

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Your voice matters!

We truly value the thoughts and opinions of all our parents and carers. By completing parent surveys and sharing your feedback, you help Davies Lane School better understand your needs and concerns. This, in turn, enhances the educational experience for all our children.

We kindly ask you to take part in the survey sent out on Monday if you haven't already. Your responses will continue to support our efforts to improve the school community. The questionnaire will cover a range of areas, including your views on the school's academic and social environment, communication between home and school, and how you support your child's learning at home.

We want to know what you think is working well and where we can improve. Your feedback helps guide our efforts to create a supportive and enriching environment for every child. In fact, many of the improvements we've already made—particularly in communication and school lunches—have been driven by your responses to previous surveys.

Last Friday, for Dhaliicious Day, we raised an amazing £343.06 thanks to your incredible generosity. This week, we have also collected for Jeans for Genes Day, supporting children living with genetic conditions. We will share the final amount in next weeks newsletter. A huge thank you to our Charity Leaders for their hard work in organising these fundraising efforts.

We have also completed our curriculum meetings for parents of children in Years 3, 4, and 5—thank you to those who attended. Year 4 has finished the first week of their intensive two-week swimming block. Research shows that an hour of swimming each day over two weeks has a much greater impact than 30 minutes per week across the year.

We were pleased to display some of the children's photography and artwork at the gallery

yesterday. We were truly inspired by the talent on show

Finally, we would like to remind all families that we expect at least 98% attendance across the year. Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time for the Value of Number activities, which begin at 8:40am.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing weekend

Sincerely,
Rebecca Corderoy
Acting Head of School
Davies Lane 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 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

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>

French

Congratulations to Sophie in Willow Class for her amazing model of the Eiffel Tower. We hope more children in Year 3 will be inspired to create a project for their French lessons. And well done to Year 3 and Year 4 children who have been joining us on Thursday, during their lunch, to read and practise a conversation in French



Charity news

Our new charity leads have been very busy over the last couple of weeks raising money for the Roald Dahl children's charity and Jeans for Genes. We are very grateful for the fantastic support shown by the school community in raising money for such worthy causes.

We continue with the busy start to the year with next week's event.

Friday 26th September: Macmillan Cancer Support

Each year Davies Lane supports MacMillan Coffee Morning. Donations from thousands of Coffee Mornings, big and small, help raise vital funds to support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond.

After the success of last year's event we will again be holding an after-school cake sale instead of a coffee morning. We would appreciate donations of cakes and then for you to buy an after-school Friday treat when picking your children up. Our Upper KS2 charity leads will be running the stalls. Please come and support them.

Again, thank you for your support.
Jenni Walsh (Charities lead)

**NOTICE TO
CHILDREN**
Parents are advised
to remind children

**ZERO
TOLERANCE**



**ON BRINGING ANY ITEM
INTO SCHOOL
WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED**

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!

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.

FoDL: Make a difference with your everyday skills

On Wednesday we'll run the Friends of Davies Lane Annual General Meeting (AGM). That's our once-a-year session to freshen up the committee.

You might be good at organising, cooking or 'just' making people feel welcome. Whatever you like doing, please consider doing it for Davies Lane. There's bound to be a way you can help and it will make school life more fun for your children and their school mates.

At the AGM we'll ask who'd like to step into a committee role. Here are some of the positions available:

- **Chair** - Do you have a vision for how we can make an impact? 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

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



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

Art and Photography gallery



On Thursday, we displayed some of the artwork created by the children across the school and photographs created by the Photography Club in our gallery. It was amazing to see such talent and skill on display. Thank you to every one who came to view it and be inspired.



Reminder : MCAS App Instructions

Your School Name / Contact Info / Website

Download & Set Up the MCAS App in 4 Easy Steps

For parents and guardians: Stay informed. Stay engaged.

- DOWNLOAD THE APP**
Search for "MCAS - MyChildAtSchool"
✓ Available on App Store & Google Play
- SIGN IN**
Use the same personal email address used during student registration.
- SET YOUR PASSWORD**
Tap "Forgot Password" on the login screen.
✓ A reset link will be emailed to you.
✓ Don't forget to check your Junk/Spam folder.
- ENABLE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
Turn on notifications in app/device settings to receive school alerts instantly.

Need Help?
Contact the school office or visit our website for more support.

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!

Residents' News

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FOREST



<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f228b6>



Nursery children learning about safety around the camp fire.

FoDL

FoDL's chair named Waltham Forest Volunteer of the Year!

First, we say a huge well done to FoDL's chair who is really going out with a bang. Åsa Eriksson was nominated for the borough's annual awards and it's great to see them recognise the many years she spent in service of Friends of Davies Lane, running a decade's worth of fairs and fundraisers - we'll be sad to see Åsa step down next week but really appreciate all that she's done. Thank you!

Come to our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This Wednesday evening (24 September) it's time to take a look at the year ahead and revamp the committee. Check out our panel for the roles that are available, you'll have received details in an email from the school too.

- **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:
 - o Chair
 - o Secretary
 - o Co -treasurer
 - o Communication officer
 - o Graphic designer
 - o General committee members
 - o **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
 - o **Meet other parents** and see how we work together. No commitment needed!

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

Watch out for the FoDL card project

Each year we run a project to turn Davies Lane children's artwork into amazing greeting cards.

- **How it works** - The kids create the card designs in class in the coming weeks, and you'll see a copy along with an offer to have them made into cards, keyrings or mugs!
- **A lovely fundraiser** - The cards and products raise money for the school and leave you with fab mementos.

Brilliant work from our volunteers - We really appreciate the parents who've offered to step in and help make this happen across all the classes - thank you!

Don't forget Wednesday for our AGM, the more participation, the better we'll be! Thanks everyone
The FoDL Team

Diary Dates

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 AGM
25th Sept: Y5 – Science Dome T
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).
29th Sept: baseline assessments
29th Sept: Y4, Y5, Y6 Diagnostic checks
29th Sept: ECO WARRIORS – Reducing wastage of resources/ Litter picking (lead on whole class litter picking in the community)
29th Sept: Debating challenge–Heats in classes
29th Sept: Staff and parent survey closes

30th Sept: Reception bring your parent to school morning (9:00am -10:00am) Parents are invited to join classes to take part in guided learning sessions
30th Sept: Y4 Anxiety workshop
1st Oct: Learning Walk with LGB
3rd Oct: Phonics coffee morning – Year 1 and 2 parents

Holiday Club

Please see the below holiday club link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H9klzTXCbG-rwYw9rE4Wya5qt0MIKe68lCMkYoMQCCc/edit?tab=t.0>



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	Aylah -Jay	Zain
3YO Nursery	Alexander	Odin
R-Apple	Hassan	Iris
R-Sycamore	Cora	Samara
R-Ash	Imran	Sulayman
R-Magnolia	Nicholas	Callum
Y1- Fir	Samuel	Ilyas
Y1- Rowan	Theodore	Shahrazad
Y1- Larch	Charles	Thaina
Y1- Redwood	Harper	Renee
Y2- Pine	Josephine	Ajla
Y2 - Lime	Khizer	Arianna
Y2 - Poplar	Elijah	Greta
Y2 - Oak	Isha	Tamiyah
Y3 - Teak	Zakariya	Holly
Y3 -Chestnut	Ilyass	Alicia
Y3 -Elder	Louie	Arham
Y3 -Willow	Rejus	Ersi
Y4 -Spruce	Esme	Paris
Y4 - Palm	Beatrice	Nermeen
Y4- Holly	Aaron	Nuh
Y4- Olive	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y5-Hornbeam	Abdullah	Savannah
Y5 -Walnut	Aya	Mya
Y5 -Cypress	Hero	Aysha
Y5 - Mulberry	Seydou	Eesa
Y6 - Hawthorn	Isabella	Bernice
Y6 - Beech	Lucy	Tofik
Y6 - Cedar	Ryniah	Ingo
Y6 - Eucalyp-	Jayla	Sarah-Jane

The 8th — 12th September Class Attendance

Class Name	Percentage
MULBERRY	99.68
LARCH	99.67
OLIVE	99.66
POPLAR	99.64
FIR	99.35
CEDAR	99.26
HAWTHORN	99.2
WALNUT	99
OAK	97.93
PINE	97.93
HORNBEAM	97.74
CHESTNUT	97.49
LIME	97.24
SYCAMORE	96.62
ELDER	96
PALM	95.16
MAGNOLIA	95
ROWAN	94.69
APPLE	94.44
SPRUCE	94.19
REDWOOD	94.14
TEAK	93.48
BEECH	93.33
WILLOW	92.33
HOLLY	91
EUCALYPTUS	90.71
ASH	90.31
CYPRESS	87.59