



WINNS WEEKLY

14.3.2025

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Have a nice weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 17.3.2025

Wednesday 19th March 4KB & 4MH at Natural History Museum

Thursday 20th March FOTW Quiz Night (6:45pm) - **SOLD OUT**

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

SITTING VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL EVENTS

Well done to the two groups of children who represented school at two different sports events this week. On Tuesday, a group of Y5 children competed at the sitting volleyball festival, where they learnt new skills, and practised them in short games. The children grew in confidence across the day, winning three of their six games. On Friday, our Y6 basketball squad competed in the first stage of the borough championship. Split into two teams, they each topped their group unbeaten. Team A were unlucky to lose their final qualification game, while Team B won theirs to earn a place in the finals tournament after Easter.



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RECEPTION FIRE STATION VISIT

Our Reception children have begun visiting the local fire station this week to learn more from the experts about keeping safe both at home and at school. Thank you to station staff for being so welcoming and the parent volunteers who accompanied the children!

RECEPTION CELEBRATES HOLI – THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

This week, our Reception children and staff have been celebrating Holi, the most vibrant of all Hindu festivals! Holi marks the end of winter in India and welcomes the arrival of spring with joy, colour, and togetherness. The children have learned about the traditions of this special festival, exploring its themes of renewal and new beginnings. Through creative activities, including colourful artwork and storytelling, they have embraced the spirit of Holi. It has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity and share in the excitement of this joyful occasion. Happy Holi to all who are celebrating!



PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our consultation meetings during the **week commencing 31st March**. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and set goals for the coming term. Booking details will be shared soon by your class teacher. We look forward to seeing you!



MEETING THE MET POLICE'S SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

This morning, our children had an exciting visit from the Met Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team, where they learned about the important role of community policing in keeping London safe. Officers spoke about their work in the local area and how they help protect and support our community. The highlight for many was the chance to explore a real police patrol car—some even got to sit behind the wheel! It was a fantastic and informative experience, helping children understand the role of the police and the importance of safety. A big thank you to the officers for their time and insight!



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3SH CLASS ASSEMBLY

Well done to 3SH who braved their quest into an Egyptian pyramid, surviving crocodiles and mummies to come out the other side! We found out all about 3SH's learning around ancient Egypt, including a catchy mummy rap - or should that be wrap? Thank you to all the families who came along to watch and also to Ms Hickey and Ms Becky who prepared the children so well! Well done 3SH!



2CM CLASS ASSEMBLY

Well done to 2CM who performed their class assembly to families and other children in Red Hall on Thursday this week. The children embarked on a journey mirroring the Endurance Expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton to the South Pole. The children demonstrated their knowledge through storytelling and song, and conveyed what made Shackleton such an inspiring explorer. Thank you to all the families who came along to support their children. Another thank you to Ms. Sim and the rest of the team in 2CM who helped to prepare the children.

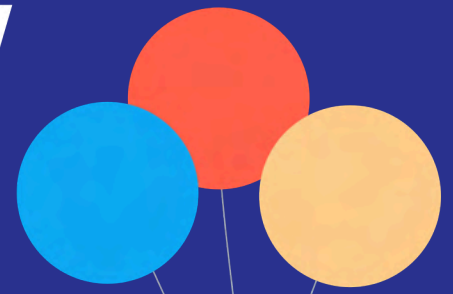


BOOK FAIR & BOOK SWAP THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to all the families who generously supported our book fair over the last two weeks. You have helped us to raise over £2000 to spend on books for our library! We have also held our annual book swap over the last two days. Thank you to everyone who sent their children in with pre-loved books. There is always a great buzz in the hall when the children are choosing their next read! Thank you also to all the FOTW volunteers who helped sort the books and manned the stalls for the children to come and choose a book.



The Winns STORY WINDOW TRAIL 2025



And we're off!

Here is the link to the Winns Windows trail 2025, which starts tomorrow!

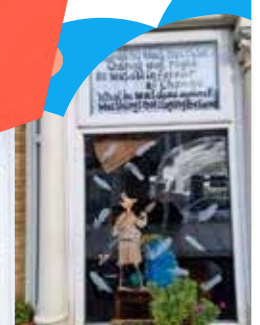
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So far we have over **35 homes** decorating a window to celebrate the month of World Book Day activities. Please email fotwvictoria@gmail.com if you would like to decorate too, there is still time to join in!

<https://tinyurl.com/2bbjbxz3>

The trail celebrates a love of books and World Book Day while also raising £750 in sign sponsorship towards new books for the school.

The trail runs from **1st–31st March 2025**
How many story windows can you find?



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

WINNS STORY WINDOW TRAIL - MORE FABULOUS WINDOWS



Here's some more pictures of our artists in action!

We will feature different windows across the newsletter over the month. The Trail runs 1st-31st March and you can find all the windows by following this map: <https://tinyurl.com/2v24dsu7> How many story windows can you find?



BOOK SWAP THANK YOU!



A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated books to our book swap and an especially MASSIVE thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this such a wondrous event. It was so lovely to see so many children so happy to walk away with a new book to read. We are also very impressed with how lovely and polite all the kids were!



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



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QUIZ NIGHT - SOLD OUT!



The next 'Winns Nights Presents... The Quiz' is SOLD OUT!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets to this event. And don't worry, if you missed out, there will be more quiz nights in the future.

INSTAGRAM

Did you know that the Winns has an Instagram account?

You can follow what's happening at the school and FOTW will be sharing info on upcoming events too. Follow them here:

<https://www.instagram.com/winnsprimary/>



NEED LABELS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES?

Then consider ordering from Stikins. As a member of **Stikins fundraising scheme** we receive a 30% donation every time you make a purchase. To order, visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> and quote the school's fundraising number - **25586** - when you check out.



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Then you can contact us on the emails below:

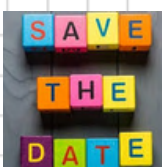
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY:

MARCH:

APRIL:

1st-31st - Winns Story Window Trail
20th - Quiz Night

Our events are included in the Winns [online calendar](#) and you can receive automatic updates into your own calendar by subscribing.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE WINNS

WHO ARE FRIENDS OF THE WINNS?

We are you! If you are a parent of a child at The Winns Primary School then you're automatically a Friends of The Winns member. Run by a committee of parents, the Friends of the Winns is a collection of volunteers who run events throughout the year to raise much needed funds for our school. But most importantly, we have fun!

WHERE DOES THE FUNDRAISING GO?

All money raised goes to the school to give the children the best educational experience possible. In recent years, we have supported a number of projects including the Main School and Reception playground transformations, the installation of a teaching kitchen, School Library improvements, and the purchase of new AV equipment.

Also, 10% of all money raised by Friends of the Winns goes to the Family Support Fund. This is managed by the school and offers support to those families that need it most.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH FOTW?

The Friends of the Winns is a charitable organisation that is run completely by parent volunteers. You can volunteer at anytime and can give us as much time as you can (even an hour helps). You don't need to hold an official FOTW role or be voted in to be a volunteer!

We are also on the look out for people to help in a number of ways, whether that is with the Library Team, the Pre-loved Team on at one of our many events. Interested? Then please email fotwchair@gmail.com or join the FOTW Whatsapp group: <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef>



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT



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!**

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

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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WINNS NIGHTS
PRESENTS...



QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 20th March @ THE
WINNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WIN PRIZES AND
SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

6.45pm

(quiz starts at 7pm)

TEAMS

TABLE

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BUY TICKETS

SOLD OUT

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**CAN YOU BEAT
THE TEACHERS??**
(WINNS QUIZ
REIGNING CHAMPIONS!)



COMMUNITY DROP-IN

WALTHAMSTOW SESSIONS ARE MOVING!

**FROM 1 AUGUST 2024
THE COMMUNITY DROP-IN
ON THURSDAY, 9.45AM TO 11.15PM
WILL MOVE FROM WALTHAMSTOW FAMILY HUB
TO WALTHAMSTOW LIBRARY, HIGH ST, E17 7JN**



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FAMILY HUBS

ACCESS, RELATIONSHIPS, CONNECTION

CAN YOU HELP?

**You can find
out how to
volunteer here:**



DROP IN FROM 9.45-11.15AM

FREE DROP IN SESSION, NO NEED TO BOOK

TUESDAY

**QUEENS ROAD
FAMILY HUB
215 QUEENS ROAD
E17 8PJ**

WEDNESDAY

**CHINGFORD
FAMILY HUB
5 OAKS GROVE
E4 6EY**

THURSDAY

**WALTHAMSTOW
LIBRARY
HIGH STREET
E17 7JN**

FRIDAY

**LEYTONSTONE
FAMILY HUB
2-8 CATHALL ROAD
E11 4LF**



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SHOWKIDS

THEATRE SCHOOL

Easter Holiday Musical Theatre Course **SISTER ACT JR.**

5 days: 7th to 11th April, 9am to 4pm.

With a performance to families on Friday 11th.

At The Winns Primary School, Walthamstow, E17.

£295 (we accept childcare vouchers & HMRC tax free payments).

**To book, go to showkids.co.uk
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- Make new friends and have fun!
- Act, Sing, Dance
- Develop confidence, communication skills and creativity.

COMPETITION! WIN A FREE WEEK AT CAMP!

**PLUS £250 DONATION FOR YOUR
SCHOOL AND A MINI BILLY TOY!**

**WIN A
MINI
BILLY!**



KIDS COMPETITION

Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025!

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- ⦿ Based on existing activity with a twist
- ⦿ Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- ⦿ Add your theme to an activity
- ⦿ An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

WE WILL REPLICATE YOUR ACTIVITY IDEA AT CAMP!

**YOUR CHANCE
TO WIN!**

**ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO
FUN@BARRACUDAS.CO.UK
BY 25TH MARCH**

**INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE
& NAME & LOCATION OF
SCHOOL WITH YOUR
ENTRY!**

Winner announced 27th March
Camp open dates 7th - 17th April

BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS





WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

EASTER 2025

7 APRIL - 17 APRIL

**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16
AND IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

Funded by the Department for Education, this easter we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough.



To book your place and find out more scan here:



or visit

WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

**Booking is essential on all activities
so book early to avoid disappointment**

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

**WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@
WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK**



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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions

6 January – 5 March 2025

Find out more and enter

roy.ac/youngartists

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Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

Royal
Academy
of Arts

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

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