

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new half term, I would like to thank our entire school community for your continued support and enthusiasm.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal — your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will continue selling poppies next week.

Our Charity Leaders have also chosen to support the British Red Cross Jamaica Hurricane Emergency Fund. They will be collecting donations at the school gates till Tuesday. Please contribute if you are able to — every little bit helps make a difference.

This week has been full of wonderful celebrations and learning opportunities. On Monday, the children marked Bonfire Night with a special assembly, followed by toasting marshmallows around the campfire throughout the week — a highlight for many!

On Wednesday, pupils celebrated Guru Nanak's Birthday with a thoughtful and informative class assembly.

This week two of our year 4 classes visited Epping Forest to support their science topic and two year 5 classes visited the British Museum to take part in a workshop to develop their understanding of the Ancient Greeks. Some of our talented musicians visited Northwold Primary school today to take part in the Inter school music competition. I am very proud of how well they performed. Well done to all involved.

It was lovely to see parents and carers at our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning today. This event provided a warm and relaxed space to connect, share experiences, and learn more about how we support children with autism here at Davies Lane. Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to such a positive morning.

Yesterday, the children came dressed in their spooky Halloween costumes and enjoyed a lively Halloween Disco. There was popcorn, dancing, and even a conga line! The event raised funds for Friends of Davies Lane (FODL), which helps to subsidize enrichment activities and school trips — making them more affordable for all families.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November. The theme is Power for Good. The children will be taking part in a range of activities to deepen their understanding. In our school, we follow the 5Cs

(care, courtesy, commitment, consideration and cooperation). All children will be focusing on these characteristics to support each other

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and involvement in school life.

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.

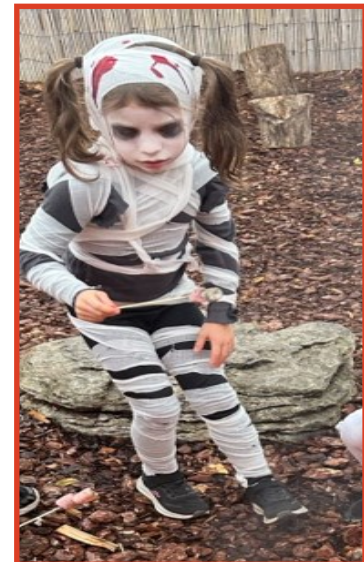
Please note that we also have our complaints procedure on the website and can be found on the communication section of the Parents tab on the website

Interschool music comp winners!

Davies Lane musicians return to school triumphant after winning 1st place in every category!



Halloween



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.





Charity news

Once again a massive thank you to all our families for your generosity and joining in with the many and varied charity events we have held this term. Next week sees Children in need return for its annual extravaganza and we are marking the event with a dress up day on Friday. Children are encouraged to come to school either

either dressed as their favourite superhero or wearing spots of any colour. Each class will take part in a challenge to fit in with this year's theme of challenge yourself to 25. Our charity leads have suggested various challenges that can be attempted and will lead this in the year 2 classes. We will also be collecting for this worthy charity and appreciate any donations you are able to make. Let's have fun and be spotacularly challenged!



Mrs Walsh (Charities lead)

Important Reminders

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.

Reminder

Please remember that children should not be bringing toys, money, trading cards or other items

Medical

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

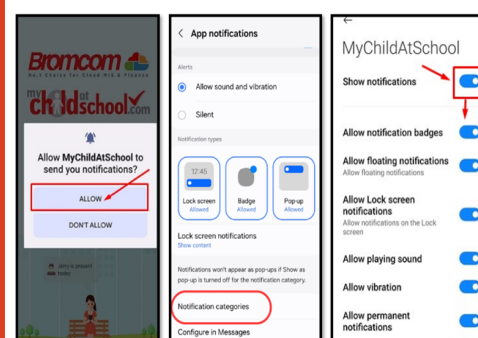
Attendance Matters

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>

MCAS

Please select the phone settings icon to turn notifications on



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 can only authorise a medical absence for half a day.



Notre Halloween Français

We had lots of fun wearing our Halloween costumes today, in the classroom and in the playground. We practised a conversation in French with our classmates at lunch time and we received a "Tres Bien" card from Madame Chelaru and the language ambassadors. Did you know that French children also love dressing up for Halloween



Roasting Marshmallows



FoDL Update

Halloween Disco

A big thank you to the staff and FoDL volunteers who helped make the party happen on Thursday. It was lovely seeing the children in their costumes having an amazing time.

The Christmas Fair is less than a month away (6 December)

Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success -- can you spare a few hours on the day to help run the kitchen, the face paint stand, Santa's Grotto or any other one of the stalls? If you would like to contribute your time to one of our biggest events of the year, send us a message at fodlnews@gmail.com.

If you're short on time, another way to help is to put up a Christmas Board outside your home. Trading Places will give FoDL sponsorship money for every board that gets displayed. If you're happy to have one, send an email to fodlnews@gmail.com with your home address and Trading Places will put your board up and remove it after the fair.

Christmas fair raffle prizes still needed. Do you or a business you know have anything to offer as a prize for the big raffle? Let us know at fodlnews@gmail.com. We are also accepting toys and books that are in good condition for the children's game prizes and tombola. And get ready to sell those raffle tickets -- we will distribute them to classrooms in the next couple of weeks.

Raise money by doing your online Christmas 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>

Thanks everyone, and have a great weekend.

The FoDL Team

School Health Team Waltham Forest

Thgpcc.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





AUTISM AND ADHD SUPPORT GROUPS

For SEND parents and carers

at 99 Leyton Green Road E10 6BD
11AM-1PM

Nov
7th

ADHD Support Group with Sonia,
specialist adviser From Flourish

Dec
5th

Autism Support Group with Alex,
specialist adviser From Flourish

Jan
9th

ADHD Support Group with Sonia,
specialist adviser From Flourish

Feb
6th

Autism Support Group with Alex,
specialist adviser From Flourish

Mar
6th

ADHD Support Group with Sonia,
specialist adviser From Flourish



Online autism support group with Alex from Flourish: Tuesday 9th December 7-8.30PM- contact walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk for the Teams link

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!

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!

NOTICE TO CHILDREN

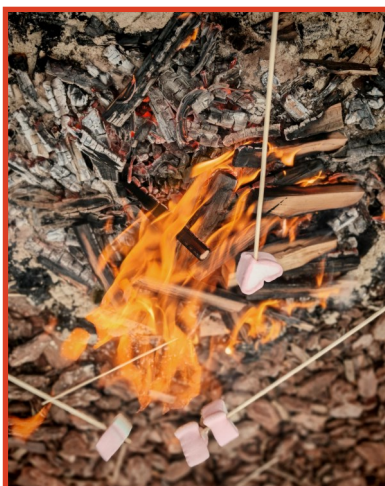
Parents are advised to remind children

ZERO TOLERANCE



ON BRINGING ANY ITEM INTO SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED

Roasting Marshmallows



Palm and Holly Classes Explore The Hive

Last week, Palm and Holly classes had a wonderful adventure at *The Hive* in Epping Forest! The children had the opportunity to become real-life explorers as they ventured into the forest to search for *minibeasts* in their natural habitats. Armed with magnifying glasses and buckets of curiosity, they discovered an array of tiny creatures which they carefully collected, observed, and classified. It was amazing to see their scientific thinking come to life!

Back inside, the excitement continued as the children were introduced to some more *exotic* creatures. They had the incredible chance to *meet and even handle* a corn snake, salamander, stick insect, hissing cockroach, and a giant African land snail! Each animal sparked plenty of questions and wonder — a perfect hands-on learning experience that brought our science curriculum to life in spectacular fashion. 🐍🦎🦋



A **huge thank you** goes out to our wonderful parent volunteers who joined us on the trip. Your support helped make the day run smoothly and allowed the children to get the most out of this exciting adventure.

It was truly a day full of discovery, bravery, and awe — one we'll all remember!

Mr Harris
Phase Lead
Lower Key Stage 2

Currently I am reading - **Killing Time** - Alan Bennett

Roasting Marshmallows



Roasting Marshmallows



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
Mental Health Foundation Trust

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



Diary Dates

- 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 Trust schools – return visits
14th Nov: Y2 St Paul's Cathedral
14th Nov: Charity Event - Children in need.
17th Nov: ECO WARRIORS - Recycling and taking personal responsibility/ Litter picking
17th Nov: Spelling Bee –Heats in classes
18th Nov: Y2, Y5 Bring your parent to school morning (9:00am-10:00am) Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning
18th Nov : Y4 Anxiety group session
20th Nov: Learning council to visit
21st Nov: Coffee Morning (9:00am-10:00am) – Online learning
24th Nov: Spelling Bee – Semi-finals in phase assemblies
24th Nov: Caught Reading Challenge
25th Nov: Y4 Anxiety group session
25th Nov: Y2 Anxiety workshop
28th Nov: Nursery Coffee morning

Important

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

Email

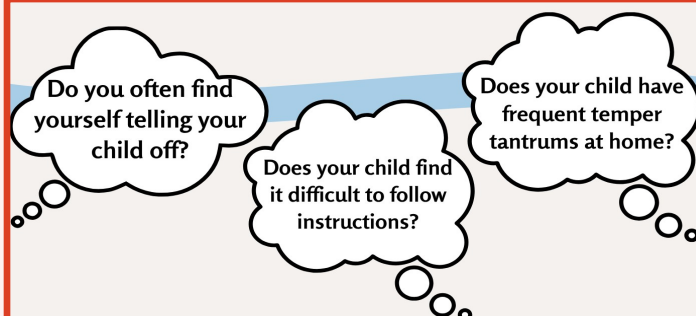
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Join us for a **free parent workshop** on

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, 9TH DECEMBER 2025

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

*Free coffee and tea
will be provided.*



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North East London
Waltham Forest

Residents' News

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FOREST



Waltham Forest

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f94bc4>

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	Alfie	Kayla
3YO Nursery	Alexandra	Jordan
R-Apple	Esra	Isla
R-Sycamore	Georgie	Darius
R-Ash	Mae	Amela
R-Magnolia	Wasif	Goda
Y1- Fir	Danylo	Tasmia
Y1- Rowan	Anas	Arwa
Y1- Larch	Nancy	Alexa
Y1- Redwood	Mary	Aaron
Y2- Pine	Asla	Daniel
Y2 - Lime	Wiktor	Lana
Y2 - Poplar	Aliza	Narimah
Y2 - Oak	Sofia	Assiya
Y3 - Teak	Inayah	Sylvie
Y3 -Chestnut	Jean	Sukaynah
Y3 -Elder	Jason	Twiggy
Y3 -Willow	Phoenix	Zainab
Y4 -Spruce	Habiba	Teodora
Y4 - Palm	Nermeen	Madja
Y4- Holly	Ali	Zaki
Y4- Olive	Rafay	Sajiv
Y5-Hornbeam	Racha	Ayan
Y5 -Walnut	Anesa	David
Y5 -Cypress	Renezmay	Liam
Y5 - Mulberry	Shanaya	Aisha
Y6 - Haw-	Muhammad	Malachi
Y6 - Beech	Anayah	Ottilie
Y6 - Cedar	Eryk	Jessica
Y6 - Eucalyp-	Enrik	Aaron

20th – 24th October CALSAttendance

Class Name	Present %
PINE	100
WILLOW	99.55
ROWAN	98.79
POPLAR	98.21
MAGNOLIA	97.92
PALM	97.41
REDWOOD	97.41
APPLE	97.32
FIR	96.67
HORNBEAM	96.25
CEDAR	95.83
LARCH	95.42
SPRUCE	95.26
BEECH	95.19
LIME	94.83
CYPRESS	94.4
ELDER	94.17
ASH	93.75
MULBERRY	93.55
HAWTHORN	93.5
TEAK	93.3
WALNUT	92.92
CHESTNUT	92.58
OAK	91.81
OLIVE	91.81
SYCAMORE	91.13
EUCALYPTUS	89.35
HOLLY	87.95

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