



## Weekly Bulletin - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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### Upcoming dates for diaries

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - **Winter Fair** (12pm-3pm)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Concerts continue** (see link to full schedule below)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day** (wear a Christmas/winter/festive/woolly/patterned/different jumper - no donation required. Apart from the jumper, please wear normal uniform.)

### Dates and event information

- Provisional **dates for diaries** for the whole academic year, including class assembly and Christmas performance dates. ([click here](#))
- **Registrations for Spring term clubs are now open.** Deadline to register is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. For the links to register, please visit our website ([click here](#))

### Information from outside agencies and organisations

- Top tips for parents and carers about **electrical safety and devices** 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 **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](#))
- 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 an **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

6<sup>th</sup> – FOTW Winter Fair

3<sup>rd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concerts (see separate timetable below)

10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

12<sup>th</sup> – ASC finish

19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Autumn term

### January 2026

5<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day (staff only)

12<sup>th</sup> – ASC start

### February 2026

6<sup>th</sup> – Dress Up for Digits Day

9<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Half Term Holiday

### March 2026

6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – British Science Week

18<sup>th</sup>– Eid Celebration

20<sup>th</sup> – ASC finish

**wb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parental Consultation meetings**

**27<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Spring term**

## **April 2026**

**13<sup>th</sup> – First day of Summer term (staff & children, no Inset day)**

**20<sup>th</sup> – ASC start**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day**

## **May 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (school closed)**

**wb 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs (Y6)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – ASC finish**

**wb 25<sup>th</sup> – Half Term Holiday**

## **June 2026**

**Pride Month**

**wb 1<sup>st</sup> – No ASC**

**wb 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Multiplication Tables Check (Y4)**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Inset day (staff only)**

**3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Residential to The Hive**

**wb 8<sup>th</sup> – Phonics Screening Check (Y1)**

**wb 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Creativity Weeks (art work displayed at Summer Fair)**

**8<sup>th</sup> – ASC start**

**9<sup>th</sup> – Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> – Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Class Photos**

**25<sup>th</sup> – Young Enterprise**

July 2026

- 4<sup>th</sup> – FOTW Summer Fair
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers’ Production (after school)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – End of year reports sent home
- 10<sup>th</sup> – ASC finish
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Leavers’ BBQ
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Leavers Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Final day of the Summer term
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Inset day (staff only)

Class Assembly Dates

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

Remaining Christmas Performances

(top row 9:10am, bottom row 2:45pm unless otherwise communicated):

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Year 1 Christmas Concert 2	Year 2 Christmas Concert 2	Year 4 Christmas Concert	Year 6 Christmas Concert
Year 1 Christmas Concert 1	Year 2 Christmas Concert 1	Year 3 Christmas Concert	Year 5 Christmas Concert	

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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Y2, 4 & 6**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery, Reception, Y1, 3 & 5**

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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



**20**

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](mailto:educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk)



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

### Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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The National College

See full reference list on our website



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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 17<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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](mailto: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  
FELLOWSHIP SQUARE FUND

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](mailto: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  
Textile art  
Crochet and  
more



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