

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made us very proud this week when taking part in an exciting range of events. Our pupils competed in the Interschool Football Tournament and the Spelling Bee Interschool Competition. Well done to everyone who took part. We were also treated to wonderful performances from the band and choir at Carols Around the Tree yesterday. In addition, some of our choir members visited a local care home where they sang carols and helped spread Christmas joy, which was greatly appreciated by the residents.

The Parent Council met this week as well to look at outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths. They worked alongside the Learning Council, looked through books and visited classrooms.

This term, Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 will be performing their Micro Musicals and Nativity plays. Year 2 will perform their musical on the 9th December at the North Site, with Poplar and Pine at 9:30am and Lime and Oak at 10:30am. Year 4 will have their musical on the 10th December at the North Site, with Olive and Spruce performing at 9:30am and Palm and Holly at 10:30am. Nursery will perform their Nativity on Monday 15th December at 11am and 2pm. On Tuesday 16th December at the North Site, Reception will perform the Christmas Story, with Sycamore and Apple at 9:30am and Magnolia and Ash at 10:30am. The children always love seeing their families in attendance, so please save the dates.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December. It will be a wonderful chance for our community to come together and celebrate. We would like to extend a big thank-you to FODL, who have worked extremely hard to organise this event. The money raised supports the school in many ways, including paying for the children's pantomime next week and contributing to trips and visits throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day to collect items for the Christmas Fair.

To continue our festive celebrations, children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on the 12th December in support of Save the Children. Later in the month, the children will enjoy a special Christmas

lunch on the 17th December, followed by class parties on the 18th December.

I hope to see you tomorrow.  
Have a lovely weekend  
Kind regards  
Rebecca Corderoy  
Acting Head of School  
Davies Lane Primary School

**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 welcome:

**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:

**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, parents welcome

**11:00am-11:30am &**

**2:00 am -2:30pm**

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

**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**

## Readathon Winner 2025

Our prizes have finally arrived and been distributed to the winners from each year group.

### Congratulations to our winners:



- Reception: Ayub, Dylan and Finn
- Year 1: Arya and Leonidas
- Year 2: Klara, Wiktor, Victoria and Horia.
- Year 3: Billie, Arham, Hazel and Mia
- Year 5: Evie, Eesa and Gabriel
- Year 6: Norina and Megan



## 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.**

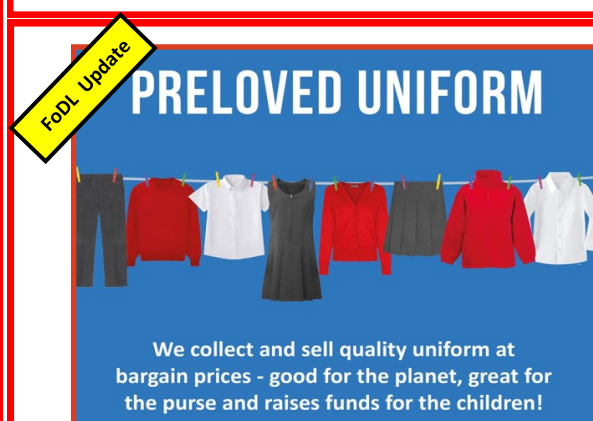
**Thank you for your continued support!**

### 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





This week, our **Ash and Apple Reception Classes** enjoyed a wonderful visit to **St John's Church**. The children were curious, excited, and ready for adventure!

We began with a fun **quiz**, where everyone worked together to answer questions and learn new things about the church. After that, we set off on an exciting **treasure hunt**, searching all around to find hidden clues there were lots of smiles and teamwork!

Once we completed our challenges, we enjoyed some delicious **biscuits** and a refreshing **drink**. To finish our visit, we gathered for a special **speech**, sharing what we had discovered and what we enjoyed the most.

The children were fantastic, showing enthusiasm, great behaviour, and lots of joy throughout the trip.

Please take a look at the lovely photos attached to see our brilliant day!



## Y4 Poems

The children wrote poems and typed them up for the newsletter - not sure what format you want them in.

The poems below were written by Spruce Class, Year 4. As part of our English learning this week, we have been exploring poetry and studying how writers use similes, metaphors and personification. The children then applied these techniques to create their own imaginative and expressive poems, showcasing their growing confidence as young writers.

### Summer

Smell of salt water

White sand hot under my feet

A gleaming pink shell

I feel the sun's warmth backing

On my skin. I watch flowers reach high

With a ray of sunshine!

Splash Splash Splash!

These shoes are killing me

With its beautiful colour of me

Hurray Hurray Hurray!

People go! Summer heat

Sizzles on people's skin,

The sun proclaims ,

July is now in bloom!

The evil eagles eat my bread

Hmmh I'm so angry

"Ugh its so greeedy ...

But summer is now here

WOOHOO!

By Esme!



### What's cooking in Year 4?

Year 4 have been getting hands-on in the kitchen this term as they explore seasonal eating and develop their cooking skills. As part of their learning, pupils investigated which fruits and vegetables are currently in season and discussed why choosing seasonal produce is good for both health and the environment. They then put this knowledge into practice by making their own vegetable soup, using a wide variety of fresh ingredients. Along the way, the children learnt vital life skills, from safe chopping techniques to working collaboratively, and took great pride in creating a delicious, warming dish to share.



### Try out the recipe at home:

2 tbsp butter

1 onion

1 butternut

1 potatoe

1 broccoli

1 courgette

1 carrot

1 vegetable stock  
cube

1tsp pepper

1tsp tumeric

1 tsp ginger

1. Chop all your vegetables into small cubes

2. Place the butter into a cooking pot

3. Sauté the vegetables until they begin to  
soften and turn golden

4. Crumble in the stock cube

5. Add the spices

6. Add 1.5L of water (add more as and when  
needed)

7. Let the soup simmer for 20 minutes

8. You can enjoy the soup as is or blend the  
soup for a smooth silky texture





## My Children At School (MCAS)

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

Please select the phone settings icon to turn notifications on

## 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

## 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

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NOVEMBER

Boost your mood – practical tools for overcoming low mood

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS

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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



## School Health Team Waltham Forest

[Thgpca.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net](mailto:Thgpca.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

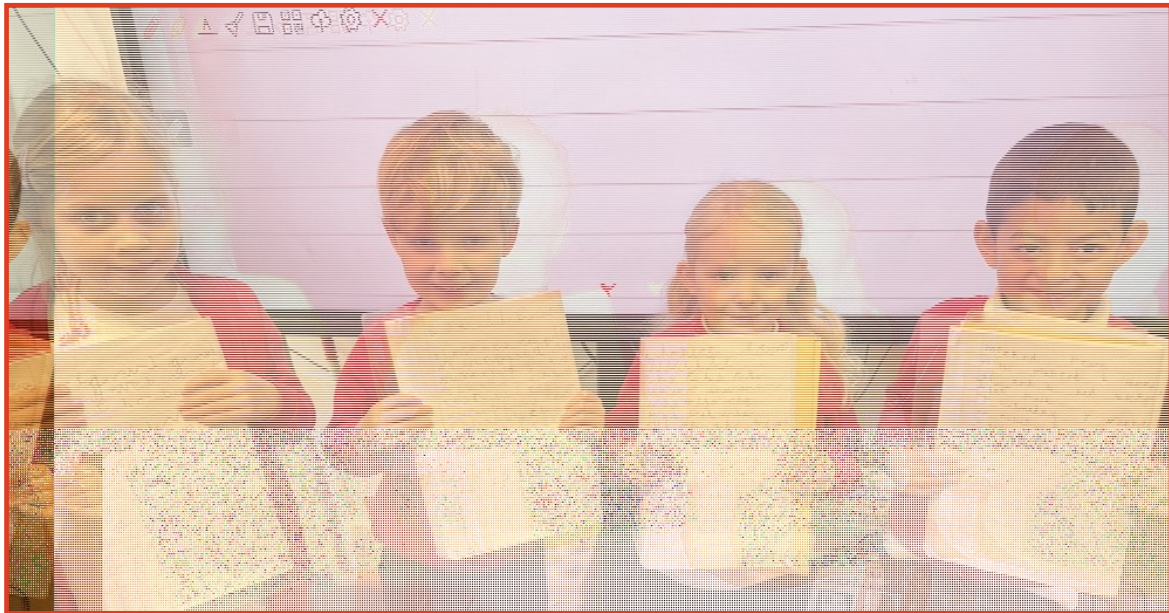
Available to all parents and pupils every month

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

## Reception Writing

The children have worked so hard in reception this term, and we're so proud of how far they've come. They've progressed from initial sounds and early mark-making all the way to writing full sentences! Fantastic effort, **Rosa, Dylan, Bibi, and Hassan.**



## Forest School

The weather tried to stop us... but we didn't let it! Since we couldn't go outside, Forest School turned into a cosy **indoor adventure** instead.

The children had an amazing time making their very own **chocolate Rice Krispie treats**. There were lots of excited giggles as they watched the chocolate melt, bubble, and swirl, and even more smiles as everything mixed together into delicious, sticky goodness!

Once the treats were all set, the children were so proud of what they had made hopefully they enjoyed eating their **yummy creations** as much as they enjoyed making them!

Photos will be attached so you can see all the fun





### Arbor Choir

'Arbor Choir drew a huge crowd when they sang at the Winter Fayre at St Mary's Church, Walthamstow on Saturday. The choir sang a short programme of songs including 'Carol of the Bells'. The duet rendition of 'O Holy Night' in harmony was very impressive. The choir also had the opportunity to make a guest appearance with 'On That Note' acapella group for 'Silent Night'. The children took the lead on the last verse - some were moved to tears by their soulful singing. We will be holding another audition session on 8th January for pupils in Y3 - Y6 who are interested in joining the choir. Rehearsals take place at Northwold Primary School every Thursday 4:30pm - 5:30pm.'



FoDL Update

### The Christmas Fair is less than a day away!

We've been working hard to make this year's Christmas event a memorable one. You can expect delicious food, games and crafting stalls, the big raffle draw, Santa's Grotto and good cheer!

- The fair is on Saturday from 12:00-16:00 with a quiet start from 12:00-12:30. Entry is from Mornington Road. Tokens can be purchased from the entrance.
- We welcome any last minute bakes, plants and prizes on the morning of the fair.
- If you can spare an hour or two to volunteer at the fair, please send a shout on the FoDL WhatsApp group at <https://tinyurl.com/y55fj9z5>. There is still plenty to do to make the magic happens!

Next week: Expect to receive your Card Project orders.

Hope to see you at the fair and thank you for all your support,

The FoDL Team



## School Term dates 2026 -2027

### Autumn Term: (73 days)

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

### **Spring Term: (54 days)**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

### **Summer Term: (68 days)**

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Public holidays**

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (Easter Monday)
  - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027
  - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027

## 24th - 28th November

### Class Attendance

Class Name	PresentA%
POPLAR	99.64
MULBERRY	99.35
REDWOOD	98.97
FIR	98.33
ELDER	97.33
CEDAR	97.04
PINE	96.9
OAK	96.67
SYCAMORE	96.56
ROWAN	96.55
HAWTHORN	96.4
WALNUT	96.33
WILLOW	95.17
CYPRESS	94.67
OLIVE	94.48
APPLE	94.29
HORNBEAM	94
CHESTNUT	93.87
BEECH	93.85
HOLLY	93.79
LARCH	93.67
SPRUCE	93.55
LIME	92.86
TEAK	92.41
ASH	90.97
MAGNOLIA	90
PALM	89.66
EUCALYPTUS	86.3



## IMPORTANT NOTICE STUDENT PICKUP POLICY

**You MUST be 16 years or older to collect a younger sibling from school.**

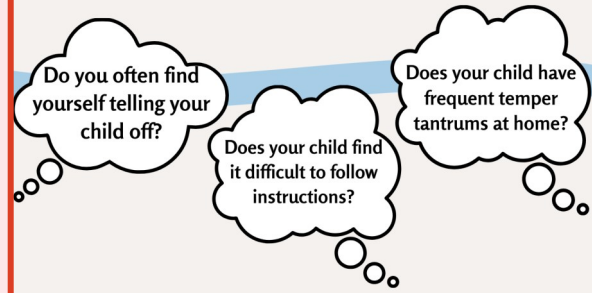
This rule is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

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	Caught
2YO Nursery	Emilia	Nicky
3YO Nursery	Joanne	Jannah
R-Apple	Zayan	Racim
R-Sycamore	Aaiza	Abdul Hadi
R-Ash	Isa	Maya
R-Magnolia	Callum	Miracle
Y1- Fir	Elsie	Alyssa
Y1- Rowan	Hidayah	Jasiah
Y1- Larch	Khadija	Yahya
Y1- Redwood	Rean	Jaivik
Y2- Pine	Evan	Aaron
Y2 - Lime	Mahreen	Leo
Y2 - Poplar	Majd	Whole Class
Y2 - Oak	Milo	Hunaid
Y3 - Teak	Anas	Zion
Y3 -Chestnut	Max	Khizr
Y3 -Elder	Ahmed	Mahnisha
Y3 -Willow	Eesa	Prince
Y4 -Spruce	Abdulhadi	Sasha
Y4 - Palm	Amelia	Huraiz
Y4- Holly	Isaiah	Sunar
Y4- Olive	Izaan	Hana
Y5-Hornbeam	Sonny	Arsal
Y5 -Walnut	Eesa	Mya
Y5 -Cypress	Caspar B.	Aleksey
Y5 - Mulberry	Toby	Raphael
Y6 - Hawthorn	Muad	Sadurtika
Y6 - Beech	Jack	Luca
Y6 - Cedar	Fatima	Zuhayr
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Naila	David



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



**NHS**  
North East London  
Mental Health Foundation Trust

*Free coffee and tea  
will be provided.*



### Residents' News



<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3fdb1d1>

## 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.**