

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a wonderful half term. It has been a busy and exciting few weeks, filled with visits, events, and competitions. The children have had the opportunity to engage in activities linked to the curriculum and showcase a wide range of sporting, artistic and debating skills.

At our school, we value healthy competition. These events not only give children the chance to represent the school, but also help build resilience when outcomes do not go their way. There will be many more opportunities throughout the year for all children to get involved and shine.

We are very grateful for all the generous donations we have received for our Harvest collection. These will be taken to the local food bank to support our community — thank you for your kindness.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our first Parents' Evening of the year. It was a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate the work they've completed so far. The art exhibition in the bottom hall was a wonderful demonstration of the children's creativity and the techniques they've been learning during the first half of the autumn term. After the break, our focus in this area will shift from Art to Design and Technology (DT).

We will be returning to school on Monday, 3rd November. We will be continuing to monitor the attendance of all pupils and, supported by the Educational Welfare Officer, will be working with any families struggling to attend school regularly. On the first week back after half term, Year 4 will be visiting the Hive in Epping Forest and Year 5 will be taking part in an exciting workshop at the British Museum. This will allow us to continue with our engaging curriculum.

As Halloween approaches, if your children are going out trick-or-treating, please make sure they are supervised and stay safe.

Finally, a reminder that FODL will be hosting the annual Halloween Disco on Thursday, 6th November — we look forward to seeing many of the children there.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Stay safe and see you soon.

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



October Half-Term

What's on in Waltham Forest

21st to 25th October 2025

By the **Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team**




Autumn Activities In Waltham Forest

Quest Learn London

YMCA Holiday Scheme

October Half-Term Activities 2025: restaurants/café's where kids can eat for FREE or £1 to Kiddo Adventures

Food Bank & Clothing - WFCOMuk (Waltham Forest Council Of Mosques)

Places to visit -

Places to enjoy autumn -

Walthamstow Wetlands

Epping Forest













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!

Important Reminders

Free School Meal Vouchers

The free school meal vouchers for eligible children have been processed and sent to your email

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.

Medical

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

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.

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 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.

FoDL Update

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/FOOL](https://pta-events.co.uk/fool) (FROM 10 OCT TO 4 NOV)

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

**Get your dancing shoes and Halloween costumes on for the Halloween Disco
(6 November)!**

Tickets are £3.50 and include a drink and a snack and can be purchased here: <https://www.pta-events.com/fodl/>. It is also

Halloween Dress-Up Day so the children can come to school in their outfits and stay in them the whole day!

- **Reception and Year 1** Children will be escorted to the disco by teachers. If your child goes to an after school club, they will be taken to the club after the disco.
- **Years 2-6** if your child does not go to an after school club, drop off is by the Main Hall entrance via Mornington Road. If your
- child goes to an after school club, they will be escorted to the disco from the club.

Unless your child is returning to an after school club, pick-up from all sessions is from the Main Office entrance via Davies Lane.

Good Shepherd Studios is offering a place to hang out between the different discos from 15:30-19:00 for ticket holders only.

We still need volunteers for Disco 2 (1630-1745), and Disco 3 (1745-1915 including clean-up), so if you are able to help with any of these sessions, please email us at fodlnews@gmail.com, or join the Whatsapp group to register interest and availability:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DNDqtWGsGsy2tCrJNsN2Uy?>.

A couple of other requests looking ahead to our next event - the Christmas Fair (6 December)!

Say YES to a sponsor board Trading Places have once again agreed to be a sponsor for our fair. In support of their generosity, we need to get as many boards up as possible, featuring the Trading Places logo and advertising the Christmas fair.

If you're happy to support this by having a board outside your house, all you have to do is email us at fodlnews@gmail.com with your home address, and Trading Places will take care of the rest, with the boards removed after the event.

Christmas fair prizes still needed! If you haven't already, please do let us know if there is anything you or a business you know may want to offer as a prize for the raffle, by emailing us at fodlnews@gmail.com. We will also be collecting other items for donation after half term, for the kids' tombola, prizes for games, etc so please do have a think over the break!

Thank you, and have a lovely half term break.

The FoDL Team



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.

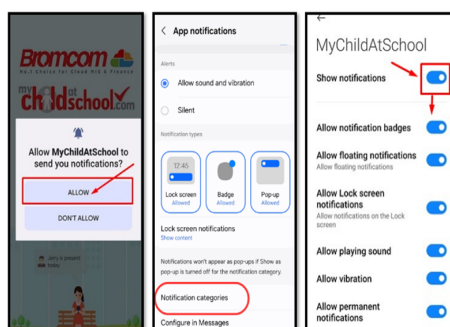
Please remember that we are a nut free school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting healthy eating habits!

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

Diary Dates

27th Oct–31st Oct: Half Term. No children in school.

3rd Nov: Children return to school
8.40am(soft start)

3rd Nov: SCHOOL COUNCIL – Intellectual disposition/ Preventing different types of bullying / Care

3rd Nov: Flu immunisations

4th Nov: Y4 Anxiety workshop

5th Nov: Bonfire Night

5th Nov: Guru Nanak's Birthday

5th Nov: Flu immunisations

6th Nov: Halloween Disco

7th Nov: Autism awareness coffee morning (9:00 am-10:00am)

7th Nov: Interschool Music competition

7th Nov: Learning Council – Outcomes in writing and maths

10th Nov: Y2 St Paul's Cathedral

11th Nov: Remembrance Day Assembly - Year 6 (11:00am:Parents welcome)

11th Nov: Y4 Anxiety workshop

11th Nov: Y2 St Paul's Cathedral

12th Nov: Standards Committee

14th Nov: Learning council to visit Trust schools – return visits

14th Nov: Y2 St Paul's Cathedral

14th Nov: Charity Event - Children in need

Residents' News

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Waltham Forest

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f77db4>



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Speak confidentially with an educational psychologist about your child

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

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



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.



NHS
North East London
Waltham Forest

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



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	Piper	Sonsoles
3YO Nursery	Kai	Ahmed
R-Apple	Ismail	Anaya-Rose
R-Sycamore	Tudor	Aurora
R-Ash	James	Hari
R-Magnolia	Aris	Jenesis
Y1- Fir	Hafsa	Theo
Y1- Rowan	Devanshi	Monsae
Y1- Larch	Angus	Raissa
Y1- Redwood	Storm	Wahenoor
Y2- Pine	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y2 - Lime	Delilah	Caleb
Y2 - Poplar	Ezra	Kirat
Y2 - Oak	Sohrab	Rasfia
Y3 - Teak	Yasin	Khadijah
Y3 -Chestnut	Duke	Daniel
Y3 -Elder	Alborz	Marco
Y3 -Willow	Lisa-Monae	Rayan
Y4 -Spruce	Mason	Martin
Y4 - Palm	Henrikas	Amelia
Y4- Holly	Olive	Andreas
Y4- Olive	Lina	Ignas
Y5-Hornbeam	Erik	Amaya
Y5 -Walnut	Isobel	Mohamed Eesa
Y5 -Cypress	Ibrahim	Alicia
Y5 - Mulberry	Maryam	Jasper
Y6 - Hawthorn	Norina	Shayaan
Y6 - Beech	Irmak	Cibelly
Y6 - Cedar	Ryan	Ella
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Amelie	Whole Class

School Health Team Waltham Forest



Thepcc.wf0-19SPA1@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



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

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.

my child at school .com

PARENT LOGIN

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Password

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