

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the families who are supporting us in reaching our target of at least 98% attendance. Your commitment makes a real difference to your children's learning. Last week, Oak Class achieved an outstanding 100% attendance—well done to every child who was in school every day.

At this time of year, when there are plenty of seasonal germs circulating, it can be tempting to keep your child at home if they seem a little unwell. However, every day of absence results in lost learning and we want to ensure all children continue to make strong progress. We kindly encourage you to bring your child to school wherever possible, even if they are feeling slightly under the weather. Our staff will always monitor them carefully and will contact you if they become too unwell to remain in school.

Every day matters. Children are constantly recapping prior learning or being introduced to new knowledge and skills. High attendance ensures they do not miss these important building blocks that support their long-term progress and confidence.

This term, Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 will be performing their Micro Musicals and Nativity plays. The children always enjoy seeing their families in attendance, and we look forward to sharing their wonderful work with you. There will be other performances throughout the school year, providing all children with opportunities to shine. Please check the school calendar on our website for future events.

On the 4th December, we invite you to join us for Carols Around the Christmas Tree from 4pm–5pm. To continue the festive spirit, on Friday 5th December, children may come to school in non-uniform and bring a donation to support our Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 6th December at the Fair—an excellent opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate. We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December, helping children in the UK and around the world access the best possible future.

Children will also enjoy a special Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 16th December, followed by class parties on Thursday, 18th December.

Finally, please join us for a PREVENT Coffee Morning

on Friday 5th December at 9am. This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the PREVENT strategy, how it helps keep our community safe, and the important role we all play in supporting one another. Information will be shared and questions are welcome. Everyone is invited to attend.

Have a restful weekend

Kind regards

Rebecca Corderoy

Acting Head of 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**



## Year 3 Teak & Elder had an unforgettable adventure at Celtic Harmony in Brickendon!

This week, Year 3 had the exciting experience of *time travelling* back to the Stone Age during their visit to Celtic Harmony. The children were able to bring their History learning to life by taking part in a range of hands-on



activities that helped them understand what life was really like thousands of years ago.

Throughout the day, they tried their skills as hunter-gatherers, learned how to make soup using ancient techniques, had a go at flint knapping, and even built their own dens. These immersive activities helped Year 3 deepen their understanding of how early humans survived and adapted to their environment. It was a fantastic day full of discovery, teamwork, and new experiences!









## More Celtic Harmony Photographs





## 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

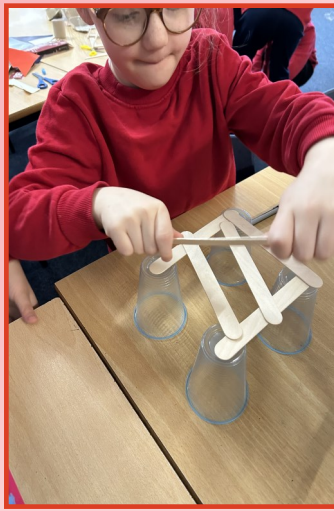
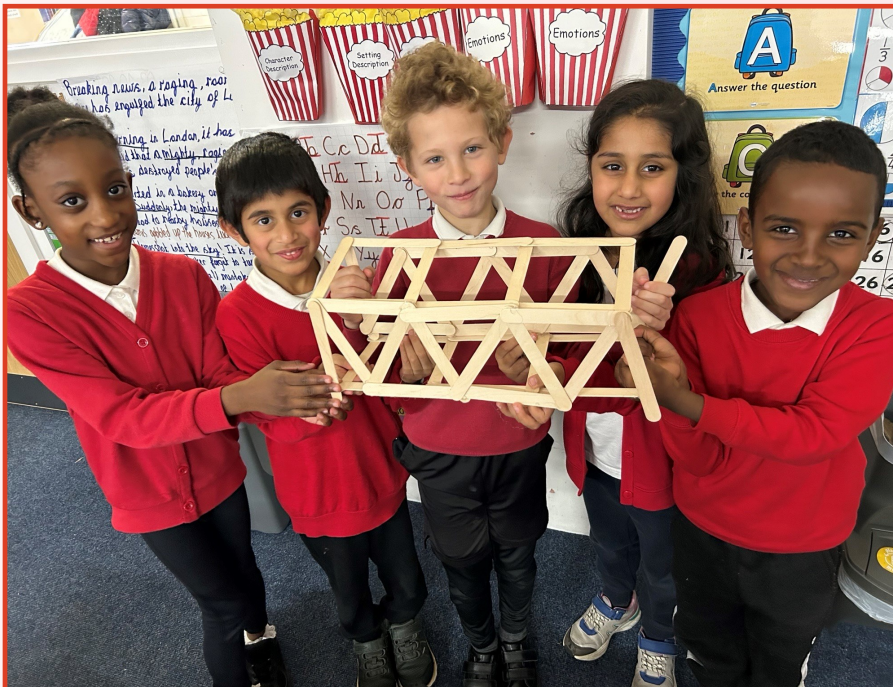
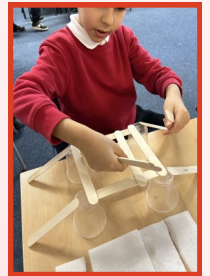




## Year 2

In DT, Year 2 have been hard at work designing and constructing their own bridges. They explored different materials, tested their ideas, and used great teamwork to build strong and creative structures.

**It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas (Fair)!**





## My Children At School (MCAS)

If you have not yet downloaded the school's communication app, please follow these steps:

**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.



mychildschool.com

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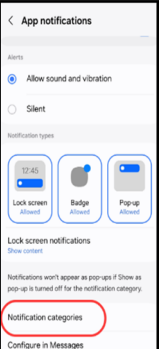


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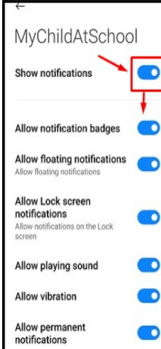
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Show notifications

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## WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM WEBINARS 2025

**02**  
OCTOBER

**School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing**

9-5PM ON MS TEAMS

**16**  
OCTOBER

**Helping your child reach their full academic potential**

9-5PM ON MS TEAMS

**06**  
NOVEMBER

**Positive approaches to challenging behaviour**

9-5PM ON MS TEAMS

**20**  
NOVEMBER

**Boost your mood - practical tools for overcoming low mood**

9-5PM ON MS TEAMS

**03**  
DECEMBER

**Anxiety management: building resilience and calm**

9-5PM ON MS TEAMS

Please register your interest for any of our free webinars by scanning this QR code



DAVIES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL



# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

## 06 DEC

### 12-4pm

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH GAMES, FACE PAINTING, ARTS AND CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, HOT FOOD AND DRINKS, FESTIVE SINGALONG, AND A VERY SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF!

→ QUIET START (MUSIC FROM 12:30PM)  
→ TOKENS MAKE THE MAGIC HAPPEN  
GET YOURS AT THE ENTRANCE  
→ ENTRANCE VIA MORNINGTON ROAD

FRIENDS OF DAVIES LANE

## School Health Team Waltham Forest



[Thopcpwf0-19SPA1@nhs.net](mailto:Thopcpwf0-19SPA1@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





## Learning Council Visit to Woodford Green Primary School

Last week, members of our Learning Council enjoyed an inspiring visit to Woodford Green Primary School, another school within the Arbor Trust. The visit offered a valuable opportunity for our pupils to explore teaching and learning beyond Davies Lane and to see how shared values and approaches are reflected across the trust.

During the visit, the children toured a range of classrooms, from Reception—where they observed early maths in action—to Year 6, where they explored the more advanced concepts pupils are working on. The Learning Council were particularly impressed by the *Science in Action* area, which highlighted hands-on scientific investigation, and by the quality and variety of the school dinners, which certainly made an impact!



While the pupils celebrated many strengths, they also noticed areas that could be refined. In particular, they felt that the presentation of some pupils' work could be improved to better reflect the high standards seen elsewhere.

Overall, it was a highly successful and enjoyable trip. Our Learning Council returned with a deeper appreciation of the excellent work taking place at both Davies Lane and Woodford Green, as well as thoughtful insights into how each school can continue to grow and improve.

Mr Harris

Y4 Teacher

## 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!





### KS1 indoor Athletics

A BIG performance from the young Davies lane year 2s wrapping up the indoor athletics and making a strong statement to the other schools that they need to watch out for these future stars they're coming for all the trophies the next event!!

Mr Aklay  
Sports Coach

### **FoDL Update**

### Christmas Fair volunteers & donations call-out

We're just over a week away from the Christmas Fair on 6th December and still need plenty of volunteers to make it a success! Only have a couple of hours to spare? We still need volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Set up on Friday (15:30-18:00)
- Set up Saturday (9:00-12:00)
- Tidying on Saturday (16:00-17:00)
- Serving food in the canteen
- Face painters
- Help run a stall

Get in touch at [FoDLnews@gmail.com](mailto:FoDLnews@gmail.com) and we can find you a task to help.

We are also looking for **donations** of the following items:

- Pre-loved toys including teddies and cuddly toys in good condition and complete game sets
- Indoor plants
- Gently worn Christmas jumpers
- Homemade or store-bought cakes and treats for the bake stall

Please drop these items off at the school office marked for FoDL. Baked goods can be dropped off at the school office after school on Friday 5 Dec or brought along on the day of the fair.

### **Planning on Black Friday shopping this weekend? Do your online shopping with EasyFundraising**

- EasyFundraising partners with over 8,000 brands, including Amazon, Boots, Argos, John Lewis, M&S and Tesco.
- Sign up, open their app or go through their website when you shop, and the retailers will give us a small donation each time.
- To join, use this link as you shop: <https://tinyurl.com/mwram5yf>

Thank you again, really appreciate the help and support!  
The FoDL Team



## The Gardening Club has had an amazing season!

Our children have been busy planting flowers and vegetables, caring for them throughout the summer, and harvesting fresh produce like tomatoes, leeks, and peppers in the autumn.

It's been a truly rewarding experience. The children love being part of the club because they feel connected to nature, enjoy watching plants grow, and delight in tasting the fruits and vegetables they've nurtured.

Ms Shteyn



## 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](mailto: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.



## Diary Dates

**1st Dec:** Rock Steady Concert (North side) at 2.30pm. Parents of Band members invited.

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parent Council (9:15-10:30am) – Outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths.

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Carol singing at care home : **TBC**

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Carols around the Christmas tree concert 4:00pm – 5:00pm: This will take place on the north side building. Please come and listen to carols sung by the children with some hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies.

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Prevent Coffee Morning (9.00-10:00am) in the North side building.

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Arbor Spelling Bee :Interschool championship: (This is a spelling competition between the Arbor Trust School).

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Interschool Sports Football.(This is a football competition between the Arbor Trust School)

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Non uniform Day – Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** FoDL Christmas Fair: **12pm—4pm** on the north side building. All parents and children welcomed.

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Panto: Visitors to the school who will perform for the children.

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** **Y2 micro musical** on the North Side: Parents welcomed: **9.30am: Poplar & Pine**

**10.30am: Oak & Lime.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** NHS challenging behaviour coffee morning on the north side. 9.15am—10.15am: Please see poster below for more information.

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** **Y4 Micro musical** on the North Side: Parents welcomed: **9.30am: Olive & Spruce**

**10.30am: Palm & Holly**

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper day: Children to wear a Christmas jumper instead a school jumper.

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Panto for Reception: Visitors to the school who will perform for the children.

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Report cards will be sent out.

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** Nursery Nativity – (**11:00am-11:30am & 2:00 am - 2:30pm parents welcome**)

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception** Christmas Story: This will take place on the North Side building. Parents welcomed

**9:30am: Sycamore & Apple**

**10.30am : Magnolia & Ash**

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas lunch: Children will be having a Christmas dinner (The menu will be sent shortly)

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Flu immunisations -This is a follow up session.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Attendance Lunch (The class with highest attendance wins a lunch at school)

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties (pm) Children to bring in party food for their class.

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** **Last day of the school closes at 2pm: Please kindly ensure you at the school on time.**

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec-4th Jan 2026 – Christmas Holidays**

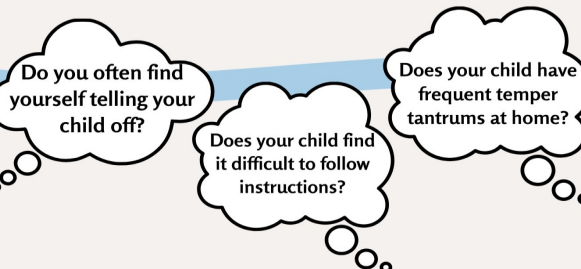
**5<sup>th</sup> Jan : INSET DAY - no children in school.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Children return to school at 8.55am

## 17th - 21st November

### Class Attendance

Class Name	Present%
POPLAR	99.29
CEDAR	99.26
FIR	99
LARCH	98
WALNUT	97.41
REDWOOD	97.24
MULBERRY	97.1
OLIVE	96.9
HORNBEAM	96.67
BEECH	96.15
OAK	96
ROWAN	95.86
LIME	95.71
TEAK	95.52
WILLOW	95.07
PINE	94.83
APPLE	94.29
HAWTHORN	93.6
CYPRESS	93.31
SPRUCE	93
EUCALYPTUS	92.96
PALM	92.76
HOLLY	92.07
CHESTNUT	91.67
ELDER	90.67
MAGNOLIA	88
SYCAMORE	85.63
ASH	83.87



Join us for a **free parent workshop** on

### Common Behaviour Difficulties

hosted by the Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team to learn strategies to manage these behaviours and ways to strengthen your relationship with your child.

**TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**9:15am - 10:15am at  
Davies Lane Primary School**

Free coffee and tea  
will be provided.



North East London  
NHS Foundation Trust





### 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 be-
2YO Nursery	Cara	Ali'ana -
3YO Nursery	Emily	Imane
R-Apple	Fateeha	Mouhamed
R-Sycamore	Georgie	Reon
R-Ash	Amelia	Guntaj
R-Magnolia	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y1- Fir	Rudy	Omega
Y1- Rowan	Leonidas	Lyra
Y1- Larch	Holly	Qasim
Y1- Redwood	Abdullah	Isaiah
Y2- Pine	Rahma	Rio
Y2 - Lime	David	Whole Class
Y2 - Poplar	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y2 - Oak	Stefan	Anthony
Y3 - Teak	Yahya	Zaynab
Y3 -Chestnut	Musa-Blu'	Azari
Y3 -Elder	Nova	Felix
Y3 -Willow	Lina	Ivy
Y4 -Spruce	Lyle	Mohamed
Y4 - Palm	Amir B	Lovel
Y4- Holly	Margot R	Andreas
Y4- Olive	Phoebe	Dominic
Y5-Hornbeam	Raeesa	Rana
Y5 -Walnut	Brodie	Rhia
Y5 -Cypress	Hero	Ece
Y5 - Mulberry	Milo	Whole Class
Y6 - Hawthorn	Yusuf	Isabella
Y6 - Beech	Rusty	James
Y6 - Cedar	Ishaaq	Wren
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Md Ariq	Kapinash

### 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.

### Caught Being Kind

Year 4 were super surprised and super proud to announce the winners of caught being kind and star of the week to twin brothers! Amir (from Palm) and Mo-hamed (from Spruce) won their awards from their teachers for working hard and showing great kindness.



We are so proud of them both!

Mrs Butt  
Year 4 Teacher



<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3fcc606>



## 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.**