



The Winns Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 12th September 2025

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Upcoming dates for diaries

- Tuesday 30th September 9am & 3pm - Reception Phonics & Early Reading parent information session
- 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](#))
- Information about a meeting organised by our **Smartphone Free Childhood parents group** ([click here](#))
- **After school clubs** information for the Autumn term ([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](#))

October Half Term Holiday Clubs at The Winns

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

Y1 & Y2 Families (but also anyone who wants to help!)

- We need your help to put together a “**good to know**” **info sheet** for new families to The Winns ([click here](#))

Information from outside agencies

- Top tips for parents and carers about **conspiracy theories** ([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](#))

To Year 1 & Year 2 Families

We are hoping to gather some information to put into a helpful hand out for our new Reception and Nursery parents, as well as any new families whose children may start higher up the school.

We are looking for information that we might have assumed was common knowledge, or once you realised you thought, "it would have been good to know that beforehand"!

If anything springs to mind, please leave a note in this online form to help the school team bring together what staff think parents should know, as well as what parents and carers think parents should know!

Thank you in advance for your help and insight!

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Calendar Dates Academic Year 2025-26

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

September 2025

15th – After School Clubs (ASC) start

18th - RWI Development Day

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)

10th – ASC start

10th-14th - Anti Bullying week

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

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



Autumn Term After School Clubs

Clubs confirmations have been sent this morning to email addresses used to complete registration forms. Please look out for a message from "clubs@winns.waltham.sch.uk" - check your junk/spam folders if you can't immediately see it. You will only receive a confirmation for the clubs your child has been given a place in - if you do not receive a confirmation email for one of the clubs you applied for, unfortunately you have not been successful for that club.

We received a huge number of applications for the available places and most clubs were oversubscribed. We have a small number of spaces available in some clubs (see the list below). Please email clubs@winns.waltham.sch.uk to enquire about a space in one of these clubs.

Year 1 & 2 Girls Football (Wednesday)

Year 3 & 4 Football (open to all) (Monday)

Year 5 & 6 Athletics (Monday)

Year 5 & 6 Choir (Monday)

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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

<https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>

(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



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Speak confidentially
with an educational
psychologist about
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

 educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

 07776 589 597

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



The National College

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

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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.

WALTHAM FOREST

FAMILY HUBS

WELLBEING, CONNECTION, SUPPORT

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, with a QR code below it. 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'. To the right of this text is a yellow and black soccer ball. Below the times, it says 'Multi-sports • Arts and crafts • Team building'. To the right of this is a target with a red bullseye and a yellow and red arrow. Below the activities, it says 'The Winns Primary School', 'Fleeming Road E17 5ET', and '(Entrance on Elphinstone road)'. To the right of this is a yellow and red target. At the bottom left, there is a group of colorful silhouettes of children playing sports. Below them is the text 'KDW SPORTS COACHING'. At the bottom right, there is a logo that says 'Feel Good' with a checkmark and 'ACCREDITED' below it. To the right of the logo is the text 'FULL/HALF DAY AVAILABILITY'.

AGE 5-12 YEARS

BOOK HERE!

KDW HOLIDAY CLUB

Please scan QR code to view all our dates and locations.

Standard day 10:00-15:00
Extended day 09:00-16:00

Multi-sports • Arts and crafts • Team building

The Winns Primary School
Fleeming Road E17 5ET
(Entrance on Elphinstone road)

KDW SPORTS COACHING

Feel Good ✓
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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.