

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who wore yellow, dressed up and donated for 'Dahlicious Day'. We're thrilled to share that we raised an incredible £229 and more money was collected this afternoon and we will inform you of the total amount raised next week. The money raised is to support children in the UK living with serious, rare and undiagnosed conditions. Your generosity is truly appreciated. A special thank you to our Charity Leads for organising the event and collecting donations.

Next Friday, we will be supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day'. Children are invited to wear jeans with their school jumper and bring in a £1 donation. All proceeds will go to help children living with life-altering genetic disorders.

This week, we held curriculum meetings with parents of Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 classes to share an overview of the exciting learning planned for the year ahead. At Davies Lane, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum that deepens children's understanding. Our structured lesson timeline ensures that knowledge is taught in a systematic and sequential way—helping pupils to know more and remember more. Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents of Years 3, 4, and 5 to their curriculum meetings.

Sports and PE continue to be a key focus across the school. This year, we are pleased to welcome two dedicated sports coaches: Jon Akaly and Scott Faal. They are already making a fantastic impact by teaching at least one PE lesson per class; leading our 'Wake Up, Shake Up' morning session at 8:40am; running a variety of after-school sports clubs and organising fun and inclusive sporting activities during break and lunchtime. They will be supported by Wilson Frimpong, who will be leading PE across the Arbor Academy Trust and also teaching some PE lessons here at Davies Lane.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning and progress. Absences can have a significant impact on achievement, confidence, and social development. Please ensure that your child attends every day unless they are unwell. Arriving on time is equally important, as being late can mean missing the beginning of lessons, which sets the tone for the day. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity. We do expect that all children have at least 98% attendance. Together we can maintain the excellent attendance levels that support children to thrive

Finally, I would like to remind all families that payments for school services—including wrap-around care, music lessons, school trips, and Nursery school dinners—must be made via the MCAS app. Please ensure that payments are made in advance, as this is required in order to access these services. I apologise if you have made a payment this week but it is not showing on your MCAS account. Bromcom has experienced a national service disruption and has been down for most of the week. I am hopeful that normal service will resume next week, and that any payments made will then appear correctly on your account. If you have any questions or need support using the MCAS app, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Rebecca Corderoy
Acting Head of School
Davies Lane Primary School

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 Olubitan - Deputy 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 Cordery

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

● Meet the New Pupil Voice Leads



● The Eco warriors



● The Charity Leads



● The Learning Council



● The Librarians



● The Lunch Bunch



● The Playground Advocates



● The Prefects



● The School Council

8pm Wednesday 24th



Please join us at the FoDL
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8pm WEDNESDAY 24 September

At the School - North side, Davies Lane entrance

Find out what we do & share your thoughts for the year ahead! Get in touch at FodlNews@gmail.com

**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!

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!

Can you use your skills to support the school?

Friends of Davies Lane needs your help!

Time for a fresh group of people to make up the PTA committee. We would love your enthusiasm for making Davies Lane life more fun for your kids and their school mates.

Here are some of the roles available, where you might make a huge difference:

Chair - Do you have a vision for how we can make an impact for the school? Our fab chair is stepping down and FoDL needs a new person to shape and lead the group.

- **Secretary** - Are you super organised? We need someone to keep the committee in order, noting who's doing what, liaising with the school and making sure we function as a PTA should.

- **Design** - if you use apps like Canva or Powerpoint, you might enjoy doing our posters and shareable flyers. Plenty of creative scope - get in touch to talk it through.

- **Finance** - We have a great treasurer but we need two to make this work! Your skills could help make the most of our funds. This is a commitment, but it's gentle on your time because it's a role-share. Do get in touch to discuss.

- **Pre-loved Uniform Team** - This project makes so much sense, avoiding land fill and making sure everyone can get uniform that fits. We need helpers for the team, organising donations and supporting our sales.

General committee members - We need your great ideas and willingness to get stuck in. It's lovely to be part of a team organising fun events to raise money and then deciding how best to spend it on Davies Lane activities.

We'll discuss all of these opportunities at our AGM on Wednesday 24 September

Find out more! For either of the above, message FoDLNews@gmail.com

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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



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.

 educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

 07776 589 597

FoDL

We'd like to start with huge [congratulations](#) to our chair, Asa Eriksson who's a 'Volunteer of the Year' finalist in the 2025 Pride of Waltham Forest Awards. This is a very fair recognition of the outstanding work she's put into fundraising for the school and leading the FoDL team for years. We'll be sad to see her leave us this month, but what a great way to go out! The Awards are held on Tuesday.

Come to our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This is a fab way to meet others and hear a bit about what Friends of Davies Lane (FoDL) gets up to.

- **It's on 24 September** - That's a wednesday. From 8pm
- **Location is at the school** - Come in via the main Davies Lane office
- **Snacks, drinks and chat** - We'll take a quick look at activities over last year, with a view to switching things up for the year ahead
- **Join the FoDL team** - Look out for an email from the school about the AGM. It outlines the roles that have opened up in the committee. Please consider what might be right for you. Here's what's on offer:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Co -treasurer
 - Communication officer
 - Graphic designer
 - General committee members
 - **We'd love your ideas** - Have you been inspired by other activities that could make the 25/26 school year more fun? Share them at the session
 - **Meet other parents** and see how we work together. No commitment needed!

Let us know you're coming - Message us at FoDLNews@gmail.com

EasyFundraising - the easiest way to help the school! Have you signed up for this great scheme yet?

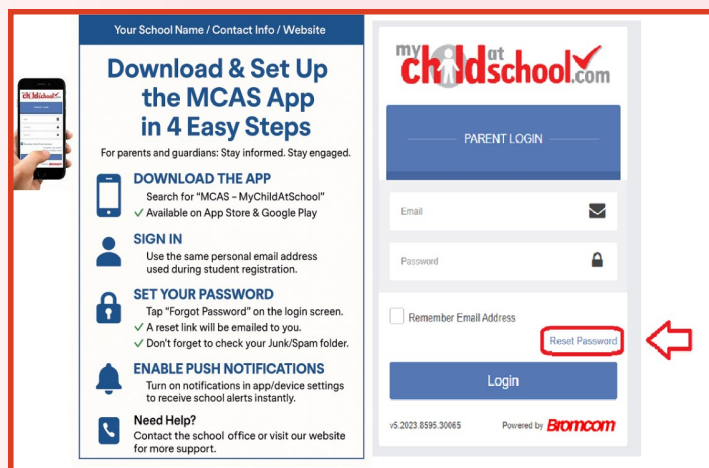
- **We made £473.51** in the last academic year, simply through parents and staff doing their shopping.
 - **Shop almost anywhere online** - There are 7,000 participating brands, including Amazon, John Lewis and Argos
 - **Easy by name...** You just sign up, click on them when you buy anything, and the retailers give us a small donation each time.
 - **It all adds up!** - we just received £100 for the last quarter, thanks to everyone who uses EasyFundraising
- Join in, it costs nothing to use.** Here's the link <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friendsofdavieslane/QD71KH/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/whatsapp>

Thank you for your support everyone

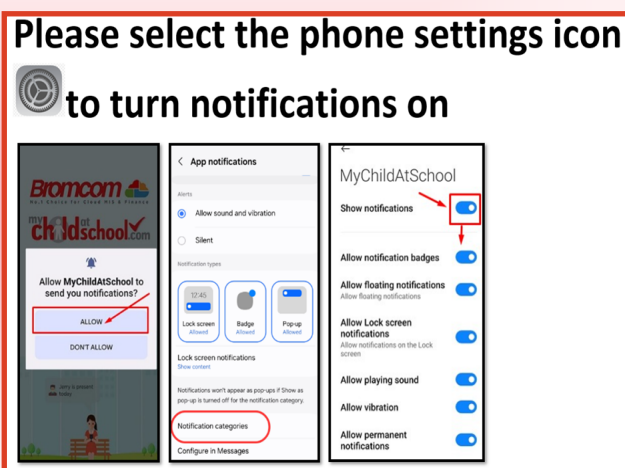
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The FoDL Team

Reminder : MCAS App Instructions



The screenshot shows the 'Download & Set Up the MCAS App in 4 Easy Steps' guide. It includes instructions for downloading the app, signing in, setting a password, and enabling push notifications. A red box highlights the 'Reset Password' link, and a red arrow points to it from the right.



The screenshot shows the phone settings for the MCAS app. It includes the 'App notifications' settings and the 'MyChildAtSchool' app settings. A red box highlights the 'Show notifications' toggle, and a red arrow points to it from the left.

Charity News

Friday 19th September: Jeans for Genes.

The children can come to school wearing jeans and their school jumper. We will be raising money for the Jeans for Genes charity. For more information about this charity

please visit: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

Thank you for your support.

Jenni Walsh (Charities lead)



The Charity Leads



The Gardening club



Diary Dates

15TH Sept: Reception baseline assessments
15TH Sept: SCHOOL COUNCIL – Terms of reference/ Inquirers mindset – three dispositions/ 5Cs

15TH Sept: Election for Parent Council

15TH Sept: 1 to 1 Instrumental music tuition begins

15TH Sept: Davies Lane Y4 Swimming

15TH Sept: Survey to Parents and Staff

15TH Sept: Y3 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)

16TH Sept: KS2 What is mental health workshop?

16TH Sept: Y4 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)

18TH Sept: Photography and Art exhibition – open to local community

19th Sept: Well-being group meeting (pm)

19th Sept: Charity Event - Jeans for Genes (School Council to lead - Children wear jeans with school jumpers and bring £1 to support charity)

19th Sept: Y5 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)

22ND Sept: Reception baseline assessments

22ND Sept: LEARNING COUNCIL – Terms of reference/ Outcomes in Reading

22nd Sept: Y4 Swimming

22nd Sept – 23rd Oct - Readathon: Children are set

22nd Sept: Target to read as many books they can before end of half term – hand in on 23rd Oct).

23rd Sept: NHS Anxiety and academic performance coffee morning for parents (9:15am – 10:15am)

23rd Sept: Y4 Anxiety workshop

24th Sept: FoDL Annula General Meeting.

25th Sept : The Science Dome will be visiting the school Y5

26th Sept: National teaching assistant day

26th Sept: Interschool water colour/ sketching competition Years 3,4 & 5,6

26th Sept: Phonics Coffee morning - Reception parents (9am-10am)

26th Sept : Charity event - MacMillan Cancer Support (Prefects to lead) (Bring donations of cakes for a cake sale – after school event)

Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons, this will start next week and the payment item is on MCAS.

Polite Payment Reminder

If your child attends the Breakfast or Tea Time club can you please always ensure your MCAS account has a minimum of two weeks credit.

Residents' News

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<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f127e8>

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	Louis	Elias
3YO Nursery	Wyatt	Leon
R-Apple	Rosa	Cillian
R-Sycamore	Eden	Lila
R-Ash	Ayub	Maria
R-Magnolia	Norah	Averie
Y1- Fir	Ibrahim	Noah
Y1- Rowan	Arla	Arthur
Y1- Larch	Maher	Khadija
Y1- Redwood	Teddy	Sindy
Y2- Pine	David	Zeenat
Y2 - Lime	Benjamin	Matthew
Y2 - Poplar	Tasneem	Eymen
Y2 - Oak	Wiktorija	Veronika
Y3 - Teak	Raphael	Whole Class
Y3 -Chestnut	Reina	Maddison-Rose
Y3 -Elder	Rahma	Katie
Y3 -Willow	Grace	Amira
Y4 -Spruce	Layla	Jesse
Y4 - Palm	Samuel	Marley
Y4- Holly	Jayson	Chloe
Y4- Olive	Marlowe	Whole Class
Y5-Hornbeam	Gabriel	Dilli
Y5 -Walnut	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y5 -Cypress	Lois	Assad
Y5 - Mulberry	Alice	Vlad
Y6 - Hawthorn	Eesa	Vanessa
Y6 - Beech	Ibrahim	Ethan
Y6 - Cedar	Maeve	Artem
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Maryam S	Maryam S

Class Attendance

3rd Sept to the 5th Sept

Class Name	Percentage %
MULBERRY	100
SYCAMORE	100
CEDAR	99.38
FIR	98.89
CHESTNUT	97.85
TEAK	96.91
ASH	95.77
WALNUT	95.56
REDWOOD	95.4
LARCH	94.25
POPLAR	93.83
CYPRESS	93.1
ROWAN	92.71
HORNBEAM	92.47
MAGNOLIA	92.26
PINE	91.95
HAWTHORN	91.67
ELDER	91.11
OAK	91.11
PALM	90.8
HOLLY	90.17
LIME	89.66
OLIVE	89.44
APPLE	89.29
WILLOW	88.33
BEECH	87.04
SPRUCE	83.87
EUCALYPTUS	83.33

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You have the right to good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to the highest level of education.

"Every school day counts."

WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL
HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM INVITES
YOU TO

Fears and worries in a school setting free parent workshop

Tuesday, 23rd September 9.15 -
10.15am at Davies Lane Primary
School

Join our interactive and informative workshop to learn
more about common fears and worries related to
school experienced by children and strategies that
you can use as a parent to support your child.



Free coffee, tea and biscuits provided.

NHS
North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Dahlicious: Roald Dahl Day

