



Weekly Bulletin - 12th December 2025

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Upcoming dates for diaries

- Friday 19th December - final day of Autumn term
- Monday 5th January - INSET Day - staff only
- Tuesday 6th January - Children return

Dates and event information

- Provisional **dates for diaries** for the whole academic year, including class assembly dates. ([click here](#))
- Autumn term clubs have now finished. Registrations for Spring term clubs are closed and notifications of places allocated will be sent next week.
- Class parties will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday next week (see end of [dates for diaries](#) page for more info).

Information from outside agencies and organisations

- Top tips for parents and carers about **toy scalping, fakes & scams** from the National College ([click here](#))
- Information about Waltham Forest's **Winter Holiday Activity and Food programme** for children eligible for Free School Meals ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest **Educational Psychologist Service Parent Advice** sessions ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest **Community Drop In Sessions** ([click here](#))
- Information about the **Feel Good Centre's children's birthday party** options ([click here](#))
- Information about a **free digital drawing club** for children with SEND ([click here](#))
- Information about on **online course from Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities** ([click here](#))
- Information about a new space for children to develop their creative skills, **Creative Cabin** ([click here](#))

The Winns Primary School

Calendar Dates Academic Year 2025-26

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

December 2025

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

16th – Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day

17th – 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

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

Christmas Parties (more information to follow direct from each year group team):

Tuesday 16th December - Y2, 4 & 6

Wednesday 17th December - Nursery, Reception, Y1, 3 & 5

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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



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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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



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WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

20 DECEMBER 2025 – 2 JANUARY 2026

WINTER 2025

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

This winter 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**





DIGITAL DRAWING



FREE CLUB LOCATION

10 AM–11.30 AM

SATURDAYS
JAN 17TH & 24TH & 31ST

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF DIGITAL DRAWING!
JOIN US FOR A FUN AND ENGAGING WORKSHOP
WHERE YOU AND YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN NEW
SKILLS, BUILD CONFIDENCE, AND CONNECT WITH
OTHER FAMILIES.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A SUPPORTIVE AND CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT
- WE PROVIDE ALL THE IPADS AND GUIDANCE
- NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

WHO CAN ATTEND

7–12 YEARS

- ONE CHILD WITH SEND AND ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN PER SESSION
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILD THROUGHOUT THE WORKSHOP

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
829-837 HIGH RD LEYTONSTONE,
BUSHWOOD, LONDON E11 3BD
ENTRANCE NEXT TO M&S & ALDI

SIGN UP

8 SPACES AVAILABLE!

TO SECURE YOUR SPOT SIGN UP

CONTACT: ideaspace64@gmail.com

PLEASE QUOTE: "DIGITAL DRAWING CLUB"

IF YOU CAN NO LONGER ATTEND, PLEASE DO LET US KNOW
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN OFFER THE FREE SPACE
TO ANOTHER FAMILY ON OUR WAITING LIST.



**A CREATIVE SPACE FOR CHILDREN
WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES**

SUPPORTED BY WALTHAM FOREST
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Online
Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

Want to get some new ideas to help
you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online
sessions



6 group
discussions



Certificate on
completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the
QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

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Creative cabin

A new space in
Walthamstow Central
hosting creative sessions
for all ages

After school and holiday clubs:

Sewing and
crochet

Weekly small group sewing lessons

for
adults, including
mums and
babies!

Weekly textile craft sessions for preschoolers

Monthly workshops:

Hand sewing
Machine sewing
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Crochet and
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