



WINNS WEEKLY

13.12.2024

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 16.12.2024

Tuesday 17th December	Class Parties - 2, 4, 6
Wednesday 18th December	Class Parties - N, R, 1, 3, 5 Big Foot Christmas show for EYFS classes
Thursday 19th December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 20th December	SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6th January	INSET Day - Staff Only
Tuesday 7th January	Children return

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

WINTER FAIR THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Saturday for our annual Winter Fair, in spite of the blustery and wet weather! It was fabulous to see our whole school community come together to take part in the games and activities, eating and drinking, musical performances and even visiting Santa and his Elves in our amazing Grotto! As always, a huge thank you has to go to all the volunteers from Friends of The Winns for organising such a wonderful day. A final and complete fundraising total will be announced in the coming days once the raffle has ended (see details for how to make a last minute entry in the FOTW section below).



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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - KS1 & KS2

Well done to all our KS1 & 2 children who have performed for parents and families this week. Every concert was unique and seeing the children on stage, beaming with pride as they sing, act and recite was very special - we hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did in school. Thank you as always for your support in attending the concerts. Seeing all of you in the audience is what makes it so special for the children. Another big thank you goes to all of the adults in school who have helped prepare the children for their concerts.

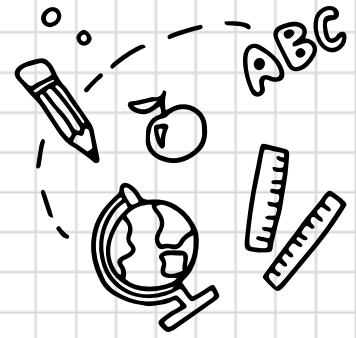


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RECEPTION APPLICATIONS REMINDER

Please do not forget to apply for your child's September 2025 Reception place. If you have a child born between 01.09.20-31.08.21 they are eligible to start Reception in September 2025. The deadline for this application is JANUARY 15th 2025. Applications can be done now. Please apply via the admission website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>. If you require any assistance with this application please speak to a member of staff.



YEAR 1 VISIT TO WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL STATION

As part of our topic "Terrific Transport," year one are going on a local walk to Walthamstow Station. On the way, they spotted local landmarks such as the William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Walthamstow Markets, and the Library. Upon their return, as a little treat, they walked through the Christmas Tree sellers in Lloyd park to soak up the festive spirit!



YEAR 3 WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY WORKSHOPS

Year 3 have visited the William Morris Gallery this week to take part in Islamic-inspired tile-making workshops. Each child carefully crafted their piece, drawing inspiration from the motifs they observed in the gallery. The workshops not only fostered creativity but also encouraged an appreciation for cultural diversity and artistic expression. Well done Year 3!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our hardworking kitchen staff from WF Catering Services for preparing around 700 Christmas lunches for children and staff on Wednesday this week. We know the effort that goes into preparing and serving this much food is monumental - thank you! We hope your children enjoyed their meal as much as the editors of the newsletter did!



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EXCITING WRITING COMPETITION: THE BOOK THAT REPRESENTS ME

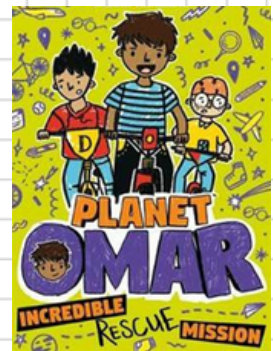
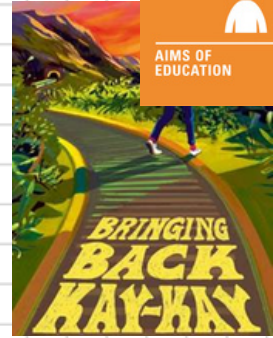
We're thrilled to share details of an inspiring writing competition that encourages children to reflect on books that truly represent them. **The Book That Represents Me** invites children in Years 3 to 6 to write a compelling review of a book in which they feel at least one aspect of their identity is authentically represented.

In 350 words or less, children should explain why other people should read the book, how it makes them feel represented, and why this is meaningful to them. Annotated drawings or graphic novel-style review entries are also welcomed, offering creative ways to express their ideas.

The competition will be judged by a panel from BookTrust, joined by award-winning authors Sharna Jackson and Michael Mann. Teachers in KS2 will share some information with the children ahead of the holiday period to support them in their writing, should they choose to enter the competition. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs too, that include £3000 worth of inclusive books for our great school library.

At The Winns, we've expanded our range of books celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures, beliefs, and heritages in our community. This competition is a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate these stories and explore what representation means to them.

Click [here](#) for full details and get started today! 📖✨



Travel for Life Top Schools Award Nominations NOW OPEN!

Nominations are now open for the 2023-24 Top School Awards! Whether you've been engaged with the programme for years or only recently joined, it's your chance to showcase your achievements. The awards honour schools for their work in reducing car journeys and encouraging active travel celebrating contributions from students, teachers parents and the wider school community.

To be eligible your school must have achieved something **exceptional** in the 2023-24 academic year. This could be a creative or innovative project or powerful evidence of changing travel behaviours.

Award Categories Include:

*Best NEW School, Long-Term Excellence, Mode Shift Impact,
Best Campaign, Creativity and Innovation, Student Achievement, School Champion.*

The awards event will be held on 19th May 2025 at the Kia Oval and is an action-packed day with lots of engaging activities and pupil networking.

—————→ **Please click on this link to make your nomination** ←————

Last years winners:

Mission Grove Primary: Long-Term Excellence Award
Mayville Primary: Highly Commended, Best Newcomer
Joseph Clarke School: Highly Commended, Best Campaign



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

THE WINTER FAIR - A HUGE THANK YOU!

We just wanted to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone in the school community and beyond who helped make this Winter Fair so fun and successful. These events take a lot of planning and hard work but seeing everyone enjoying themselves makes it all worthwhile.

THE RAFFLE - LAST FEW HOURS

The raffle closes at MIDNIGHT tonight!

Buy your tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/2szntvxw>



Entries are only 10p each and there are over 40 different amazing prizes to be won including:

- An Amazon Echo Dot Speaker
- Food vouchers from Yardsale, Zizzi, Nandos
- Angry Dan Prints
- Hampers and Gift Baskets
- Champagne and Spirits
- A Christmas Tree from Tree Amigos
- 4 tickets to any show at the Little Angel Theatre
- Tickets to any show at the Peter Harrison Planetarium
- Amazon Fire Kindle
- An Ottolenghi Bundle
- 1 Free month of workshops with Showkids
- And so so so much more.....

The raffle will be drawn at 9am on Saturday with winners notified at 9:30 that morning so keep an eye on your inboxes!

A LOOK BACK AT THE WINTER TERM

Firstly, we just wanted to say a huge thanks to everybody who has helped in making this such a successful term of fundraising. Secondly, we wanted to say **WE DID IT!** We are extremely pleased to say that we have reached our target (and beyond) and have raised the £30K we promised the school towards the cost of the amazing playground transformation. **We really couldn't have achieved this without the support of the staff, children and parents at the Winns, so again, a HUGE thank you!**

It has been a fun-filled term with the children's designs going on Christmas Cards, Mugs and Wrapping Paper. We also hosted the first ever parent-only evening event with the Winns Nights Presents... The Quiz where 16 teams battled it out to be crowned champions (the teacher's won). And the term ended with all our festive fundraising: the Estate Agent Boards, The Raffle, and of course, the Winter Fair. With the raffle still going we are yet to calculate a final figure **but we can say with confidence that it will be over £8K raised this term** which is such a fantastic amount! We should all be proud.

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



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS CONT...

LOOKING FORWARD

The Friends of the Winns Committee do not rest and we are busy planning events for next term including:

World Book Day - We plan to host a number of events around World Book Day including The Story Trail, a book swap, and a costume swap

Sponsored Event - The kids will be challenged to do a sponsored event... more details to follow soon

Quiz Night - There will be another quiz night next term so if you didn't manage to get tickets last time then keep an eye for dates for the next one

Pre-Loved Sale - We will be hosting another pre-loved sale next term so you can stock up on school clothes for the warmer months ahead.

All money raised from all our events go to projects at the school to help enrich the lives of all the children. We also allocate 10% of all money raised to the School's Family Support Fund to help the families most in need at the school

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE?

THEN SIGN UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING!

Easyfundraising is a simple way for you to support the school. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of the Winns for free every time you use the app or browser extension to shop. **It costs you nothing extra!**

Simply sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthewinns>



NEED LABELS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES?



Then consider using Sitkins.

As a member of **Sitkins fundraising scheme** we receive a 30% donation every time you make a purchase. To order, visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> and use the school's fundraising number - 25586 - when making your purchase

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

ONLINE DONATIONS - You can set up a regular payment or make a one off donation through the Charities Aid Foundation. All the details can be found here:

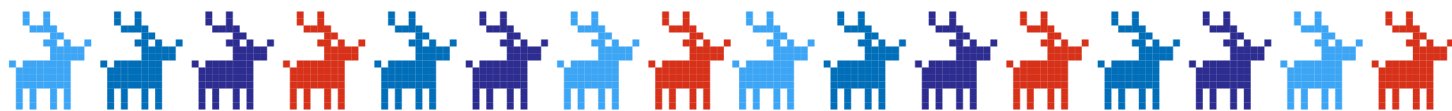
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/26249#!/DonationDetails>

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WINTER FAIR
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RAFFLE



AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!



£50 Zizzi
restaurant
voucher



£25 Nandos
voucher



£15 Claire's
voucher



£50 Yard Sale
voucher



Body Shop Rose
gift set



Voucher for
celebration cake
from Le Delice
(worth £36)



Yankee Candle
festive gift set



Lisa Angel
earrings



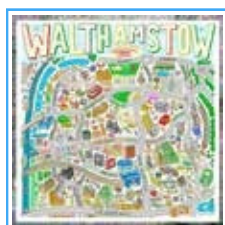
Oliver Bonas
champagne
glasses



Annie
Montgomery
print



Portmerion
festive side
plates



Angry Dan map
of Walthamstow
donated by the
artist



Tablet donated
by Central



...and many
more!

Last date to play is (lucky) Friday 13th December!

Scan the QR code or go to thewinns.rallyup.com/winterraffle24

Parent/Carer Support Programmes

January - March 2025

A full guide to the programmes available from pregnancy to adulthood in Waltham Forest

[Click here for the full guide](#)



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in Life**



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School Holiday
Camps!!!



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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

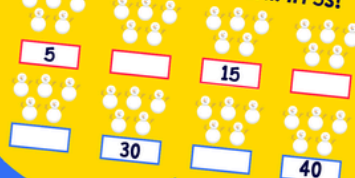
Draw your favourite thing
about Christmas!

FESTIVE ANAGRAMS!

EXAMPLE: EVLES = Elves

1. AANSTS ALCUS
2. WASONMN
3. TECPRNES
4. LOPE OTHRN
5. RNDREEEI

Let's count together... in 5s!



SCAN ME!
to see more info
about our camps!

Match the
CHRISTMAS
Essentials!

TREE
GINGER BREAD
PRESENT
STOCKING
SANTA HAT
REINDEER

How many Bells
can you see?

LEFT OR RIGHT

How many to the left?
How many to the right?



Help Santa find
the Sleigh!



ANSWERS



Festive Anagrams:
Left or Right
Reindeers:
Left - 12
Right - 11
Count Together
in 5s:
10, 20, 25, 35

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HEY!
I'm BILLY Barracuda!
Merry Christmas!
It's great time to
spend with family
and friends!

FUN FACT

The first song
played in space:
Was "Jingle Bells"
in 1965



Department
for Education

MAKING IT MINDFUL

Christmas PARTY



**DISCO, GAMES, SNOW MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT
SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY,
FACEPAINTING, GINGERBREAD DECORATION AND MANY
MORE FUN ACTIVITIES!**



MON 23RD DEC



**10.30AM - 1PM
2PM - 4.30PM**



**FREDERICK BREMER
SCHOOL E17 4EY**

**BOOK
HERE**



**FREE TICKETS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11 YEARS WHO RECEIVE BENEFIT
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND LIVE IN WALTHAM FOREST**

Making It Mindful

New Years Party

For children aged 4 – 11 years old and their families



Disco, games, snow machine, entertainers, giant slide, bouncy castles, crafts, sensory play, face Painting and a “healthy snack making” workshop!



Monday 30th Dec



**10.30am – 1pm &
2pm – 4.30pm**



**George Mitchell
Secondary School E10
5DN**

Book here



www.makingitmindful.co.uk



Children aged 4 – 11 years who go to school in Waltham Forest and receive benefit related free school meals are eligible to book FREE spaces for themselves and their siblings through the Holiday Activity Programme funding.