

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday, a group from the Local Governing Body took part in a learning walk around the school. They were able to see that the children are making great progress as they travel through the curriculum this term. They were able to observe some lessons being taught from Nursery to year 6, as well as looking at the outcomes in books. To supplement their learning, two Year 6 classes have visited the Imperial War Museum, which links to their History topic on World War II.

This week, children across the school took part in a Debate competition. The winners will go on to represent our school in the next round, competing against other schools within the Trust. We wish them the very best of luck!

We have also taken part in two sporting events this week. On Tuesday, a group of Year 3 and 4 children competed in a football tournament, and today, pupils took part in an Athletics competition at Wanstead Flats, again competing against other Trust schools. Physical Education remains a key priority for us this year, as we continue to support both physical health and emotional well-being.

Please remember that safeguarding is our highest priority. One of the ways we keep children safe is by asking parents to inform the school office if someone different is collecting your child. You will also be asked to provide a collection password to ensure that your child is handed over safely. Please be patient with staff if they need to double-check with the office — they are doing so in the best interest of your child's safety.

Another crucial area of safeguarding is online safety, both at school and at home. Please ensure that your children are staying safe online and that you are aware of the age restrictions for the apps they may be using:

WhatsApp – 16+
Instagram – 13+
TikTok – 13+
Facebook – 13+
Snapchat – 13+
Wink – 13+

Helpful guidance on how to talk to your child about online safety is available at www.nspcc.org.uk and www.net-aware.org.uk. The NSPCC Helpline is also available if you have any concerns or questions.

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026. Please refer to the Starting Secondary School 2026 brochure (PDF), which contains all the information you need about how to apply online.

We are continuing to collect Harvest donations of dried and tinned foods, which will be donated

the local foodbank. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday, 24th October, for an INSET Day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Rebecca Corderoy
Acting Head of School

Important Reminders

Medical

For any medical needs relating to your child, please speak to our Assistant Head Teacher for inclusion. Mr Callum Bolt.

The Holiday Club Booking Link Closes on the 13th October

<https://forms.gle/pRfKh6WFmsiSwCm1A>

Sibling Photographs on the 15th October

The Photographers will be at both the North (Davies Lane entrance) and South Side at 8.00am to 8.30am.

Courtesy

Please be courteous to our staff they are communicating our school policies and procedure. It is vital that we continue to work together harmoniously.

Medical Appointments

Please remember that medical appointments should be booked out of school hours where possible. If the appointment is an emergency and needs to happen during the school day, we can only authorise a medical absence for half a day.

Readathon 2025

We are now over the half way point for the children taking part in this year's readathon. This is a reminder that the children should be keeping a log of the books they have read (as well as making entries of them in their reading record). All lists for entries – signed by a parent - need to be returned to the class teachers by Thursday 23rd October (the last day of term for the children).
Happy reading everyone.

Mrs Walsh (Reading Lead)

Inter Trust Athletics : We Won



Charity news

First, may I express our gratitude for the support that has been shown to charity work at Davies Lane so far this year. All 3 events (Roald Dahl day, Jeans for Genes and our MacMillan bake sale) have raised a good amount for the charities.

We have now reached the point in the year where our thought turns to Harvest. The children have learned about this in assemblies and we have explained that we are collecting food for local people who find themselves in need at the current time. We are requesting donations of tinned or dried food which will be used to create our Harvest displays within school and then donated to a local food bank towards the end of this half term.

Thank you to all the families who have already made these donations and, in advance, for all the donations yet to come.

Jenni Walsh (Charities lead)

Steps to resolving concerns

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

Step 1

The first person to contact is your child's class teacher. If the concern is not resolved satisfactorily then move on to step 2.

Step 2

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

- Ms Yasmin - Assistant Head - Nursery and Reception
- Ms Chinyemba – Assistant Head/Y1 and Y2 Phase Lead
- Mr Harris – Y3 and Y4 Phase Lead
- Ms Hussain - Assistant Head/ Y5 and 6 Phase Lead

If the concerns remain unresolved, move on to step 3.

Step 3 - Contact:

- Mr Bolt – SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Ms Olubitan - Deputy Head

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

Step 4

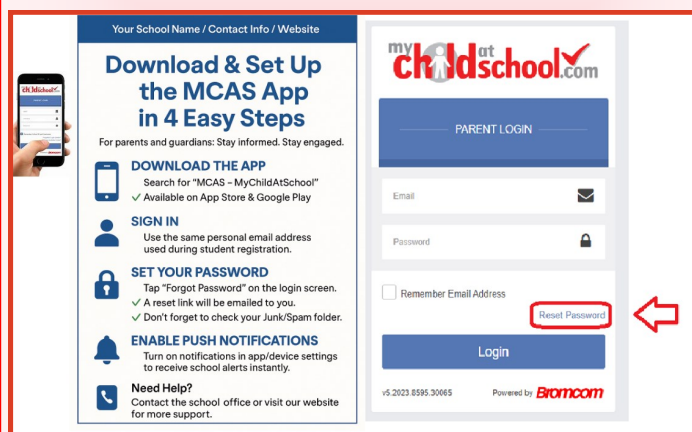
Contact the Acting Head of School - Ms Corderoy

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

Step 5 Contact the Executive Principal - Mr Cook.

Please note that we also have our complaints procedure on the website and can be found on the communication section of the Parents tab on the website

Reminder : MCAS App Instructions



Ensuring Our Children Are Full After Lunch

To support children in feeling full and satisfied after their lunch, we'd like to remind everyone about our lunch times:

If a child is still hungry after their main meal, they will be offered **Option 3**, which includes a choice of:

- Cheese or tuna sandwich/wrap, or Cheese or tuna jacket potato.

Children are also allowed:

- One dessert and one piece of fruit, or One yoghurt, one piece of fruit, and access to the salad bar.

Multiple desserts or yoghurts will not be permitted. We hope this ensures all children have the energy and nutrition they need to thrive during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!



<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f585a6>

Plenty of exciting updates this week, starting with the Halloween Disco!

Get your tickets to the Halloween Disco!

Tickets are now on sale for the Halloween Disco – please refer to the attached poster for details and the [booking link](#).

We still need plenty of volunteers, so if you are able to help with any of the sessions, please email us at fodlnews@gmail.com.

Please note **you will require a DBS through the school to volunteer** – if you don't have one, please go to the Southside office to apply.

- **Card designs go to print next week** Huge thank you to the children and staff for engaging in the card design project in partnership with FoDL – the designs go to print next week, following which we will share details on how to place your orders
- **Our preloved uniform project continues!** Good quality uniform at bargain prices - good for the planet, great for the purse, and raises funds for the children. We will be having sales through the year but if there is anything you need please email us at fodluniformproject@gmail.com and we will get back to you. All uniform donations are welcome as well - please leave these in the red bin at the school office.
- **We need your help - Christmas raffle prize appeal** The raffle is a key feature of our annual Christmas Fair, and is also our biggest fundraiser, so we are asking for your generous donations and brilliant ideas again please so we can make sure we have some exciting prizes on offer. Do let us know if there is anything you or a business you know may want to offer as a prize. These prizes really do add to the appeal, which helps the children with their ticket sales!
Please email us at fodlnews@gmail.com with any ideas, leads or offers.

Important

Attendance Matters

Our aim is for all children to be at school at least 98% of the time. It is vital that they are at school unless they are really too ill to attend. Please see the guidance from the government below.

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

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Speak confidentially with an educational psychologist about your child

DATES

Wednesday afternoon (12:30–2 pm) or evening (3:30–5 pm)

24th September 2025
8th October 2025
12th November 2025
10th December 2025
14th January 2026
11th February 2026
18th March 2026
22nd April 2026
20th May 2026
10th June 2026
8th July 2026

PARENT ADVICE SESSIONS

Who is it for?

- Parents and carers living in Waltham Forest

What can I expect?

- A free 30-minute session with an EP by phone or online via Teams

How to book?

- Call, text or email us using the contact details below

 educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

 07776 589 597



ABOUT US

Our diverse EP team is passionate about working with families and schools to support children and young people aged 0–25 years with their development, learning and emotional wellbeing.

A Friendly Reminder: Healthy Packed Lunches, Please!

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that packed lunches brought to school are healthy and nutritious. A balanced lunch helps students stay energized and focused throughout the day.

Here are some great ideas for healthy packed lunches:

- Sandwiches or Wraps:** Whole-grain bread or wraps with lean proteins like turkey, chicken, or hummus.
- Fruits and Vegetables:** Apple slices, grapes, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, or cherry tomatoes.
- Dairy or Dairy Alternatives:** Low-fat yogurt, cheese cubes, or plant-based alternatives.
- Healthy Snacks:** rice cakes, or a small handful of popcorn.

Drinks: Water or unsweetened milk instead of sugary drinks.

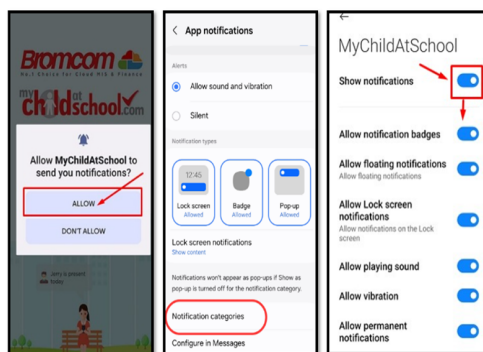
Please remember that we are a nut free school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting healthy eating habits!

Important

Please select the phone settings icon



to turn notifications on



Reminder

Please remember that children should not be bringing toys, money, trading cards or other items to school. If these are lost it can cause a lot of upset.

NOTICE TO CHILDREN

Parents are advised to remind children

ZERO TOLERANCE



ON BRINGING ANY ITEM INTO SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED

Diary Dates

13th Oct: Lunch Bunch meeting.

13th Oct : One page profile meetings with parents.

13th Oct: Harvest collection- Fund-raising for local food bank and soup kitchen.

14th Oct: Y4 Anxiety workshop.

15th Oct : Individual/ Sibling photos (8.00am—8.30am).

16th Oct : Parent Council (9:15am – 10:30am) Terms of reference/ Targets for the year/ Results.

17th Oct: KS2 interschool champions league debate.

17th Oct: Learning councils to visit Trust schools (DL/WFG & SP/ NW).

20th Oct: Harvest collection- Fund-raising for local food bank and soup kitchen and delivery of collection.

23rd Oct: Reading Challenge hand in.

23rd Oct: Charity event - Wear it Pink – (Learning council to organise) fundraising for breast cancer awareness.

Bring in £1 donation for this worthy cause.

23rd Oct: Parents Evening (3.40pm-7:00pm).

24th Oct: INSET Day –No Children in school.



WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM WEBINARS 2025

02 OCTOBER	School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
16 OCTOBER	Helping your child reach their full academic potential 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
06 NOVEMBER	Positive approaches to challenging behaviour 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
20 NOVEMBER	Boost your mood – practical tools for overcoming low mood 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
03 DECEMBER	Anxiety management: building resilience and calm 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	

Please register your interest for any of our free webinars by scanning this QR code





IMPORTANT NOTICE STUDENT PICKUP POLICY

You MUST be 16 years or older to collect a younger sibling from school.

This rule is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Caught Being Kind

Please find below the names of the children in each year group who are recognised for their kindness this week. **Congratulations**

Class	Star of the Week	Caught being kind
2YO Nursery	Fema	Eleen
3YO Nursery	Riyad	Xavion
R-Apple	Bibi	Anah
R-Sycamore	Riley	Josephine
R-Ash	Gisele	Ismaeel
R-Magnolia	Mariano	Lachlan
Y1- Fir	Cecily	Araoluwa
Y1- Rowan	Hamza	Charlie
Y1- Larch	Hannah	Yusra
Y1- Redwood	Otis	Lottie
Y2- Pine	Joseph	Aarya
Y2 - Lime	Matthew	Caleb
Y2 - Poplar	Okka	Mariah
Y2 - Oak	Huria	Soban
Y3 - Teak	Myla	Nolawi
Y3 -Chestnut	Ismaeel	Ayesha
Y3 -Elder	Alayna	Etta
Y3 -Willow	Matei	Grace
Y4 -Spruce	Ayse	Joshua
Y4 - Palm	Thaila	Amir B
Y4- Holly	Aaminah	Annabella-
Y4- Olive	Aira	Minahill
Y5-Hornbeam	Snayder	Riya
Y5 -Walnut	Levi	Zeeshan
Y5 -Cypress	Fatimah - Maria	Aleecia - May
Y5 - Mulberry	Mayam	Ayesha
Y6 - Hawthorn	Zohra	Muad
Y6 - Beech	Talha	Sumaiya
Y6 - Cedar	Nicholas	Mark
Y6 - Eucalyp-	Umar	Alex

Correction : Last week Victoria won star of the week in Lime class.

DAVIES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO



RECEPTION + YR 1
3.45 - 4.30PM
TEACHERS WILL TAKE THE KIDS
TO THE DISCO

YR 2 + YR 3
4.45 - 5.45PM
DROP OFF BY HALL ENTRANCE,
MORNINGTON RD SIDE

Y4, Y5 + YR 6
6-7PM
DROP OFF BY MAIN HALL
ENTRANCE, MORNINGTON RD
SIDE

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025

- TICKETS: £3.50 - INCLUDES DRINK + SNACK
- PICK UP FROM ALL SESSIONS IS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE ENTRANCE ON DAVIES LANE
- IF YOUR CHILD GOES TO A CLUB/TEATIME TEACHERS WILL KINDLY TAKE THE KIDS TO/FROM THE DISCO
- BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT [PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FDDL](https://pta-events.co.uk/fddl) (FROM 10 OCT TO 4 NOV)

IT'S HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY TOO SO KEEP YOUR OUTFITS ON TO HIT THE DANCEFLOOR!!