

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a wonderful one, where our amazing children were able to showcase their incredible talents.

On Monday, a group of our musicians performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Junior Proms. Not only was this an amazing experience for them, but it also demonstrated the exceptional talent and dedication of our wonderful children.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 children performed Macbeth in Stratford as part of the Shakespeare for Schools Festival. The feedback we received was that their performance was "good enough for the West End"! We truly have some magnificent performers in our community. I would like to thank both the children and the staff involved, as neither of these events would have been possible without a great deal of preparation and rehearsal.

On Thursday, we held an enjoyable Music Concert, which parents were invited to attend. The soloists performed pieces they have been learning during their music sessions, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and progress.

This week, Year 2 also visited St Paul's Cathedral as part of their history topic, learning more about the Great Fire of London.

It has also been Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme being 'Power for Good'. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. The children have had thoughtful discussions about what bullying means to them and what we can do to stop bullying in our school community.

Our Charity Leads raised money selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. Today, children wore spots or dressed as superheroes to school to raise money for Children in Need. They also took part in fun challenges in class, such as the Joe Wicks Activate Challenge.

Next week, the Spelling Bee heats will begin in classes. The children have been practising hard, and any additional practice at home would be greatly appreciated. Winners from the class heats will move on to the year group phase. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Please do remember that all children need to be in school unless they are too ill to attend. All children should be aiming for 100% attendance with 98% as a minimum. The NHS has good advice at this site on when your child should attend school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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 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



## Year 2: Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 students recently embarked on an educational journey into one of the most defining moments in British history: the Great Fire of London and its lasting impact on St Paul's Cathedral.

As part of their history curriculum, the pupils delved into the events of 1666, learning how the devastating fire reshaped the city and led to the reconstruction of St Paul's Cathedral under the visionary architect Sir Christopher Wren. To bring their studies to life, the children visited the iconic cathedral, where they explored the renowned Christopher Wren's Gallery.



Teachers described the experience as “a wonderful way for the children to connect with the past and understand how resilience and creativity shaped London’s skyline.”

This immersive learning experience not only deepened their understanding of history but also sparked curiosity behind one of Britain’s most celebrated landmarks.





# Christmas 2025

Raise  
money for  
your school  
PTA

School Project

Fun  
designs



Cool  
Cards



Great  
gift ideas



## Important Reminders

### Parent WhatsApp Groups

We understand that parent WhatsApp groups can be a useful way to share reminders, organise events and support one another. However, we would like to kindly remind parents and carers to use these groups responsibly and respectfully.

Please remember that these groups are not official school communication channels. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about school matters, we ask that you contact the school directly rather than discussing these topics in WhatsApp groups. This helps ensure that information is accurate and that any issues can be addressed appropriately and promptly.

We also ask that everyone speaks respectfully about all members of our school community — including staff, children, and other parents. Our shared goal is to model kindness and respect for our children, both in person and online.

### 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>

### Medical

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

### Wraparound Care

Please be reminded that payment for the breakfast or teatime club must be made in advance. Children will not be able to attend the club unless payment has been received beforehand.

### 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!**

### 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

## FoDL Update

## Card Project

As the festive season begins, you may be thinking of a unique Christmas gift for a grandparent or loved one. Consider ordering from a range of items including ornaments, tea towels or mugs designed by your child. They should have come home with an order form with their festive illustrations as part of the card project and the last day to order online is **21<sup>st</sup> November**. A portion of the proceeds go to FoDL which in turn helps subsidise school trips and pay for classroom supplies.

### The Christmas Fair is less than a month away (Saturday 6 December)

Help make the Christmas Fair a memorable one and volunteer! We need a lot of helpers to make the fair a success. Would you like to contribute to any of these roles?

**Fair set up:** Decorate the school an hour or two on Friday evening and/or Saturday morning of the fair

**Kitchen lead:** Help make the kitchen magic happen and manage the cheerful kitchen crew!

**Face painters:** Flex your painting skills! This popular stall can use as many helpers as possible.

To express your interest, if you have an idea for a **stall** or you'd like to run one, get in touch at [FoDLNews@gmail.com](mailto:FoDLNews@gmail.com)

If you can't help on the day, there are other ways you can take part:

Say yes to a **sponsor board**, donate or bake something we can sell at the bake stand (please let us know by sending an email at [FoDLNews@gmail.com](mailto:FoDLNews@gmail.com)).

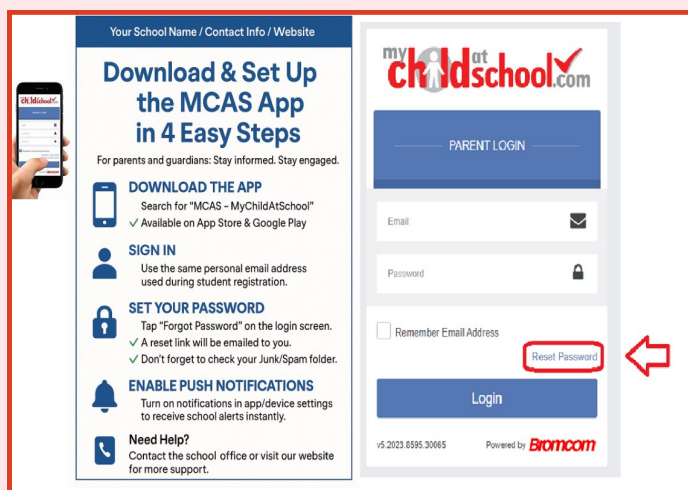
We're looking for **donated children's prizes** for games, the tombola and bingo plus **stuffed animals** in good condition for the teddy tombola.

Sell as many **raffle tickets** to relatives, friends and neighbours! This will be distributed to classrooms by early next week.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend!

The FoDL Team

### Reminder : MCAS App Instructions



The graphic shows the steps to download and set up the MCAS app. On the left, a list of steps: 1. DOWNLOAD THE APP (Search for 'MCAS - MyChildAtSchool' on App Store & Google Play), 2. SIGN IN (Use the same personal email address used during student registration), 3. SET YOUR PASSWORD (Tap 'Forgot Password' on the login screen; a reset link will be emailed; don't forget to check Junk/Spam folder), 4. ENABLE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS (Turn on notifications in app/device settings to receive school alerts instantly), and 5. Need Help? (Contact the school office or visit the website for more support). On the right, a screenshot of the 'my child at school' PARENT LOGIN screen. It has fields for Email and Password, a 'Remember Email Address' checkbox, a 'Reset Password' link (highlighted with a red box and an arrow), and a 'Login' button. The footer of the app screen shows 'v5.2023 8595.30065' and 'Powered by Bromcom'.

### School Health Team Waltham Forest

[Thepcp.wf0-19SP21@nhs.net](mailto:Thepcp.wf0-19SP21@nhs.net) 0300 033 6200

#### Drop-in sessions:

Our Community Nursery Nurses are providing monthly drop-in sessions in Waltham Forest Primary schools, offering advice, support and signposting on a range of topics including:

Healthy eating, height- weight management  
sleep routine, hygiene, toileting  
hearing and vision, child development

*Available to all parents and pupils every month*

03/11/2025 at 9:30 am  
08/12/2025 at 9:30 am.

Please speak to Mr Bolt for more information, upcoming dates and appointments





# 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.

## 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.

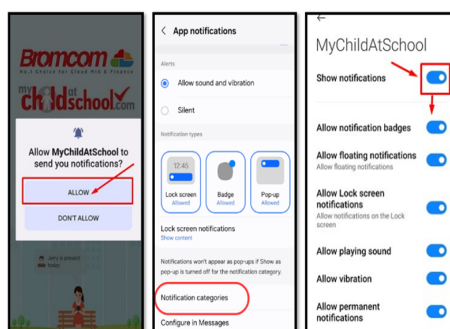
**Please remember that we are a nut free school.** Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting healthy eating habits!

### 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



## Spruce and Olive Classes Explore The Hive!

On Tuesday, Spruce and Olive classes set off on a wonderful outdoor adventure to The Hive in Epping Forest! The children transformed into eager explorers as they wandered through the forest, armed with magnifying glasses, wellies, and plenty of curiosity.



Their mission? To uncover the hidden world of minibeasts! Among the leaves and logs, they found beetles, worms, centipedes, and other fascinating forest dwellers. A special moment came when Mrs Butt and a few Spruce explorers discovered a toad tucked away beneath a damp log — a true treasure of the forest floor!

Adding to the excitement, Mr Mohammed amazed everyone by spotting a fly agaric mushroom — a bright red, white-spotted fungus that's beautiful but best admired from afar. Forest staff were thrilled, explaining it hadn't been seen there for over a year!



The adventure didn't stop outdoors — the children also splashed through a shallow stream, observing how different creatures make their homes in water and mud. Back inside, curiosity turned to awe as they met some exotic animals, including a stick insect, salamander, hissing cockroach, and Cornflake the corn snake, who became quite the fashion icon when several brave children let him rest around their necks like a living necktie!

A huge thank you goes to our amazing parent volunteers, whose support helped the day run smoothly and ensured every child got the most from this memorable experience. It was a day filled with discovery, courage, and wonder — one that Spruce and Olive will be talking about for a long time to come!





## 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
2YO Nursery	Jishnu	Jon
3YO Nursery	Eva	Filza
R-Apple	Naeem	Aydin
R-Sycamore	Clemmie	Sai
R-Ash	Muhammad Has-	Ariana
R-Magnolia	Sorosh	Whole Class
Y1- Fir	Cara	Mark
Y1- Rowan	Shahrazad	Leavanta
Y1- Larch	Qasim	Charles
Y1- Redwood	Oniyah	Sabohi
Y2- Pine	Daniel	Ismeal
Y2 - Lime	Adyan	Delilah
Y2 - Poplar	Oliver	Ada
Y2 - Oak	Isabel	Isaac
Y3 - Teak	Leo	Fergus
Y3 -Chestnut	Olivia-Mai	Edgar
Y3 -Elder	Samahir	Amina
Y3 -Willow	Elijah	Jesse
Y4 -Spruce	Hana	Aisha
Y4 - Palm	Ibrahim	Haseeb
Y4- Holly	Khadija	Adrianna
Y4- Olive	Lina	Amy
Y5-Hornbeam	Davyd	Sulaiman
Y5 -Walnut	Ivor	Zoya
Y5 -Cypress	Amerie	Khizar
Y5 - Mulberry	Evie	Hadjer
Y6 - Hawthorn	Vanessa	Maya
Y6 - Beech	Affan	Megan
Y6 - Cedar	Pip	Hassan
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Iker	Kendall



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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





## Diary Dates

**17th Nov:** ECO WARRIORS - Recycling and taking personal responsibility/  
Litter picking

**17th Nov:** Spelling Bee –Heats in classes

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov :**Y1 Postal Museum trip

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y1 Postal Museum trip

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y2, Y5 Bring your parent to school morning (9:00am-10:00am)  
Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov :** Y4 Anxiety group session

**20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Learning council to visit

**21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Coffee Morning (9:00am-10:00am) – Online learning

**24th Nov:** Spelling Bee – Semi-finals  
in phase assemblies

**24<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Caught Reading Challenge

**25<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y4 Anxiety group session

**25<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y2 Anxiety workshop

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Nursery Coffee morning

## 3rd - 7th November Class Attendance

Class Name	Present %
OLIVE	98.97
ASH	98.13
MULBERRY	98.06
WALNUT	98
CHESTNUT	97.19
HAWTHORN	96
REDWOOD	95.86
SYCAMORE	95.57
TEAK	95.52
OAK	95.5
POPLAR	95
HORNBEAM	94.83
MAGNOLIA	94.67
APPLE	93.57
HOLLY	93.57
LIME	93.45
PINE	93.45
LARCH	93.33
CYPRESS	93.1
WILLOW	92.86
ROWAN	92.41
SPRUCE	92.41
ELDER	92.33
BEECH	91.54
CEDAR	91.48
EUCALYPTUS	91.11
PALM	90.69
FIR	87.67

FoDL Update

## PRELOVED UNIFORM



We collect and sell quality uniform at bargain prices - good for the planet, great for the purse and raises funds for the children!

Donations of clean uniform can be left in the red bin by the school office.

You can email us with any requests:  
[fodluniformproject@gmail.com](mailto:fodluniformproject@gmail.com)