

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin with a reminder about the importance of safeguarding our children during their journeys to and from school. We have noticed an increasing number of cars driving on Davies Lane and Mornington Road, which are part of the School Streets programme. This initiative was designed to improve safety for the many children who walk, cycle or scoot to school. Please be reminded that although these are School Streets, normal road safety rules apply as some vehicles can use these streets, therefore all pedestrians should still keep to the pavements.

The Year 6 children start their KS2 SATS assessments on Monday. It is extremely important that your child attends school every day that week in order to take part in the assessments. If your child is unwell, please let the school know so that we can discuss arrangements with you. Year 6 are invited in for breakfast at 8:15am every day next week in preparation. Please enter via Mornington Road. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Pupil Census Day is the 15th May. The school census data will be used to finalise school funding allocations. 'Walk to school week' commences the 19th May. We are encouraging any type of exercise, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running. Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, we do encourage you to 'drive and stride,' parking further than you normally would and walking the rest of the way.

There will be a coffee morning about our RSHE (Relationship Sex and Health Education) curriculum on the 16th of May at 9am for Parents of children in Year 1, 2 and 3, where we will share the content of the curriculum coupled with the resources which will be used to teach this module. For the year 4,5 and 6 parents, the RSHE meeting will be on the 23rd of May at 9am.

Our summer debate will begin next week, where the children will debate on a number of topics including, climate change, the role of zoos and other topics.

On the 22nd May, debate heats will be taking place in the phase assembly. The InterSchool Champions League Debate will be hosted on the 5th of June, we look forward to hearing the high quality debating skills.

We celebrated VE day at school this week and it was lovely seeing children wearing the colours of the Union Jack. The children enjoyed their special lunch which followed after the two minutes silence to remember those who have served their country.

Book week this week has been amazing, we had children searching every corner of the school for clues to guess the author which the books relate to. They had great fun taking part.

Next week's forecast predicts warmer weather, and if we're fortunate enough to enjoy a sustained period of sunshine, please ensure your child brings a sun hat, sunscreen, and a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Deborah Olubitan

Deputy Head Teacher

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 Olubitan - Deputy 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 Brown – Deputy SENCo

- Ms Olubitan - Deputy Head

- Ms Corderoy - Deputy Head

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 4.

Step 4

Contact the Head of School - Ms Cheeseman

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

VE Day Celebrations Photos



Summer Fair - Save the date - Saturday 5 July.

The fantastic Summer Fair is coming up, please circle 5 July on your calendar.

- Even better than seeing you there, will be having your help to make it happen!
- Please consider pitching in, perhaps with a cake donation, an hour setting up or even running a stall on the day.
- Get in touch at FoDLnews@gmail.com

Summer Raffle - Donate a prize; get a shout out for your business!

The team is busy setting up our Summer Raffle. We are grateful for some early prizes but we want to make it really special...

- If you know a business who wants to support the school and get their name on thousands of raffle tickets, perhaps they could offer a prize!
- So far, we've been offered things like a family photoshoot, beauty treatments, interior design consultancy and cinema tickets.
- Anything you'd like to win yourself will be popular (from restaurant meals to a box of sweet treats) and we'd really appreciate it.
- The raffle will be drawn at the Summer Fair on Saturday 5 July.

Please get in touch if you can help.

Thank you everyone for your support. And if you can help at our events or would like to get your DBS, please do shout on fodlnews@gmail.com

Best,

The FoDL Team



Important Safety Reminder: No Cycling on the Playground!

For the safety of all our children, parents, and buggies, please do not cycle through the playground. We have a busy space with many little ones, and it's important to keep the area safe for everyone.

We kindly ask that parents and children walk their bikes once they reach the playground. This small action will help ensure the safety and well-being of everyone on school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our playground safe!

Uniform Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform.

White collared shirt

Red V-neck jumper/cardigan

Charcoal grey dropped waist pinafore (R-Y2)

Charcoal grey skirt (Y3-Y6)

Charcoal grey trousers (all)

Charcoal grey shorts (all)

Grey tights or grey or white socks

Red zipped fleece (optional)

Black school shoes (no trainers, no boots)

VE Day Celebration Photos



Cultural Day



2 Year Old Nursery on a Local Walk to Wanstead Flats



Nursery Drop in Session

The school nurse will be in school to meet with parents.

Please feel free to attend any of the drop-in sessions below if you would like to discuss:

- Healthy eating
- Height & weight management
- Sleep routine
- Toilet training/bed wetting
- Hygiene
- Hearing & vision

Child development

The dates are as follows, between 1 and 2 pm:

12/06/25

10/07/25

If you are unable to attend in person a phone call request can also be made.

Any further questions please get in contact with the Inclusion Team.

SOUNDCASTLE

Family Music Sessions

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Musical Beacons

Summer term 2025 open to new families!

Interactive and inclusive musical play sessions for disabled & neurodivergent early years children (2-5 years old) with their adults & siblings!

WHEN?
7 individual & 3 group sessions on Tuesday afternoons between:
6th May - 8th July 2025

WHAT TIME?
You will be allocated a 30 minute time slot between:
1.15-3.15pm

WHERE?
Leytonstone Toy Library
Birch Grove, London, E11 4YG
CONTACT!
To enquire/register, contact Lila:
lila@soundcastle.co.uk
07586 662754

IN LEYTONSTONE....
We also run these sessions at the Leytonstone toy library and still have spaces for the current term.
Talk to us to enquire!

YOUTH MUSIC
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
CITY BRIDGE FOUNDATION

www.soundcastle.co.uk

Student social workers

We're delighted to welcome Thejaswini and Alice, our new student social workers, who will be joining us on placement this term as part of their professional training. They will be supporting children across the school through targeted well-being work, helping to develop social skills, build confidence, and support emotional express



Ms Alice Ampah



Ms Thejaswini Jose

Thejaswini and Alice will work with selected pupils from different year groups, either one-to-one or in small groups. Some of their work will also include supporting children currently on our safeguarding caseload, which may involve visiting pupils during class time. These sessions are carefully planned to ensure minimal disruption to learning.

Activities may include structured games, discussion-based tasks, role play, or therapeutic play, all designed to help children reflect, regulate, and build positive relationships.

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome. If you see children working with them, rest assured these sessions are purposeful and supportive. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to get in touch.

Callum Bolt
SENCO/Inclusion/Designated Safeguarding Lead
Davies Lane Primary School

LITTER

Please do ensure that any litter is put in a bin or taken home with you. The gardens and bins in the surrounding houses should not be subjected to picking up the school communities litter. Let's create good citizens for the future and remind our children to use the bins provided.

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.

Residents' News

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WALTHAM FOREST

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3df208d>

School Details

School Office opening time: 8.30 – 4.30pm
School Telephone number : 0208 539 2466.

Office email:
office@dvaieslane.arboracademytrust.co.uk

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

27th February
20th March
1st May
10th June
12th July

GP CARE GROUP
LOOK AFTER YOUR HEALTH

0-19 Service

Healthy Child Programme

We are your 0-19 Service, which delivers the Waltham Forest Healthy Child Programme. We provide public health interventions for children and families aged 0-19 years to enable them to reach their full potential.

An allocated School nurse for every Primary school

Your school nurse can support with the following and much more...

- Long term health conditions e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and allergies
- Writing health care plans
- Disability and complex health needs
- Transition to secondary school and preparing for adulthood
- Promoting positive mental health, school attendance and attainment
- Referrals to and liaison with other services as required.

Community Nursery offer monthly drop-in sessions in Primary schools

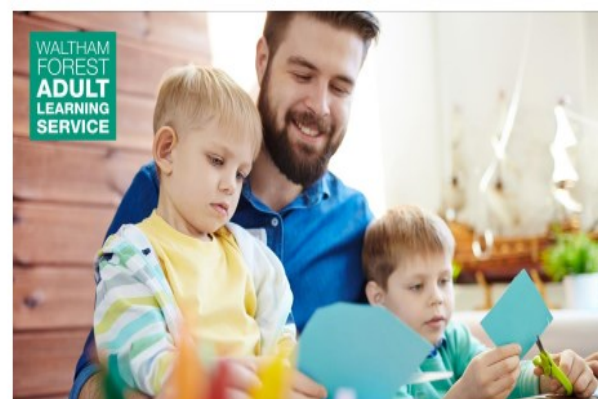
Your community nurse can support with the following and much more...

- Healthy eating
- Height and weight management
- Sleep routine
- Hygiene,
- Day or night-time wetting
- Hearing and vision
- Child development.

If you would like further support or to book an appointment, please inform the school office or you can contact our Single Point of Access on: 0300 033 620 or email: thgpcg.wf0-19spa1@nhs.net

www.thgpcg.org.uk

Follow us: @THGPGCareGroup



Help your child grow and thrive! Family Learning



Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0339C5	Create a woven pot	Leyton library	1.03.2025	1:00-3:00pm	Saturday
FA0409F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	Queens Road Family Hub	05.03.2025-02.04.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0113C4	Let's Explore Easter Arts and Crafts -	North Chingford Library	12.04.2025	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
FA0303F1	Let's Explore Easter Arts and Crafts -	Leyton library	12.04.2025	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
FA0256C4	Raising Confident and Resilient Children	The Junction Centre	30.4.2025 - 14. 5.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday

Enrol now through our website - www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk



Diary Dates

12th May : KS2 SATS (Year 6 children will be required at school every day to complete their end of key stage SATs exams)

15th May : Debating Challenge – Heats in Classrooms excluding year

16th May : Coffee morning (9-10am) **RSHE** meeting, all parents welcome (**Y1, Y2, Y3**)

19th May : Walk to school week

19th May - 22nd May: Year 6 Police workshop : **Taking place at School**

20th May :Year 6 Trip to Cambridge University : **Aspen & Hazel**

20th May : Year 6 trip to Thames Explorer : **Magnolia.**

21st May : Year 6 trip to Thames Explorer : **Maple**

21st May :Year 5 Trip to Cambridge University : **Beech & Cedar**

22nd May: Year 5 Trip to Cambridge University : **Eucalyptus & Hornbeam**

22nd May: Year 1 Trip to the Tate Modern : **Lime & Pine**

22nd May: Parent Council (9:00am – 10:00am) – Outcomes in PSHE and RE: Spring data

23rd May: Year 1 Trip to the Tate Modern : **Poplar & Oak**

23rd May: Coffee morning - **RSHE Y4, Y5, Y6** 9:15 -10:00, all parents welcome

23rd May: Interschool Art Gallery Showcase.

26th May – 30th May : Half Term –No children in school.

2nd June : Children return to School

Join the FoDL team and make a difference

Do either of these roles sound like you

Co-Treasurer - Do you have a finance background? Your skills could help make the most of our funds. The commitment is real, but not too demanding. You'll be sharing the role with our capable current Treasurer and best of all, you'll be supporting your children's school.

Comms person - This is great if you like keeping people in the loop. We need someone to shout about FoDL activities - from producing flyers to share online to newsletter updates like this. Put your own stamp on things and make your kids proud.

Find out more! For either of the above, message

FoDLNews@gmail.com



Please help keep our children safe by

not using mobile phones and recording devices

while on the school premises



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	Aaishah	Zuri
3YO Nursery	Willow	Aasiyah
REC - Fir	Mariam	Ibrahim
REC - Rowan	Jasiah	Shahrazad
REC - Larch	Cassius	Charlie
REC - Redwood	Harper	Teddy
Y1- Pine	Joe	Aminah
Y1 - Lime	Caleb	Ike
Y1 - Poplar	Austin	Ada
Y1 - Oak	Anthony	Isabel
Y2 - Teak	Miah	Yahya
Y2 -Chestnut	Saim	Jayden
Y2 -Elder	Fidaq	Amina
Y2 -Willow	Aaron	Amira
Y3 -Spruce	Paris	Aisha
Y3 - Palm	Madja	Lyra
Y3- Holly	Anouk	Fathima
Y3- Olive	Phoebe	Kaya
Y4 - Hornbeam	Davyd	Dev
Y4 -Walnut	Aya	Muhammed Eesa
Y4 -Cypress	Aiden	Alicia
Y4 - Mulberry	Muhammed Raees	Milo
Y5 - Hawthorn	Sadurtika	Vanessa
Y5 - Beech	Jack	Ibrahim
Y5 - Cedar	Haniya	Ryan
Y5 - Eucalyptus	Jayla	Arisha
Y6 - Hazel	Ritaj	Shahan
Y6 - Aspen	Nimra	Rose
Y6 - Maple	Sarah	Karima
Y6 - Magnolia	Ela	Dina

28th April – 2nd May Weekly Attendance

Class Name	Present%
FIR	99.64
SPRUCE	99.33
CHESTNUT	99.03
POPLAR	98.93
ASPEN	98.71
MAGNOLIA	98.71
HOLLY	98.62
LARCH	98.62
MAPLE	98.62
PINE	98.62
HAZEL	98
CEDAR	97.78
OLIVE	97.67
HORNBEAM	97.33
HAWTHORN	97.3
BEECH	97.04
LIME	96.9
WILLOW	96.55
MULBERRY	95.81
ELDER	95.62
WALNUT	94.67
PALM	94.29
TEAK	93.33
REDWOOD	93.21
OAK	92.26
CYPRESS	90.38
ROWAN	88.75
EUCALYPTUS	84.48

Reminder

Year 5 and 6 students are NOT allowed to make their way home alone after clubs.

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term: (75 days)

- Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2024
 - Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day
 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day
 - Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025
- Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term: (55 days)

- Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.
 - Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term: (65 days)

- Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
 - Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Public holidays

- Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)
 - Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)
- Thursday 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day)
 - Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
 - Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
 - Monday 4 May 2026
 - Monday 25 May 2026