

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the most valuable ways you can support your child's education is by ensuring they attend school every day and on time. Good attendance helps children develop strong learning habits, feel more settled in their routines, and make consistent academic progress. Even small amounts of missed time can add up and impact learning. We kindly ask that families avoid taking holidays during term time and, where possible, schedule medical appointments outside of school hours. To learn more about why regular attendance matters, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

It is a legal requirement for parents to ensure their child receives an education. Schools are also expected to proactively manage and improve attendance. Parents can be fined for unauthorised absences of a child of compulsory school age. The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice is 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period.

A fine of £80 per child, per parent must be paid within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

If a second penalty notice is issued for the same pupil, the fine is £160 (payable within 28 days).

A third penalty notice cannot be issued within 3 years for the same child; however, alternative actions will be taken if unauthorised absences persist.

Each liable parent may receive a penalty notice, although typically it is issued only to the parent (s) responsible for the absence. Payments must be made directly to the local authority. Failure to pay within 28 days may result in prosecution. Regular attendance is fundamental to children's success and plays a vital role in safeguarding and wellbeing. Please work with us to support your child by sending them to school every day.

As we move through the school year, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting trips and visits that enrich their learning and experiences. To help make these trips possible, we kindly ask parents and carers to contribute towards the cost. While FODL generously supports all year groups, they are not able to cover the full cost of every trip. If we do not receive enough contributions, some trips may unfortunately have to be cancelled. We also rely on the support of parent volunteers to accompany us on these trips. To ensure the safety and safeguarding of all pupils, it is essential that all volunteers have a valid and up-to-date DBS check. If you are interested in volunteering at any point during the year, please speak to Lola in the South Site Office to collect the necessary DBS application form.

Please note that we cannot accept volunteers without a current DBS. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide memorable and valuable experiences for our children.

This week, our pupils participated in our first inter-school watercolour and sketching competition. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their creativity and talent. Throughout the year, pupils will also take part in a range of trust-wide competitions including sports, debating, spelling bees, and more. We're committed to ensuring all our competitors are well prepared and supported.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and attended our Macmillan Cake Sale today. Your generosity has helped raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, making a real difference to the lives of people affected by cancer across the UK.

Please do complete the parent survey that has been re-sent this week. Your feedback helps us to make improvements and work together as the team around the children.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Rebecca Corderoy

Acting Head of School

## HOLIDAY CLUB AT DAVIES LANE




Join the Fun at Davies Lane Holiday Club !

Give your child unforgettable days packed with art, gardening, cooking, sports & laughter. Limited spaces available - first come, first served !  
See below for booking dates.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AUTUMN TERM</b><br><small>Mon 27th - Fri 31st October</small> | <b>SPRING TERM</b><br><small>Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</small>                                                                                 | <b>SUMMER TERM</b><br><small>Tue 26<sup>th</sup> May- 29<sup>th</sup> May</small>           |
| <b>No CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB</b>                                 | <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b><br><small>30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April<br/>*3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday</small> | <b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b><br><small>21<sup>st</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026</small> |
| <b>BOOK NOW</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                             |

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H9klzTXCbG-rwYw9rE4Wya5qt0MIKe68ICMkYoMQCCc/edit?tab=t.0>

## 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

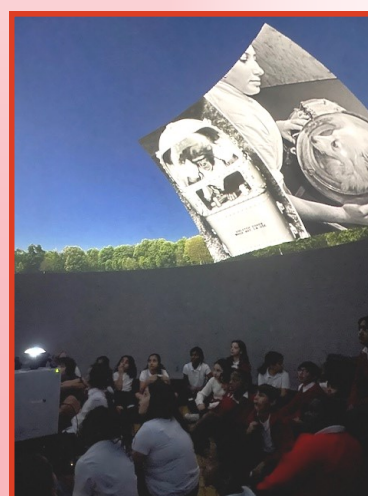
If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 5.

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

## Science Dome

On Thursday, the Year 5s had a visit from the Science Dome. The children had an exciting time and learned a lot about space to enhance their science learning for this term.





### Parent Survey

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkvoXmxvSbnTxcZWffSrHyetXFBulLU5INlIf9GGzP346K-A/viewform?usp=dialog>

### Sports Captains

We are excited to introduce our new Davies Lane Sports Captains for this school year. They will be working closely with our PE Lead and sports coaches to help organise playground games, lead sports



events, and support the planning of sporting activities and competitions across the school. We hope that their enthusiasm and leadership will inspire everyone to stay active, play fairly, and enjoy a wide range of sports throughout the year.

### **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



### 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](mailto:educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk)

 07776 589 597

## 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.

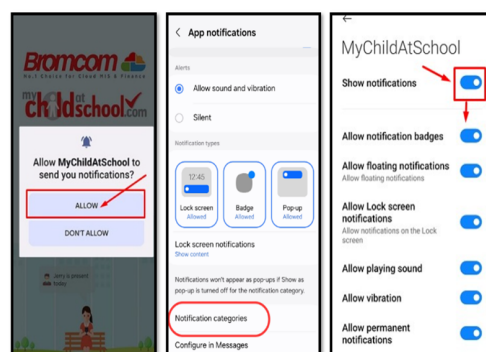
**Please remember that we are a nut free school.** Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting healthy eating habits!

### 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.

## 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





## Language Ambassadors!

Meet our Language Ambassadors! These are the successful candidates from Year 5 and Year 6. They are going to help set up the language challenges on Google Classroom, encouraging everyone to discover and learn new languages. They will create quizzes, read stories, play games in the class and in the play-ground to support our language learning, give out Language Awards to children who complete the Language Challenge:



- \* Emma and Savannah from Hornbeam Class
- \* Alice and Shanaya from Mulberry Class
- \* Isobel and Muhammed Ibrahim from Walnut Class
- \* Musa and Lilah from Cypress Class
- \* Bernice and Norina from Hawthorn Class
- \* Mohamed and Ludovica from Eucalyptus Class
- \* Theo and Alexandra from Cedar Class
- \* Cibelly and Irmak from Beech Class

## 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.

myChildAtSchool.com

PARENT LOGIN

Email

Password

☐ Remember Email Address

[Reset Password](#)

Login

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## 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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Waltham Forest

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f33409>

We kicked off the year with our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night. Thank you to all of you who joined us in person and online. It was really great to have your support and thoughts as we reflected on the year gone by and talked about what's next.

We also voted in our committee for this year, with a number of new committee members joining us. A huge thank you to the committee members stepping down for the outstanding work they've put into FoDL, most of them for several years. We're sad to see them leave, but it's great to have some new faces and energy in the committee.

**Secretary - Abbie Winter**

**Treasurers - Nick Claridge & Shirley Ho**

**Communications - Cynthia Dea & Nadiya Ismail**

**Graphics - Sateen Panagiotopoulou**

**Uniform project - Gemma Nyberg & Niki Kernohan**

***General committee members -***

**Gina Hamilton**

**Jenny Wyman-White**

**Kelly Barker**

**Lucy Mackay**

**Manna Kamio Badiella**

**Nour Alhamshari**

**Shanice Fearon**

You don't need to be on the committee to make a difference. If you're able to volunteer your time on an ad hoc basis, please consider doing so as it's a great way to help the school and our children. Let us know if you'd like to join our WhatsApp group and stay in the loop on small ways to help - just email us at [fodlnews@gmail.com](mailto:fodlnews@gmail.com) with your number and we'll add you.

**Halloween Disco (Thursday 6 November)**  
**Volunteers needed!**

On that note, we have our first event of the year coming up – the very popular Halloween Disco! We will shortly be looking for volunteers for the following sessions – if you're able to help please email us at [fodlnews@gmail.com](mailto:fodlnews@gmail.com).

- Set-up: 1-3pm
- Disco 1 (Reception & Year 1): 3.30-4.30pm
- Disco 2 (Years 2 & 3): 4.45-5.45pm
- Disco 3 (Years 4, 5 & 6) & Clear-up: 6-7.30pm

**Card Project Update – Designs created next week**

Each year we run a project to turn Davies Lane children's artwork into amazing greeting cards, mugs or even tea towels! The children will be using design templates next week to create their card designs in class, following which you will see a copy of your child's design along with details on how to place your order. This is a lovely way to secure a special memento whilst raising money for the school.

**Easy Fundraising - 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** easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands, including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, M&S and Tesco
- **Easy by name...** You just sign up, click on them when you buy anything, and the retailers give us a small donation each time.
- **Join in, it costs nothing to use!** Here's the link <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friendsofdavieslane/QD71KH/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/>

Thanks everyone, and have a lovely weekend.

The FoDL Team



## Diary Dates

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** ECO WARRIORS – Reducing wastage of resources/ Litter picking

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Debating challenge–Heats in classes

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Staff and parent survey closes

**30<sup>th</sup> 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

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Y4 Anxiety workshop

**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** Phonics coffee morning – Year 1 and 2 parents.

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** PLAYGROUND ADVOCATES - Care and safe play

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** One-page profile meetings with parents

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Debating Challenge – semi-final in phase assemblies

**7<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y4 Anxiety workshop

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** New reception parents open day (26/27 intake) 9:30am–10:30am at school or 5:00pm – 6:00pm online (subject and arts exhibition stands displayed)

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** DL LGB meeting 6:00pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y6 Imperial war museum trip

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Nursery parent coffee morning

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Sports – Athletics – Years 3,4 & 5,6



## 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.

## NOTICE TO CHILDREN

Parents are advised  
to remind children

# ZERO TOLERANCE



ON BRINGING ANY ITEM  
INTO SCHOOL  
WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED

### 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 | Caught being |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2YO Nursery   | Piper       | Asiya        |
| 3YO Nursery   | Leni        | Benas        |
| R-Apple       | Sumehra     | Eleni        |
| R-Sycamore    | Annabel     | Oscar        |
| R-Ash         | Aliaa       | Atqiya       |
| R-Magnolia    | Ayani       | Tajus        |
| Y1- Fir       | Lucia       | Aneurin      |
| Y1- Rowan     | Seren       | Kenzo        |
| Y1- Larch     | Kip         | Ibraheem     |
| Y1- Redwood   | Shafiqah    | Saffiyah I   |
| Y2- Pine      | Klara       | Rio          |
| Y2 - Lime     | Leo         | Mahreen      |
| Y2 - Poplar   | Maya        | Josiah       |
| Y2 - Oak      | Alberto     | Amelia       |
| Y3 - Teak     | Safa        | Alia         |
| Y3 -Chestnut  | Saim        | Jayden       |
| Y3 -Elder     | Amelia      | Amelia       |
| Y3 -Willow    | Mia         | Ikram        |
| Y4 -Spruce    | Luca        | Elody        |
| Y4 - Palm     | Aaron       | Sara         |
| Y4- Holly     | Mehenoor    | Ruqayya      |
| Y4- Olive     | Whole Class | Whole Class  |
| Y5-Hornbeam   | Yahya       | Whole Class  |
| Y5 -Walnut    | Zayn        | Mabel        |
| Y5 -Cypress   | Khizar      | Saffron      |
| Y5 - Mulberry | Zakariyya   | Whole Class  |
| Y6 - Haw-     | Umar        | Lara         |
| Y6 - Beech    | Indeg       | Anzish       |
| Y6 - Cedar    | Jacob       | Kaltum       |
| Y6 - Eucalyp- | Zuheela     | Donia        |

### The 15th —19th September

#### Class Attendance

| Class Name | Present% |
|------------|----------|
| CHESTNUT   | 99.38    |
| OAK        | 98.97    |
| TEAK       | 98.93    |
| FIR        | 98.71    |
| WALNUT     | 98.67    |
| POPLAR     | 98.57    |
| SPRUCE     | 98.33    |
| OLIVE      | 97.93    |
| HAWTHORN   | 97.59    |
| MAGNOLIA   | 97.5     |
| APPLE      | 97.41    |
| HOLLY      | 97.24    |
| ELDER      | 97       |
| LIME       | 96.55    |
| PALM       | 96.21    |
| PINE       | 95.17    |
| ASH        | 95       |
| SYCAMORE   | 94.65    |
| REDWOOD    | 94.14    |
| MULBERRY   | 93.87    |
| ROWAN      | 93.44    |
| EUCALYPTUS | 93.21    |
| HORNBEAM   | 92.72    |
| LARCH      | 92       |
| BEECH      | 90.77    |
| CYPRESS    | 90       |
| CEDAR      | 87.41    |
| WILLOW     | 89.67    |