



WINNS WEEKLY

27.9.2024

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Σαββατοκύριακο!

Greek
Have a nice weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 30.09.2024

- Monday 30th September** 6ES Street Art Walking Trail
Tuesday 1st October Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session
Wednesday 2nd October Reception 2025 Parent Tour (9:30am)
Thursday 3rd October CJ Storyteller - after school session with EYFS families (3:45 in Red Hall)
Friday 4th October Spurs Football Sessions (5ED, 2CS, 5BB)

Please remember to subscribe to [our online calendar](#) so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

SPURS FOOTBALL COACHING SESSIONS

This week, we have been thrilled to welcome several outreach coaches from Tottenham Hotspur FC. Throughout this month, every class from Year 1 to Year 6 will benefit from an hour of coaching. It was fantastic to witness the initial classes participating in the sessions, with everyone engaging enthusiastically and demonstrating remarkable potential.

The coaches brought an infectious energy to the hall, making each session not only educational but also incredibly fun. Children have learned new skills, from dribbling and passing to teamwork and strategy, all while under the expert guidance.



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YEAR 6 STREET ART WALKING TRAIL

This week and next, our Year 6 classes are embarking on an exciting walking trail around Walthamstow, discovering the vibrant and dynamic world of street art right in our local area. From world-renowned works to hidden gems, the trail takes the children on an adventure through creativity, culture, and local history.

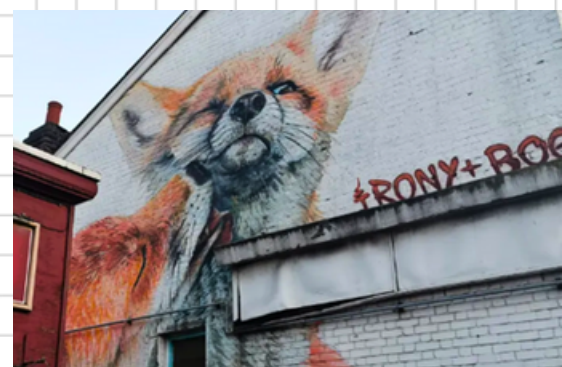
Some of the artwork featuring on the tour includes **Bonnors Fish Bar**, home to a rare and iconic piece by the elusive artist **Banksy**. Students were thrilled to see this famous work up close, discussing Banksy's distinct style and the social messages behind his street art.

Next on the trail is the captivating **Two Foxes** mural by **Irony & Boe**, a duo known for their lifelike, larger-than-life animal portraits. The children admired the intricate detail and vivid colours of the foxes, blending into the urban landscape while offering a powerful connection to nature in the heart of Walthamstow.

A highlight of the tour is visiting **Angry Dan's workshop in Hatherley Mews**. Known for his playful, rhyming illustrations and whimsical murals, Angry Dan welcomed the students inside to see his latest projects and talked about the inspiration behind his distinctive, cartoon-like style. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain insights into the process of street art creation and the passion that drives artists like Dan.

The final stop was the striking **Run mural on Forest Road**, a massive, colourful piece filled with energy and movement. The students were in awe of the scale and boldness of the mural, learning how street art can turn an ordinary wall into a masterpiece that brightens up the community.

The trail was a memorable experience for all in 6PB, and we look forward to seeing what creative ideas it sparks in our budding young artists, as well giving 6ES the chance to experience the art work first hand next week!



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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The European Day of Languages, celebrated on September 26, promotes linguistic diversity and multiculturalism. This year at The Winns, we engaged students with activities such as learning greetings in various languages, enhancing their communication skills and cultural curiosity. Discussions in classes allowed children to share the languages spoken at home, fostering pride and belonging. The celebration featured language-themed games, storytelling, and art projects, encouraging interaction and friendships. Overall, we hope that the day has successfully highlighted the significance of linguistic diversity and strengthened community bonds through fun and educational experiences.



Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team Webinar Dates 2024

Waltham Forest Mental Health Team present to you webinar dates for 2024. These webinars cover a range of topics around mental health and wellbeing. They are accessible to all residents of Waltham Forest.

ALL webinars run from 4:30-5:30pm.

[Register HERE](#)



OCTOBER 2024



Wednesday 02nd October 2024: What is Mental Health (*Primary School Parents/Carers*)

Wednesday 16th October 2024: What is Mental Health (*Secondary School Parents/Carers*)

NOVEMBER 2024



Wednesday 6th November 2024: What is Mental Health? (*ALL Support Staff and Teachers*)

Thursday 14th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (*ALL parents/Carers*)

Thursday 28th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (*ALL Support Staff and Teachers*)

DECEMBER 2024



Thursday 5th December 2024: Managing Anxiety (*Young People*)

Thursday 12th December 2024: Managing Low Mood (*Young People*)



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

AGM & PRE-LOVED SALE

A big thank you to all of you who came to the FOTW AGM and pre-loved sale last night. It was lovely to meet some new faces, talk about what we have achieved this last academic year and our plans for the future. Also, a big thank you as ever to all of you who donated uniform to the sale, it is much appreciated.

FINANCES

The school community did an amazing job, and we are delighted to report that the Friends of the Winns Charity raised £28,549 of profit (£32,160 raised/ £3,610 of costs) during the 2023/2024 School year. It is a tremendous achievement and puts us well on the way to reaching our total of £30k towards the fantastic big playground transformation.



With 10% of all money raised being ringfenced for the School's Family Support Fund, our running total towards the playground is currently £24,763! With that in mind, we are confident we can reach our target by the end of the calendar year.

HIGHLIGHTS

It was a wonderful year of fundraising events with the 30-a-thon, Winter/ Summer Fairs and the Tour de Winns particularly raising a large part of our total. There was also a great amount raised from Easyfundraising (£914) which we will aim to increase on next year.

Amazing work was also done behind the scenes to raise money through the Pre-loved Uniform sales, the estate agent sponsorship boards, the raffles, Xmas cards, tea towels and our inaugural movie night. It was a wonderful team effort incorporating all the parents, teachers and pupils in the school. We should all feel very proud of what we have achieved.



Want to find out more about Easyfundraising, then click here:
<https://tinyurl.com/4n5ehrbm>

FUTURE PLANS



Our main aim is to finish raising funds towards the playground as well as continuing to support the School's Family Support fund with 10% of all donations made. Plans for more exciting events this year are in the works including the first ever parent only event, The Winns Quiz Night. The date has also been set for the Winter Fair (Sat 7th Dec) and the children will be designing Christmas cards again in the coming weeks.



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COMMITTEE & YEAR REPS



The Friends of the Winns is a registered charity (charity number: 1196921) and is made up of a committee of volunteers. The committee will stay the same (details below) for this year but we will be looking for new members for the 2024/2025 academic year.

- Co-Chairs: Karen Leach and Kevin Osborne-King - fotwchair@gmail.com
- Secretary: Eleanor O'Carroll - fotwsecretary@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Rolly Zell - fotwtreasurer@gmail.com
- Trustee & Comms: George Cassavetti - fotwcomms@gmail.com

We also rely on a team of Year Reps who help to pass on information and are your point of contact for all information related to FOTW. Your Year Reps are:

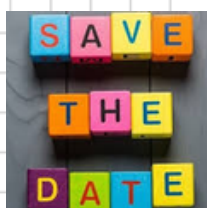
- Reception - Cristina Asenjo
- Yr 1 - Grace Rollason, Anissa Boumachouene and Tim Jordan
- Yr 2 - Eleanor O'Carroll and Marlene Service
- Yr 3 - Bisi Oyekanmi
- Yr 4 - George Cassavetti
- Yr 5 - Tamsin Jones
- Yr 6 - Karen Leach

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to be more involved in the Friends of the Winns then please do get in touch:

- Email us - details above
- Join the whatsapp group - <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



OCTOBER:

Fri 11th - Pre-loved Uniform Sale

NOVEMBER:

TBC - Quiz Night

DECEMBER:

Sat 7th - Winter Fair

Have ideas or feedback for FOTW? Email Karen, Co-Chair of FOTW: fotwchair@gmail.com



Attendance Information for Parents/Carers

Why is school attendance important?

Pupils with good attendance are more likely to do well at school. When pupils miss school, even if the time period is very short, it can lead to gaps in their learning which might make future lessons more difficult for them.

Regular attendance helps pupils to feel part of the school community and enables them to develop good relationships with their peers and other members of the school community. This can have a positive impact on their wellbeing and help them to feel more settled in school.

When a pupil attends school every day, it helps to establish good routines and habits for their later life.

What does the law say?

It is a legal requirement for schools to keep a record of attendance and the reasons for any absences. There are clear guidelines set out by the government about how schools should manage attendance and schools are expected to follow these.

Only the headteacher can officially authorise an absence but, unless there is a concern, other staff will usually do this on their behalf. Parents and carers should provide reasons for absences to enable the school to decide whether or not to authorise the absence based on government guidelines.

Parents and carers must ensure that their child attends school regularly. Failure to do so, without good reason, is an offence, even if they are missing school without your knowledge. Parents and carers of children with unauthorised absences may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/legal action.

What are the different types of absence?

There are two broad categories of absence:

Authorised absence: This is an absence that has been authorised by the school for a legitimate medical, emergency or unavoidable situation.

Typical examples of authorised absence include:

- illness that means a child is too unwell to come to school;
- following NHS advice regarding remaining off school following a period of illness (in the case of certain infectious illnesses);
- an emergency medical or dental appointment;
- the recent death of a close family member;
- religious observance, as long as certain conditions are met.

Unauthorised absence: This is where a pupil's absence is for a reason deemed to be unacceptable by the school or where the reason for a pupil's absence has not been provided and cannot be established.

Some examples of unauthorised absence include:

- looking after a younger sibling;
- time off for birthday celebrations;
- a family holiday (unless there are exceptional circumstances);
- oversleeping;
- shopping trips or days out;
- waiting in for a delivery.

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Why is it important that my child is on time each day?

When children are late to school, they may initially feel unsettled and they might miss important information and activities.

Schools are required to record late arrivals. If pupils arrive after the start of the school day but when the register is still open, it will be recorded as a late mark. If pupils arrive after the register closes (which government guidelines state must be within 30 minutes of the register opening), then their morning mark will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, unless evidence can be provided that there are exceptional circumstances that led to the late arrival.

How does occasional absence affect my child?

Missing occasional days from school may seem unimportant at the time; however, this can have a significant impact on your child in the long term:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

A pupil with 85% attendance is missing nearly half a term of learning time each school year.

Regular absences can result in poorer outcomes over time. Research shows that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (which is between half and one day per week on average) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

Late arrivals also add up over time – being 10 minutes late each day adds up to two weeks of lost learning time over the whole school year.

What about medical appointments?

We understand that pupils need to attend medical and dental appointments and that it is not always possible to arrange this outside of school time. However, we would request that any non-emergency appointments are made for outside of the school day as this keeps the disruption to a minimum and ensures that they do not miss important lessons.

Why won't the school usually authorise absence for a family holiday?

We recognise that family vacations during the school holidays can be expensive and that booking a cheaper term-time holiday might be tempting. However, headteachers can only authorise leave during term time if there are exceptional circumstances, even if your child has an excellent attendance record or if you believe that the reason for the absence is justified.

Parents and carers should plan their holidays around school holidays and avoid asking for permission to take their children out of school unless it is absolutely unavoidable.

There are exceptional circumstances, then a request can be made to the school using our absence request form by clicking the link <https://tinyurl.com/yc6r989n> or contacting the school office.

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Requests for term-time absences should be made as soon as possible. However, we recognise that in some rare instances, this will not always be possible.

Requests for term-time absences will be considered on a case-by-case basis taking the facts, circumstances and any supporting evidence into consideration. Leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances is at the discretion of the headteacher. This includes the length of time that the leave will be granted for.

What is school refusal?

If your child is refusing to go to school, this is known as 'school refusal'. There are a number of different reasons for school refusal, including general anxiety, worries about leaving home, problems with friends or peers, academic problems and depression. Sometimes, the cause can be a combination of different factors.

If your child is refusing to attend school, you should let us know immediately so that we can work together to put a plan in place to deal with any underlying issues and get your child back into school. The longer school refusal goes on, the more difficult it is to address.

How do I request an absence in advance?

If you want to request authorisation for a planned absence, please use our absence request form which can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6r989n>.

Paper copies of this form are also available from the school office.

Please submit any requests as early as possible as we may need to ask for additional information before we can consider your request. Please do not make any plans until you have been told the outcome of your request.

Please be aware that we can only approve absences that are for exceptional circumstances so will be unable to authorise family holidays in most cases.

How do I report an unplanned absence to the school?

Unexpected absences should be reported to school by:

Using the absence link <https://tinyurl.com/vmemsv6v> or you can call the school office. If there is no answer please leave a clear message stating your child's name, class and the reason for the absence.

Please report any absences by **9am** or as soon as you become aware that your child will be absent.

In the case of illness, the absence will usually be authorised unless there are grounds for concern that the illness may not be genuine or that it might not be sufficient to require time off school. In these cases, the school may ask for additional evidence, such as a doctor's note, appointment card, hospital letter or medical report. The school will not ask for this additional evidence unnecessarily.

If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, we will contact you to find out why they are not in school. Unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

Who should I contact if I have any questions or concerns about my child's attendance?

Allison Tokeley

[The information in this leaflet is based on our attendance policy which can be found on the school website or paper copies provided upon request.]

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SHORT / CUT

ANIMATED SHORTS for children WITH and WITHOUT SEND + ART WORKSHOP

The Social Cinema present a series of relaxed screenings of shorts without dialogue **for disabled and non-disabled children to enjoy together** in a relaxed environment.

With **sensory art workshops** to play with shape, colour and texture.

Children: £5
Adults: £1
25% of tickets will be available **FOR FREE** if you feel cost is a barrier

These events have been produced in partnership with **The Together Space**
<https://thetogetherspace.co.uk/>



Programme 1: Cat and Bird, Kuap, Kiki La Plume, Pond

Workshop: Engraving and printing with soft foam.

Saturday 5th October 2024
Priory Court Community Centre

Scan for info
on all venues,
times and
programmes



Or go to: <https://socialcinemalondon.square.site/>

Programme 2: Hopfrog, Fruits of Clouds and The Little Bird Series

Workshop: Printing with shaving foam and with bubbles

Sunday 17th November 2024
Higham Hill Hub
(Part of The Together Space event)

Saturday 18 January 2025
Good Shepherd Studios

These events have been made possible thanks to:



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Get to know the

WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Please join us to find out about the work we do in the school, including the 1-to-1 support we offer to families.

MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

9:15 - 10:15am at The Winns
Primary School

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER

17:00 - 18:00 online on MS Teams



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code to join the
Teams meeting:*

