a whole day without your phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Go Geocaching                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go swimming. Bonus points for in the sea | <input type="checkbox"/> Try origami                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a museum or art gallery            | <input type="checkbox"/> Boardgame day                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a picnic in the park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Try some science experiments            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant some flowers or veggies            | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to the zoo                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roast marshmallows & make s'mores        | <input type="checkbox"/> Go sailing (try Bolton sailing club)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a BBQ                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Make lemonade from scratch              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play frisbee                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a wildflower bouquet               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catch a frog                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a sunrise/sunset                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a fort                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Climb a tree                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake something tasty                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Read a book                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a library and check out some books | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up a hammock                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go stargazing                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Go fishing                              |



# Summer 2025 Events

A six-week holiday is best enjoyed jam-packed full of memories, below are events and activities throughout the UK!



## The National Space Centre's Immersive Academy Summer Camp

Get hands on with the latest creative technology and expand your digital skills this summer on our three day in-person camps for children aged 9 to 16.

- 29th Jul - 21st Aug 2025
- School Years 7 and 8 – 29 to 31 July
- School Years 5 and 6 – 5 to 7 August
- School Years 9, 10 and 11 – 19 to 21 August
- Summer Holiday Camp
- Places are Extremely Limited

Book a place now here: <https://www.spacecentre.co.uk/tickets-passes/event-tickets/immersive-academy/>

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## NEXT GENERATION FOR 13- TO 16-YEAR-OLDS

### **All about the Course**

This day camp is to help develop a child's confidence, self-esteem and provide them valuable work experience that can benefit them in all walks of life. This can help teens become part of a team of like-minded students, a team that is given more responsibility at camp, and learn what it takes to become a Leader on one of our day camps. Prices run from £40-£50 a day, if you book a whole week, you get one day free! These camps run in several locations throughout the UK, our closest one is in Bury.

Click here to find out more: <https://www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk/camp/next-generation/>



Stay cool this summer by starting a new hobby at the Chill Factor! Located near the Trafford Centre, the Chill Factor are offering half price discounts on their Kids' Holiday Ski Camp.

For beginners, 2 hours of fun is now only £36.00! For higher levels (green class, blue class and red class) that have already completed the beginner course, the 2 hours are a standard charge of £72.00. The price includes the skis, boots and helmets, but please ensure your child has a water bottle and snack.

Click here to find out more: <https://www.chillfactor.com/ski-lessons/kids-ski-lessons/kids-ski-holiday-camps>

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## PGL Adventure Holiday Camp

Add some excitement to the school holidays! Swap dull holiday clubs for real outdoor fun with Ofsted approved Kids' Adventure Camps – available during the [Easter](#), [May](#), [Summer](#) and [October](#) holidays.

PGL Holiday Camp Prices range from £139.00 for one night to £719.00 for 6 days & 7 nights packed full of Multi-Activity experiences and fun.

Enter: **EVERY25** at the checkout for 25% off all summer camps.

Click here to find out more: <https://adventureholidays.pgl.co.uk/>







# Creative Writing

245 to 66 Million Years  
By Autumn T



## Chapter 2: Prey

I'd ran through the woods as screeching and screaming roars followed behind me. I skid through the door of a shack and scrambled into a corner. I used my mask to muffle my breathing and tried to calm down and rationalise my situation. I spotted several rotting mice corpses and with quick thinking, rubbed the rotten mice blood over my body to cover my scent.

I heard clicking and chirping from a stage 2 infected Velociraptor as it peaked its head inside the shack door. It was sniffing around, its head turned to face me but its poor eyesight only will have only seen me as a blur. The stench of the rotten blood covered my scent, effectively making me invisible. It turned and left to find it's pack. I waited longer than was necessary, until finally I exhaled a deep sigh of relief and left the shack. I gathered my senses and walked on. I needed to prioritise, water and food needed sorting first, and then I needed to work on damage control. The trees surrounding me were dense, the branches to the left of me were bent and mauled, deep gashes in the bark, I headed the opposite way. The moon was cloaked by heavy waves of fog. A sliver of it gave me enough light to see by. I'd continued walking avoiding any sound of the infected creatures not taking any risks. A few hours later I stumbled upon a white-tailed doe, I ducked down so it wouldn't notice me, knowing it was my only chance for food. I carefully pulled out my bow and arrow and steadily lined it up. I closed one eye and exhaled slowly, shot the arrow and prayed... my arrow struck true. I would eat tonight, but at what cost?

I decided to risk making a small fire for warmth and to cook my meal. Preparing the meat kept my brain from spiralling at the hopelessness of my situation. After the meal I snuffed out the fire and tucked myself out of the way, trying to settle down for the night, but still fearing for my life.

I awoke to the blistering feeling of the sun, it was baking my pale skin with warmth, chasing away the night's chill. I opened my eyes and blinked, waiting for them to become adjusted to the new lighting. Then it hit me like a train, I was in danger and hiding for my life, I had survived the night, but needed to move. I packed my stuff up and tried to cover my tracks. I wandered the dense woods continuously, keeping my distance from the creatures. I was looking for any signs of close living humans., but I found nothing and no one. By late afternoon, I had the sinking feeling that I was being watched, not by one set of eyes but multiple. The hair on back of my neck prickled as it stood on end. I attempted to steady my rapid breathing as it caught in my throat. I slowly turned around and immediately spotted an infected Utahraptor. It's feathers were dull and falling off, it's scales rotting. Black blood dripped from its nostrils and its eyes were white and filmy, marking it as at least partially blind, its spine appeared to be heavily deformed, hopefully meaning I could survive this encounter. I froze as my fight or flight instinct failed me, stuck in stalemate. More and more infected and deformed Utahraptor crawled out of the the internal shadows gifted by the trees. A gurgling, screeching sound accompanied them, along with a cacophony of growls and snarls. They charged head on towards me, my legs frozen legs trembled as I turned and ran for my life, my breath still hitched in my throat. I ran and ran, crashing through the foliage. My legs began to wobble and give out but the adrenaline kept me up and running. I dash down into a ditch and used the surrounding mud, leaves, branches and worms to coat my arms, legs and face. The blind Utahraptors were using their scenting abilities to track me, I held my breath and begged any and all deities. They continued to sniff around and walk over me. But a noise further in the forest catches their attention, making them run off into the misty shadows. I exhaled a heavy relief. I waited hours before I sat up and wiped off the now dried mud and leaves caked to my skin. I gain my bearings and stand up, still shaken to my core and more determined than ever to get out of this place. I started walking on to find any exit of the forest, to find any semblance of civilisation.

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# Animal Facts



## Parrot/Parakeet of the month!

### Love Birds

Lovebird is the common name for the genus *Agapornis*, a small group of parrots in the Old-World parrot family *Psittacidae*.

Of the nine species in the genus, all are native to the African continent, with the grey-headed lovebird being native to the African island of Madagascar.

A love birds life span is 10 – 15 years in captivity and it's about the same for living in the wild too.

The lovebird is a small stocky parrot between 5.1-6.7 inches (13-17 cm). They have a large bill and a tail that is either round or square.

A lovebird might be one of the smaller parrot species available as a companion pet, but this bird is inquisitive and seemingly always on the go. As their name suggests, lovebirds are known for the loving, attentive bond they tend to form with their mates.

Did you know it is a widely purported myth that you should never own a solitary lovebird and that if they are not kept in pairs, they will die of depression.

In flocks, Love birds sing and whistle throughout the day. They are very active and require exercise to stay in good physical condition.

Although they are a type of parrot, and they do have the ability to mimic human speech, lovebirds are not among those species that most would consider talking birds.

### FUN FACT -

Lovebirds generally enjoy a variety of fruits and vegetables as treats. Popular choices include carrots, bell peppers, leafy greens, and small pieces of fruits like berries, grapes, melon, mango, papaya, apple, and pear.

- Lexi T





# Recipe of the Month

## Vietnamese Spring Roll

### Ingredients

#### Spring rolls (thinly slice all the veggies)

- Red cabbage
- Bell pepper
- Butter lettuce or Spinach
- Red onion or spring onion
- Radish
- Coriander
- Sesame seeds
- Rice paper wraps

#### Peanut dipping sauce

- Peanut butter – **1/3 cup**
- Rice vinegar – **2 tablespoons**
- Tamari or soy sauce – **2 tablespoons**
- Honey or maple syrup – **2 tablespoons**
- Toasted sesame oil – **1 tablespoon**
- 2 cloves of fresh garlic
- Water - **2-3 tablespoons**

### Method

1. Fill a shallow pan or high lipped plate with an inch of cool water.
2. Place one rice paper in the water for about 20 seconds. And carefully lay it flat on a towel or clean chopping board.
3. Leaving about 1 inch of open rice paper around the edges, lie your chosen veggies in the centre of the wrap, mixing them together will create a lovely rainbow when cut open.
4. Fold the bottom of the wrap over the veggies and ensure it's tightly compact. Fold the sides in and roll the wrap until sealed (Use a dab of water to seal if required)
5. The sauce: In a small bowl, whisk together the peanut butter, rice vinegar, tamari, honey, sesame oil, and garlic. Whisk in 2 to 3 tablespoons water, as needed to make a super creamy but dip-able sauce.
6. Serve the spring rolls with peanut sauce on the side. You can serve them whole or sliced in half on a diagonal with a sharp chef's knife. (Please have adult supervision or permission before using knives and hot pans.)



### The History of the Roll

In Vietnam and in various parts of Southeast Asia, Vietnamese are hand-making bánh tráng (rice paper) and placing them on the rectangular bamboo trays around their houses. Traditionally, gỏi cuốn are eaten with a large group of people in a home setting.



The chewy texture of the wraps can be unusual. If you do not enjoy them, you can try frying the rolls lightly in sesame seed oil, turning as they cook, for a crispier texture.