

Woodford Green Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th October



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now had the chance to look deeply into the results of the Parent Survey for the Autumn term 2025 and we are glad to see that so many aspects of our offer are valued. Parents have said that they appreciate our curriculum and the exciting opportunities that it brings. Parents also appreciate our hard-working staff and the efforts that they go to provide an outstanding education. In addition, it has been recognised that our Art and Physical Education provision allows children to think and work creatively. We truly appreciate all your feedback and support.

We also recognise that there are opportunities to build and develop our offer and one area that we will continue to work on is the way that we communicate with the parent community. Parents are telling us that they would like to be further kept informed of upcoming events and trips. We understand that many parents work full time and we will be focussing our efforts on ensuring that letters, school events and coffee mornings, to name a few, are signposted clearly and efficiently with time for parents to be involved where possible.

We also saw that parents would like more information about the work and progress that children do. To support this, we will be providing more information on how to use Google Classroom to better understand what children are doing on a weekly basis. We will also prioritise teacher's email addresses so that parents can quickly get in touch to address an issue if and when it should arise. We are a school that prides itself on our relationships with the parent community and this is something that we will be focusing on throughout the term.

Next week we have our first parent meetings and I am glad to see that so many parents have

signed up. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's books and other learning from the start of the year. We will also have our Art Gallery in the main hall so that children can show their Art and DT work that they have been working on this term. We have 3 parent meetings throughout the year but we also encourage parents to be in touch with their class teacher on a regular basis.

Our trips and competitions have been in full swing this term with Year 6 having gone to an ABBA concert and the London Museum this week. Year 4 will be going to the Thames Barrier next week with a Year 2 visit to Epping Forest after the half term. We have also been enjoying Waltham Forest Football competitions for boys and girls. We are also getting ready for our first Trust-wide Music competition when we return after the half-term break.

Please be aware that the school will be closed on Friday 24th October and will not be open for children.

Have a lovely weekend

Richard Barker

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2026

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 or who is currently in Year 6?

If so, they are due to start Secondary School in September 2026.

To make an application please apply online www.eadmissions.org.uk by 31 October 2025.

For more information visit the Waltham Forest Secondary admission page <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place> where you can download a copy of the Starting Secondary School 2026 brochure which has full details of how to apply.

Weekly Attendance

Class weekly and yearly attendance will be shown every week. The school expected attendance is **98%**. The class with the best attendance each term will receive a special lunch.

Please make sure that you ring the school office every day that your child is absent. You can leave a message on the absence line.

Our gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Please make sure that you are on time to minimise the impact of your child's learning. Late arrivals disrupt the timings of the mornings, and they will miss vital input of lessons.

The first weeks are vitally important in setting the right tone and expectation for learning. It is in that light that I ask that every effort is made to ensure that your child's attendance is as high as possible. Data released by the government shows how consistently high attendance correlates with high attainment. Attendance must be 98% or higher and we expect to work with all parents to achieve it.

Year Group attendance – Week beginning 29/09/2025

Year Group	Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Year to Date attendance	Year to Date Persistent Absence %
Reception	Sycamore	94.6%	98.6%	3.3%
Year 1	Redwood	95.0%	93.7%	22.7%
Year 2	Pine	98.0%	97.4%	9.7%
Year 3	Teak	95.2%	96.4%	13.8%
Year 4	Cherry	97.0%	96.0%	13.3%
Year 5	Chestnut	98.1%	95.2%	6.5%
Year 6	Ash	96.1%	95.1%	6.5%
Whole School		96.3%	96.1%	10.3%

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Certificate winners

Stars of the Week			
Elm Ador Amir	Sycamore Emily Raima	Redwood Alfie S Nehemiah	Pine Nancy Adelaide
Teak Amber Melissa M	Cherry	Chestnut Ion Noah	Ash Blerina Savanna
Caught Being Kind			
Elm Teleio	Sycamore Shekinah	Redwood Khadijah	Pine Kyrn
Teak Didier	Cherry	Chestnut Daniel	Ash Khamani
Writer of the Week			
Elm Rowan	Sycamore Nathan	Redwood Khamaya	Pine Juliet
Teak Beatrice	Cherry	Chestnut Fahim	Ash Rachel

Parent Dates – Autumn Term 2025 – Full year list on the website calendar

October

Wednesday 22nd – Year 4 Thames Barrier trip.

Thursday 23rd – Wear it Pink. Charity donation of a £1.

Thursday 23rd – Parents Evening. Starts at 3:30pm until 7pm. Invites will be sent out two weeks before.

Friday 24th – INSET Day. No children in school.

November

Tuesday 4th – Musical instruments assembly for those parents whose children have lessons.

Friday 7th – Interschool Music competition. Chosen children to attend.

Tuesday 11th – Year 6 Remembrance assembly. TBC

Tuesday 11th – Year 2 Epping Forest trip.

Wednesday 12th – Year 5 Shakespeare for Schools workshop in school.

Friday 14th – Learning Council to visit Davies Lane.

Tuesday 18th – Year 2 and 5 bring your parents to school morning. Starts at 9am until 10am.

Friday 21st – Online learning coffee morning. Starts at 9am until 10am.

Friday 28th – Nursery coffee morning. Starts at 9am until 10am.

December

Monday 1st – Christmas Panto.

Tuesday 2nd – Choir to sing at the Harts Care Home.

Thursday 4th – Parent Council. Starts at 9am.

Friday 5th – PREVENT coffee morning. Starts at 9am until 10am.

Friday 5th – FoWGPS Christmas Fayre. Starts at 3:30pm until 5pm.

Tuesday 9th – Year 2 Micro musical. Starts at 9:30am.

Tuesday 9th – Carols around the Christmas Tree. All parents welcome. Children with instrumental lessons to play and the choir to sing. Starts at 4pm.

Wednesday 10th – Year 4 Micro musical. Starts at 9:30am.

Thursday 11th – Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 15th – Nursery Nativity. Performances at 9:30am and 2pm. Nursery parents welcome.

Tuesday 16th – Christmas Story. Reception children to perform and parents welcome. Starts at 9:30am.

Thursday 18th – Class parties.

Friday 19th – Last day of term. School closes at 2pm.

Your Harvest food donations, thank you for support

Highams Park Hub, also known as *The Hub*, is a lifeline for struggling individuals and families in the E4 area.

We provide essential food and household supplies to those facing financial hardship. Operating from All Saints Church, we open for food collection every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm.

Both at those times on Tuesday and Thursdays, as well as on Wednesdays, our free community café (11 am – 2 pm) offers warmth, conversation, and support. To ensure help reaches those in urgent need, access to food aid requires a referral from recognised professionals.

No one should go hungry; together, we can make a difference.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be holding Holiday Clubs throughout the academic year and invite parents to sign up. Please use the table below and take note of the closing date for sign up.

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and will depend on staff availability. The club will include a range of activities, for example cooking, sports, and arts and crafts. We will have cinema days, bouncy castles and much more!

The clubs will be led by school staff members. There will be at least one staff member from one of the Arbor schools and there will always be a designated safeguarding lead on call at all times. Usual safeguarding procedures will apply.

Please sign up on the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G0HQ2qyRhs mVBefoVgb2fkx0EasFrgGuLyUo9LSa3-Y/edit?tab=t.0>

Interschool debate winners!

A big well done to all three years groups who participated in the interschool debate challenge today. They did us proud.

Year 3: Didier, Almasi, Liam and Lila

Year 5: Noah, Amy, Matty, Oliver and Zane

Year 6: James, Cora, Rachel, Maxi



Parent's Evening

**Thursday
23rd October
2025**

Flu Jabs in school

**Tuesday
21st October
2025**

Autumn trips 2025

**Year 4 – Thames Barrier
(22/10/2025)**

**Year 2 – Epping Forest
(11/11/2025)**

**Year 5 – Shakespeare for Schools show
(12/11/2025)**

**Year 5 – Cinema trip
(20/11/2025)**

**Year 6 – Cinema trip
(27/11/2025)**

**Year 6 – Imperial War Museum
(04/12/2025)**

If you would like to volunteer your time to help on trips, please collect a volunteer pack from the school office.

Woodford Green's Fire Fighters visit – Nursery and Reception



Parent survey feedback – Autumn 2025

You said	We did...
You would like to be kept better informed about school events	We have informed parents of all class trips taking place this term We have put all Autumn term school events on the school newsletter

Year 6 – Homework projects

Year 6 continuing to share experiences from WW2, with ration books and RAF pilot licences, great primary sources. Vanessa also bright in her ration recipe for us to try whole Alfie spent the weekend doing further research and looking very much the part.



Reception – Pizza making



Year 1 – Museum of the Home



Year 3 – Stonehenge



Nursery – T-shirt printing and the Fire Fighters



Year 6 – London Docklands Museum



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Woodford Green Primary School!

We're thrilled to welcome you and your children to our school community.

Friends of Woodford Green Primary School (FoWGPS) is our version of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) — and a registered charity — dedicated to supporting the school in as many ways as we can.

Our mission is to:

- Raise vital funds
- Strengthen the sense of community
- Create memorable experiences for pupils, parents, carers, teachers, and staff

With the support of families across all year groups, we organise a range of events throughout the school year — from fun activities for the children to social events that bring the whole school community together.

Over the past few years, FoWGPS has raised over **£14,000**, helping to fund school activities and purchase sports and stage equipment.

All of our events are run by volunteers — whether it's organising, collecting raffle donations, serving refreshments at fayres, DJing at discos, decorating Santa's Grotto, or hosting quiz nights. **No experience is needed — just your time, enthusiasm, and a willingness to get involved.**

We also have vacancies on the FoWGPS Committee, which helps oversee events and decide how raised funds are spent. Ideally, we'd love to have **a representative from each year group** to share ideas and support event planning.

If you're interested in volunteering or taking a more active role, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at hello@fowgps.uk

We hope that during your child's time at Woodford Green Primary, you'll enjoy being part of our school community, attend our events, and help support our fundraising efforts.

With warmest wishes,

Friends of Woodford Green Primary School (FoWGPS)

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PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2026

Do you have a child who was born
between 1 September 2021 and 31
August 2022?

If so, your child is eligible to start
primary school in September
2026.

To make an application, please
apply online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk
by 15 January 2026.

For more information, visit the Waltham
Forest Primary Admission page:
[https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/
schools-education-and-learning/apply-
primary-school](https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school) where you can download a
copy of the Starting Primary School 2026
brochure with full details on how to apply.

Steps to resolving concerns

There will be times when you need concerns resolving. For clarity, we have steps to support you.

Step 1: First contact is your class teacher. If concerns are not resolved satisfactorily then move on to step 2.

Step 2: Your child's Phase leader is the next step, depending on the phase.

Mr Barker – EYFS - Nursery and Reception

Miss French – KS1 – years 1, 2 and 3.

Miss McHugh – KS2 – years 4, 5 and 6.

Step 3: Contact:

Miss Logue – SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss McHugh – Assistant Head

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 4.

Step 4: Contact the Head of School: Mr Barker.

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 5.

Step 5: Contact the Executive Head – Dr Maureen Okoye MBE

Please note, our complaints policy is on the website in the parental communication section.

Nursery:

aisha.hassan@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Reception:

kubra.ahmad@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 1:

Julie.french@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 2:

ayse.direk@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 3:

Lydia.orange@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 4:

Melissa.logue@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 5:

paulina.osei@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 6:

maeve.mchugh@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Free School Meals and the EdenRed holiday voucher scheme.

We are now accepting applications for the September 2025 intake.

Please send applications to the following address once filled in:

The Benefits Service
Free School Meals
London Borough of Waltham Forest
PO Box 856
E17 9PN

We would encourage to send applications in as soon as possible. Alternatively, parent/carers can apply online on the Waltham Forest website:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

We would strongly advise to encourage parent/carers to apply online as applications will come through as soon as submitted and can be processed quicker.

This is different from the Free School Meals allocation given to all primary school aged children by the Mayor of London. Universal Free School Meals will not give you access to the holiday voucher scheme. Please apply online to receive these vouchers for all the half terms next year.

0-19 Service

Healthy Child Programme

We are a 0-19 Service, which delivers the Waltham Forest Healthy Child Programme. We provide public health interventions for children and families aged 0-19 years to enable them to reach their full potential.

An allocated School nurse for every primary school

Your school nurse can support with the following and much more...

- Long term health conditions e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and allergies
- Writing health care plans
- Disability and complex health needs
- Transition to secondary school and preparing for adulthood
- Promoting positive mental health, school attendance and attainment
- Referrals to and liaison with other services as required.

Nursery Nurse offer monthly drop-in sessions in primary schools

Your nursery nurse can support with the following and much more...

- Healthy eating
- Height and weight management
- Sleep routine
- Hygiene,
- Day or night-time wetting
- Hearing and vision
- Child development
- Advice and support for parents.

**If you would like further support or to book an appointment, please inform reception staff or you can contact our Single Point of Access on:
0300 033 6200 or email: thgpcg.wf0-19spa1@nhs.net**



www.gpcaregroup.org

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Save the Planet MONDAY



CHOOSE FROM

Classic Tomato and Basil Pasta
Homemade Samosa Swirls
✓ with Skin on Baked Wedges
Biryani

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn Coblets
Seasonal Fresh Broccoli

DESSERTS

Cheese and Crackers with
Fresh Apple Slice

Allergen Friendly TUESDAY FDA

CHOOSE FROM

Vegetable Curry with Mixed Rice
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Cottage Pie Served with Gravy

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Tropical Melon Slices

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

Allergen Friendly WEDNESDAY FDA

CHOOSE FROM

Jollof Rice
Spring Vegetable Pasta Bake
Chicken Shawarma with Mixed Rice

UNLIMITED

Spring Greens
Mixed Vegetables

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Salad

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

Forest Eco Ranger THURSDAY



CHOOSE FROM

Pulled BBQ Jackfruit Baguette
Cheese and Sweetcorn Quiche with Herby Diced Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Coleslaw or Cheese

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn
Green Beans

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit Compote



Fun Fact FRIDAY

Buzz
Lightyear's
original
name was
Lunar Larry

CHOOSE FROM

Crushed Chickpea and Sweetcorn Wrap
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with a Lemon Slice with Oven Chipped Potatoes
Herby Chicken with Oven Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Minted Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracknel and Custard

Bats are the
only flying
mammals

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

CHOOSE FROM

Power Burger in a Bun with Spicy Jacket Wedges
Sizzling Stir Fry with Egg Noodles
Creamy Mac n Cheese

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Gluten Free Margherita Pizza served with Herby Diced Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese
Meatball Pasta Bake

UNLIMITED

Green Beans
Fresh Broccoli

DESSERTS

Water Melon Slice

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Spicy Tomato and Pepper Pasta
Baked Countryside Cutlet with Rosemary Roast Potatoes
Roasted Lemon and Garlic Chicken with Rosemary Roast Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Mixed Vegetables
Spring Greens

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Salad

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Sticky Tofu with Mixed Rice
Cheese Salad Baguette
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn
Fresh Carrots

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Roasted Vegetable and Sweet Potato Burrito
MSC Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet or MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with Oven Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Minted Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Waffle Finger Fruit Slice and Vanilla Ice Cream

CHOOSE FROM

Vegetable Supreme Pizza with Italian Diced Potatoes
Sunshine Pizza with Italian Diced Potatoes
Minted Crispy Fishless Finger Wrap

UNLIMITED

Mixed Vegetables
Green Beans

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Tangy Tomato and Basil Pasta
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

Iced Fruit Smoothie

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Chickpea Tikka Masala with Mixed Rice
Country Garden Goujons with Crushed New Potatoes
Beef Bolognese with Pasta Spirals

UNLIMITED

Fresh Broccoli
Mixed Vegetables

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Crispy Nuggets with Jacket Wedges
Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini in a Creamy Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Coleslaw or Baked Beans

UNLIMITED

Minted Garden Peas
Fresh Carrots

DESSERTS

Cheese and Crackers with Fresh Apple Slice

CHOOSE FROM

Forest Fajita
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with a Lemon Slice with Oven Chipped Potatoes
60/40 Beef Burger in a Floured Bun with Oven Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Sweetcorn Coblets

DESSERTS

Banana Sponge and Custard

A mile is
5,280 feet
long



WEEK 3

School uniform Policy

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy. The school does not require branded items for school uniform or PE. Generic items which are widely available across a number of suppliers are deemed appropriate school uniform.

School Uniform:

- Green polo shirt
- Charcoal grey pinafore/ Charcoal grey skirt/ Charcoal grey trousers/ Charcoal grey shorts (*not black leggings or flared leggings*)
- Summer: blue and white dress
- Grey tights/ White socks
- Black school shoes
- Navy blue school jumper/ Navy blue school cardigan

P.E. kit:

- White t-shirt, black/navy P.E. shorts or black/navy tracksuit bottoms with trainers
- For indoor PE, specifically gymnastics and dance units, children are expected to wear plimsolls or grip socks

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Footwear

The Trust wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in any of our schools. We do not allow children to wear trainers (except on PE days) or boots (including Uggs) to school. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Please follow this link to our uniform policy:

[https://irp.cdn-website.com/7cd963d4/files/uploaded/School Uniform Policy 2024 - Woodford Green.pdf](https://irp.cdn-website.com/7cd963d4/files/uploaded/School_Uniform_Policy_2024_-_Woodford_Green.pdf)

School Term dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term: (75 days)

- Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day
- Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025
- Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term: (55 days)

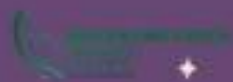
- Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.
- Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term: (65 days)

- Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
- Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July 2026

Public holidays

- Thursday 25th December 2025 (Christmas Day)
- Friday 26th December 2025 (Boxing Day)
- Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 3rd April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6th April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4th May 2026
- Monday 25th May 2026
- Monday 31st August 2026



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HALLOWEEN DISCO

Join us for some spooky fun
Thursday 6th November
in the School Hall

Reception to Year 2: 4pm - 5.15pm

Years 3 to 6: 5.45pm - 7pm



Low-cost drinks, light snacks and pocket money toys will be on sale

Spaces are limited and tickets will be available to purchase in advance.

Book online now at www.fowgps.uk/disco

BOOK HERE



Come to Our
CHILDREN'S

LIGHT PARTY

A FUN PARTY FOR 3-7 YEAR OLDS

FROM 3-4.30PM

EMAIL: ROSIE@ASWW.ORG.UK

(PARENTS MUST STAY WITH CHILDREN)

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
ST ANDREWS CHURCH

56 CHINGFORD LANE
WOODFORD GREEN

IG8 9QP

