



The Winns Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 24th October 2025

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Upcoming dates for diaries

- Monday 3rd November - INSET Day (staff only in school)
- Tuesday 4th November - Children return & **individual & sibling photos**
- Friday 7th November - Reception Parents Coffee Morning hosted by FOTW (9am-10am)
- Thursday 20th November - Friends of the Winns Quiz Night - **SOLD OUT**
- Saturday 6th December - Winter Fair (12pm-3pm)

Dates and event information

- **Waltham Forest School Games KS2 Cross-Country running event** ([click here](#))
- Provisional **dates for diaries** for the whole academic year, including class assembly and Christmas performance dates. ([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](#))

Information from outside agencies and organisations

- Top tips for parents and carers about **Fortnite** 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](#))

The Winns Primary School

Calendar Dates Academic Year 2025-26

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

October 2025

27th-31st – Half Term Holiday

November 2025

3rd – Inset Day (staff only)

4th & 5th - Individual and Sibling Photos

10th – ASC re-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
Wed 19 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

<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

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(کلب کا کرنے جیت بات میں انگریزی)

کا کرنے جیت بات میں انگریزی یعنی، کلب کنورسیشن انگلش آپ جہاں بے کلاس ایسی یعنی، سیشن ان ٹراپ ایک، کلب ہیں۔ سکتے بھی جا سے وہاں اور، ہیں سکتے آ بغیر لیے وقت استاذہ کو اس ہے۔ جاتی چلائی پر طور تکلفاتہ ہے سراسر یہ کے شخص اس ہر یہ اور ہیں چلائے رضاکار بجائے کے بنانا بہتر کو جیت 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 جیت 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، ۲۰۲۰ ستمبر ۷ برائے 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

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

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



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.

 educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

 07776 589 597

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

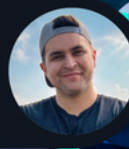
Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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

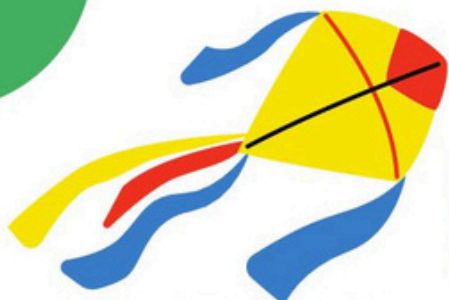
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LIBRARY
6 CHURCH LANE
E11 1HG



Waltham Forest

Booking link here - pbbl.uk/KDWSports

**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



**FULL/HALF DAY
AVAILABILITY**

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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.

**TRICK
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TREAT**

**SHOWKIDS
THEATRE SCHOOL**

**A MUSICAL
MYSTICAL
HOLIDAY COURSE!**

**OCTOBER HALF-TERM
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**MUSICAL THEATRE
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ARTS & CRAFTS
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VOUCHERS)**

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E17 5ET**

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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Dear families,

The Waltham Forest School Games Cross-Country event will take place on Saturday 15th November on Chingford Plains. We are looking for children from Years 3 up to 6 who might like to take part in this event. The children would need to run 1 mile (1.6km) over muddy and uneven terrain.

Please note that a member of staff from school may not be present on the day of the event. You would need to arrange transport to the Plains and be responsible for your child for the duration of the event. We do, however, have an active parent group who help us to organise the cross-country team for this event (thank you parents!). If you would like your child to take part, please complete the online form below, and then join the parents WhatsApp group that is used to organise the cross-country event (link also below).

Thank you!

Sign up here:

🌐 [Fill | Waltham Forest School Sports Network - Cross Country competition \(November 2025\)](#)

Join WhatsApp group here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CH0FDH0HTeWBmPxK8HtkFy>

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