



The Winns Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 26th September 2025

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Upcoming dates for diaries

- Monday 29th September - Vaccination UK in school to give flu vaccines (see below for more info)
- Tuesday 30th September 9am & 3pm - Reception Phonics & Early Reading parent information session
- Tuesday 30th September & Wednesday 8th October 9am - Y3 Parent Reading Morning
- Friday 17th October - FOTW Pre-loved Uniform Sale - playground after school
- w/c 20th October - Parental Consultation meetings
- Friday 24th October - Y6 Careers Fair

Dates and event information

- Provisional **dates for diaries** for the whole academic year, including class assembly and Christmas performance dates. ([click here](#))
- NHS/Vaccination UK staff will be in school on Monday 29th September to administer the **flu vaccine** to all children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents give permission. ([click here for more info](#))
- **Reception Phonics & Early Reading** parent information session ([click here](#))
- Information about a meeting organised by our **Smartphone Free Childhood parents group** ([click here](#))
- English Conversation Club for Parents **İngilizce Konuşma Kulübü** Clubul de Conversație în Limba Engleză انگریزی میں بات چیت کرنے کا کلب ([click here](#))
- Information for parents & carers about **Operation Encompass** ([click here](#))

October Half Term Holiday Clubs at The Winns

- ShowKids ([click here](#))
- KDW Sports ([click here](#))

Information from outside agencies and organisations

- Top tips for parents and carers about **Youth Violence** from the National College ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest **Mental Health Support team** webinars in the Autumn term ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest **Educational Psychologist Service Parent Advice** sessions ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest **Community Drop In Sessions** ([click here](#))
- MB Community CIC Saturday Football ([click here](#))
- Chingford Foundation School Open Evening ([click here](#))

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Calendar Dates Academic Year 2025-26

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

September 2025

29th - Flu Vaccine (Reception-Y6)

October 2025

Black History Month

17th – ASC finish

wb 20th – Parental Consultation meetings

20th – Diwali celebration

24th – Y6 Careers Fair

27th-31st – Half Term Holiday

November 2025

3rd – Inset Day (staff only) FGM Awareness Training (am)

4th & 5th - Individual and Sibling Photos

10th – ASC start

10th-14th - Anti Bullying week

21st - Mop up individual and sibling photos

December 2025

6th – FOTW Winter Fair

3rd-16th – Christmas Concerts (see separate communication)

12th – ASC finish

19th – Last day of Autumn term

January 2026

5th – Inset Day (staff only)

12th – ASC start

February 2026

6th – Dress Up for Digits Day

9th – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

10th – Safer Internet Day

16th-20th – Half Term Holiday

March 2026

6th-13th – British Science Week

18th – Eid Celebration

20th – ASC finish

wb 23rd – Parental Consultation meetings

27th – Last day of Spring term

April 2026

13th – First day of Summer term (staff & children, no Inset day)

20th – ASC start

22nd – Earth Day

May 2026

4th – Bank Holiday (school closed)

wb 11th – KS2 SATs (Y6)

22nd – ASC finish

wb 25th – Half Term Holiday

June 2026

Pride Month

wb 1st – No ASC

wb 1st & 8th – Multiplication Tables Check (Y4)

1st – Inset day (staff only)

3rd-5th – Y5 Residential to The Hive

wb 8th – Phonics Screening Check (Y1)

wb 8th & 15th – Creativity Weeks (art work displayed at Summer Fair)

8th – ASC start

9th – Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day

10th – Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day

24th - Class Photos

25th – Young Enterprise

July 2026

4th – FOTW Summer Fair

9th – Y6 Leavers' Production (after school)

8th – End of year reports sent home

10th – ASC finish

14th – Leavers' BBQ

17th – Leavers Assembly

17th – Final day of the Summer term

20th – Inset day (staff only)

Class Assembly Dates

Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Thurs 6th Nov – 6PB	Thurs 15 th Jan – 6ES	Thurs 5 th Mar – 3NM	Thurs 23 rd Apr – 1AS	Thurs 11 th Jun Pine
Thurs 13 th Nov – 3AF	Thurs 22 nd Jan – 3CS	Thurs 12 th Mar – 6AM	Thurs 30 th Apr – 5BB	Thurs 18 th Jun 4LT
Thurs 20 st Nov – 5CF	Thurs 29 th Jan – 5JH	Thurs 19 th Mar – 2JS	Thurs 7 th May – 2ML	Thurs 25 th Jun Cedar
	Thurs 5 th Feb – 2CS	Thurs 26 th Mar – 4KB	Thurs 21 st May – 1BH	Thurs 2 nd Jul 1GB
	Thurs 12 th Feb – 4EB			Thurs 9 th Jul Elm

Christmas Performances 2025

	Wed 3rd Dec	Thurs 4 th Dec	Fri 5 th Dec	Mon 8 th Dec	Tues 9 th Dec	Wed 10 th	Thurs 11 th	Fri 12 th
9:10am			Reception Christmas Concert 2		Year 1 Christmas Concert 2	Year 2 Christmas Concert 2	Year 4 Christmas Concert	Year 6 Christmas Concert
2:45 pm	Nursery Christmas Concert	Reception Christmas Concert 1		Year 1 Christmas Concert 1	Year 2 Christmas Concert 1	Year 3 Christmas Concert	Year 5 Christmas Concert	

All performances will take place in Green Hall

All concerts will last around 30 minutes.

Class Christmas Parties – further details to follow

Tuesday 16th December – Years R, 2, 4 & 6



Wednesday 17th December – Years Nursery, 1, 3 & 5

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 10th December



Welcome Bun venit Hoş geldin خوش آمدید Sveiki atvykę Bienvenue Soo dhawoow

English Conversation Club

English Conversation Clubs is a drop-in session and really informal (run by volunteers rather than tutors) and suitable for anyone wanting to improve their English speaking skills.

This is a friendly, welcoming group for our parents. Our aim is to improve on conversational English by focusing on spoken English skills and listening skills.

You will discuss different topics and learn vocabulary.

The class is Free of charge and will run once a week during term time.

Lessons will start 17th September 2025 at 2.30-3.15pm at The Winns Primary School. Please click on form.

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İngilizce Konuşma Kulübü,

İngilizce Konuşma Kulübü, katılımın serbest olduğu, oldukça samimi ve gayri resmi bir oturmudur (öğretmenler yerine gönüllüler tarafından yürütülür) ve İngilizce konuşma becerilerini geliştirmek isteyen herkes için uygundur.

Bu kulüp, velilerimiz için dostane ve sıcak bir ortam sunar. Amacımız, konuşma ve dinleme becerilerine odaklanarak İngilizce konuşma pratiğini geliştirmektir.

Farklı konular üzerine konuşacak ve yeni kelimeler öğreneceksiniz.

Dersler ücretsizdir ve dönem boyunca haftada bir kez okulda yapılacaktır.

Kulüp, 17th September 2025 tarihinde 2.30-3.15pm saatinde başlayacaktır.

Lütfen forma tıklayın

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Clubul de Conversație în Limba Engleză

Clubul de Conversație în Limba Engleză este o sesiune deschisă, foarte informală (gestionată de voluntari, nu de profesori) și potrivită pentru oricine dorește să își îmbunătățească abilitățile de vorbire în limba engleză.

Este un grup prietenos și primitiv pentru părinții noștri. Scopul nostru este să îmbunătățim conversația în limba engleză, concentrându-ne pe abilitățile de exprimare orală și de ascultare.

Veți discuta diverse teme și veți învăța vocabular nou.

Cursul este gratuit și va avea loc o dată pe săptămână, în timpul perioadei școlare.

Clubul va începe pe 17th September 2025 la 2.30-3.15pm

Vă rugăm să faceți clic pe formular

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(کلب کا کرنے چیت بات میں انگریزی)

کا کرنے چیت بات میں انگریزی یعنی، کلب کنورسیشن انگلش آپ جہاں ہے کلاس ایسی یعنی، سیشن ان ٹراپ ایک، کلب ہیں۔ سکتے بھی جا سے وہاں اور، ہیں سکتے آ بغیر لیے وقت استاد کو اس ہے۔ جاتی چلائی پر طور تکلفانہ ہے سراسر یہ کے شخص اس پر یہ اور ہیں چلائے رضاکار بجائے کے بنانا بہتر کو چیت بات کی انگریزی اپنی جو ہے موزوں لیے ہیں۔ چاہتے

اور دوستانہ ایک لئے کے والدین کے بچوں ہمارے یہ انگریزی مقصد ہمارا ہے۔ گروپ پر مبنی ماحول خوشگوار میں انگریزی کر کے توجہ پر مہارت کی سننے اور بولنے ہے۔ کرنا بہتر کو کرنے چیت بات انگریزی اور گے کریں گفتگو پر موضوعات مختلف آپ گے۔ سیکھیں کے الفاظ

کے ٹائم ٹرم یہ اور نہیں فیس/معاوضہ کوئی کا کلاس اس کرے گی۔ ہوا بار ایک میں ہفتہ میں اسکول دوران اس ... ہے تاریخ کی ہونے کے شروع کلب کر بج دو، ۲۰۲۵ ستمبر ۷ ہرائے مہربانی فارم پر کلک کریں۔ +ٹک منٹ پندرہ کر بج تین سے منٹ تیس

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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



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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



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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

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.



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

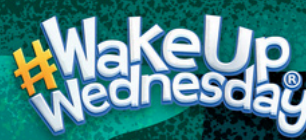
Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youth-violence>

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COMMUNITY DROP-IN

Our early help community drop-in is here

It's a place where everyone can come to get friendly support and information from local volunteers, community organisations and Waltham Forest Early Help teams in an informal space.

We can help you with information about **local services**, **support for parents**, **community activities**, and **help to use online services** and more.

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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
LIBRARY
STATION ROAD
E4 7EN

THURSDAY

WALTHAMSTOW
LIBRARY
HIGH STREET
E17 7JN

FRIDAY

LEYTONSTONE
LIBRARY
6 CHURCH LANE
E11 1HG



Waltham Forest

Booking link here - pbbl.uk/KDWSports

A vibrant, colorful poster for the KDW Holiday Club. The background is white with various colorful shapes and illustrations. At the top left, a yellow circle contains the text 'AGE 5-12 YEARS' in red. Next to it is a yellow and blue badminton shuttlecock. In the top center, a yellow and blue kite is flying. To the right, a yellow circle contains the text 'BOOK HERE!' in red and a QR code. The main title 'KDW HOLIDAY CLUB' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says 'Please scan QR code to view all our dates and locations.' followed by 'Standard day 10:00-15:00' and 'Extended day 09:00-16:00'. The activities listed are 'Multi-sports • Arts and crafts • Team building'. The location is 'The Winns Primary School, Fleeming Road E17 5ET (Entrance on Elphinstone road)'. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a group of children in various sports uniforms. Below that, it says 'KDW SPORTS COACHING'. At the bottom right, there is a target illustration and the text 'FULL/HALF DAY AVAILABILITY'. In the center bottom, there is a logo that says 'Feel Good ACCREDITED' with a checkmark.

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ShowKids October SPOOK-TASTIC Holiday Course!

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Join us as we explore scenes from The Witches, Scooby Doo, Hotel Transylvania and more! Learn songs and choreography to Thriller, Monster Mash and Ghost busters! It will be thrilling, it will be chilling AND endless amounts of FUN! All content is appropriate and adapted for children aged 5-12yrs.



Throughout each fun-filled day children will also take part in POTION MAKING, arts and crafts, outdoor play and storytelling!

To book visit www.showkids.co.uk

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“LET’S TALK ABOUT OUR KIDS AND THEIR TECH”

FINDING A HEALTHY BALANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY

As parents, we are faced with many challenges; but in the last 10 years smartphones and social media have created a new host of issues.

Join us for an interactive talk unpacking some of the complex issues around smartphone use and, in a non-judgmental way, help you find solutions that work for your family.



30th September

Tuesday

7pm



This FREE workshop from Papaya Parents is suitable for parents of children from all age groups. Meet us at The Winns main office on the day to look at:

1. Risks to mental health and wellbeing associated with spending too much time online
2. Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
3. Ways in which parents and schools can work together to identify healthy boundaries and online habits
4. Question and discussion time.

Flu Vaccine Reception - Y6

Monday 29th September

NHS/Vaccination UK staff will be in school on the above date to administer the flu vaccine to children whose parents have given permission.

Permissions are being managed directly by Vaccination UK. If you have not received information from them, please check your junk/spam folders, or contact Vaccination UK directly, or complete the e-consent form for Waltham Forest schools here: <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/walthamforest>

If you need any further information about the vaccines, please visit Vaccination UK's website

🌐 Flu Vaccine | Vaccination UK Schools



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RECEPTION PHONICS AND EARLY READING

Tuesday 30th September
9am and 3pm

Parent information session

Please join us to find out how we teach early reading at The Winns and how you can support your child at home.

- ✔ **9am - enter via large gates on Elphinstone Road**
- ✔ **3pm - entrance via the main office**



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is to inform you that our School is working in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service as part of their legal commitments under Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This includes incidents where the child/young person was not present but is part of the household. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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SATURDAY FOOTBALL

Come join us for our weekly football sessions! Enjoy the fresh air, get active, and spend a fun time with friends (Our staff are trained in supporting children with diabetes.)

Location: Memorial Park, Chingford
212 Chingford Mount Rd, London
E4 8LR

Day & Time: Saturdays
10:30AM-12:00

Cost: FREE

Age: open to all children aged 8-11

Sign up



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OPEN EVENING

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Thursday 2
October 2025



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5:30pm -
8:00pm



Talks are taking place at
5:45pm and 6:45pm

**Reserve your place,
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