

Woodford Green Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 19th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the last of the Parent Curriculum meetings. Many of them have been well attended and we have received much positive feedback regarding the time of the repeat sessions at 7pm. If you would like to see these repeat sessions for all coffee mornings take place at this time, do let us know. With that in mind, please could I ask for your feedback from our Autumn Parent Survey -

<https://forms.gle/qLCCWEoTX44pgpCGA>

So far, we have received some very useful and helpful feedback. This will be carefully analysed and the results of which will be used to create an action plan to be carried out across the year. We will try to provide updates on this via the newsletter as the year progresses.

By the end of the week, all parents will have received letters outlining the dates and costs related to school trips in the Autumn term. Please be aware that these letters are not permission slips, they are merely for your information to allow you to be as informed as possible. Additionally, if you are able to contribute to the cost of these trips, we would be very grateful.

Our second charity event took place this week, Jeans for Genes day. Next week we will be having our Macmillan Cake sale and we very much hope that you can contribute if you have the time. The bake sale will take place after school on Friday 26th and will be run by our wonderful prefects.

Over the coming weeks, we invite any and all parents to come in to build their knowledge of the way that we teach children to read through Phonics. Next Friday, 26th September, will be an opportunity to learn about the way that Reception children learn to read. The following week, on Friday 3rd October, we will be explaining how Year 1 and 2 children build on that knowledge to improve their reading skills. Finally, on Friday 10th October, Nursery Parents are invited to come in to discuss some of the activities that could support their children in

early reading and building gross and fine motor skills. If you are interested, please come to school at 9am. We will continue the success of our repeat sessions with all sessions repeated online at 7pm.

As mentioned above, our school trips will be beginning in the coming weeks; we are preparing for our Interschool Watercolour and sketching competition, followed by a badminton competition, with the Interschool athletics taking place on 10th October. We are very excited to provide a wide-ranging variety of activities that will continue throughout the year.

Finally, most parents will now have been assigned an after-school club and we hope to offer more as the year continues. Please be aware that these clubs are extremely popular and many have waiting lists. We track the attendance of clubs very closely and if your child does not attend for two consecutive weeks, we will call you to confirm that your child wants the place; this will allow us to offer any new places to other children. Please continue to watch out for links and updates to our clubs on MCAS - Push notifications switched on please!

Have a lovely weekend

Diary Dates – Summer Term

September	
Monday 22 nd	Harvest collection starts. Please bring in any donations to the school office.
Monday 22 nd	Readathon starts. Finishes 24 th October.
Friday 26 th	Reception parent's coffee morning. Come along and see how we teach phonics to your children. Starts 9am.
Friday 26 th	Interschool Watercolour and sketching competition for Years 3-6. Chosen children to compete.
Friday 26 th	Year 5 and 6 Girls Football competition against other Waltham Forest schools.

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 08/09/2025

Year Group	Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Year to Date attendance	Year to Date Persistent Absence %
Reception	Sycamore	99.3%	99.6%	3.6%
Year 1	Redwood	91.8%	91.4%	18.2%
Year 2	Pine	98.6%	96.1%	17.2%
Year 3	Teak	100%	97.8%	10.7%
Year 4	Cherry	95.9%	95.7%	10.3%
Year 5	Chestnut	92.9%	92.2%	16.1%
Year 6	Ash	96.8%	95.3%	9.7%
Whole School		96.6%	95.5%	12.1%

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

Certificate winners

Stars of the Week			
Elm Max Jedd	Sycamore Ilias Ava	Redwood Amine Alex	Pine Amari Elianna
Teak	Cherry Freddie Nico	Chestnut Amy Zoe	Ash Alfie Cora
Caught Being Kind			
Elm Isla	Sycamore Samuel	Redwood Ronnie	Pine Ayden
Teak	Cherry Olivia	Chestnut Mikey	Ash Gioia
Writer of the Week			
Elm Keyansh	Sycamore Nora	Redwood Luan	Pine Rufus
Teak	Cherry Alya	Chestnut Serra	Ash Jasmine



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/1G0HQ2qyRhsmVBefoVgb2fkx0EasFrgGuLyUo9LSa3-Y/edit?tab=t.0>

Year 4 Swimming Kits and equipment



Please make sure your child has an empty plastic bag so that they may put their wet clothes in it.

Reception September 2026

If your child is of Reception age in September 2026, turns 4 by 31st August 2026, you will need to apply on line for a Reception place.

Please apply to the Waltham Forest admissions@walthamforest.gov.uk and following the steps to apply.

If you require any help in applying or completing your application, please let the school office knows and we will help you.

If you apply online by the closing date of 15th January 2026, you will be sent an email during the evening of 16 April 2025 with the results of your application.

If you make a paper application, your offer letter will be posted on 16 April 2026 by first-class post.

You will not receive anything from the school.

Autumn trips 2025

Year 1 – Museum of the Home (02/10/2025)

Year 2 – St Paul's Cathedral (10/10/2025)

Year 2 – Epping Forest (11/11/2025)

Year 3 – Stonehenge (09/10/2025)

Year 4 – Swimming (06/10/2025 – 17/10/2025)

Year 4 – Thames Barrier (22/10/2025)

Year 5 – Shakespeare for Schools workshop, takes place in school (13/10/2025)

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

Year 5 – Cinema trip (20/11/2025)

Year 6 – Cinema trip (27/11/2025)

Year 6 – ABBA Voyage (15/10/2025)

Year 6 – London Museum (16/10/2025)

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

Nursery – Finger painting



Art Gallery



Every Cake Matters

WGPS are hosting a cake sale after school to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Date: Friday 26th September

Time: After school

How YOU can help:

Bring some baked goodies to the office on Friday morning

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope your children are settling in well to the new school year. We are reaching out on behalf of the Friends of Woodford Green Primary School (FoWGPS) to invite you to play a bigger part in shaping our school community.

We are the equivalent to the PTA and a charity set up to support the school through fundraising events. Over the past 3 years we have managed to raise over £14,000 and have been able to donate funds for activities, a new stage and PE equipment. All our events are run by volunteers, whether it is organising, supporting, collating donations for the raffle, selling food and refreshments at our Fayres, DJing at our discos, hosting parent/teacher quiz nights or helping to decorate Santa's grotto. No previous experience required—just a willingness to contribute time, energy, and ideas.

We have vacancies on the Committee to help oversee our events and make decisions on how to spend funds raised. We are also looking for a new Chair to lead the group. If you are interested in helping out, or taking a more active role, please get in touch by emailing hello@fowgps.uk

Our ambition is to have a representative from each year group to help plan events and make decisions and we are currently only covering years 3, 5 and 6. We have a WhatsApp community where we post and share updates. Once you have joined the community you can join any of the planning groups or volunteer for events. Scan the QR code alongside to join. We hope that during your child's time with the school you will enjoy being part of our community, attend our events and hopefully support us and our fundraising efforts.

With appreciation,
The Friends of Woodford Green Primary School



SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025



TOUR DE WALTHAM FOREST

#TDWF2025



Book your ride now!



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.walthma.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.

Waltham Forest Free School Meals Team.

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.

Weather update

As the weather is a little bit unpredictable at the moment, please make sure that your child has a light jacket in school.

We will adhere to spend as much time outside as possible at playtimes and want to make sure that the children do not get wet or cold.

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



**STARTS THURSDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2025!**

**St Andrews Church
Chingford Lane
Woodford Green**

Baby Group

**THURSDAYS 10-
11.30 AM**

DROP IN FOR A CUP OF
TEA, SNACKS AND CHAT
TO OTHER PARENTS! FOR
BABIES 0-12 MONTHS. NO
OLDER CHILDREN PLEASE.

EMAIL:
ROSIE@ASWW.ORG.UK TO
REGISTER.

£3 PER FAMILY
OPEN TO ALL!