



Weekly Bulletin - 25th September 2026

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Upcoming dates for diaries

Please see the full list of important dates for this academic year, including Christmas Performances, [here](#) (class assembly dates to follow)

- 26th September - Tour de Winns
- 2nd October - Reception parents Coffee Morning

School updates and information

- Reception Phonics and Early Reading - Parent Information Session - Tuesday 29th September ([click here](#))

Information from outside agencies and organisations

- What parents and carers need to know about Discord from The National College ([click here](#))
- A complete guide to all the free Parent/Carer Support available from Waltham Forest ([click here](#))
- Information about a parent/carers survey from Waltham Forest ([click here](#))
- Information about family learning courses from Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service ([click here](#))
- Information about School Nurse drop in sessions in school ([click here](#))

Calendar Dates Academic Year 2026-27

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

September 2026

26th – FOTW Tour de Winns

October 2026

Black History Month

2nd – FOTW Reception Coffee Morning

16th – ASC finish

wb 19th – Parental Consultation meetings (late close Thursday)

23rd – Y6 Careers Fair

26th-30th – Half Term Holiday

November 2026

2nd – INSET Day (staff only)

6th – Diwali celebration

9th – ASC start

10th – Individual and sibling photos

16th-20th - Anti Bullying week

December 2026

5th – FOTW Winter Fair (TBC)

2nd -11th – Christmas Concerts (see below for all Christmas dates)

11th – ASC finish

18th – Last day of Autumn term

January 2027

4th – Inset Day (staff only)

11th – ASC start

wb 11th – Spring Meet the Teacher Online Meetings

February 2027

5th – NSPCC Dress Up for Digits Day

9th – Safer Internet Day

12th – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

15th-19th – Half Term Holiday

22nd – INSET Day (staff only)

March 2027

2nd – CJ Storyteller in (World Book Week)

3rd – Book Fair (3rd March – 10th March)

4th – World Book Day dressing up

5th – 14th – British Science Week

12th – Eid Celebration

19th – ASC finish

wb 22nd – Parental Consultation meeting (late close Wednesday)

25th – Last day of Spring term

April 2027

12th – First day of Summer term (staff & children, no INSET day)

19th – ASC start

wb 19th – Summer Meet the Teacher Online Meetings

22nd – Earth Day

May 2027

3rd – Bank Holiday (school closed)

wb 10th – KS2 SATs (Y6)

21st – ASC finish

wb 31st – Half Term Holiday

June 2027

Pride Month

7th – INSET Day (staff only)

wb 7th – No ASC

wb 7th & 14th – Multiplication Tables Check (Y4)

wb 14th – Phonics Screening Check (Y1)

wb 14th – Y6 Treginnis week 1

wb 14th & 21st – Creativity Weeks (art work displayed at Summer Fair)

14th – ASC start

22nd – Y1, 2, 3 Sports Day

23rd – Y4, 5, 6 Sports Day

wb 28th – Y6 Treginnis week 2

July 2027

4th – FOTW Summer Fair (TBC)

6th – Young Enterprise

7th – 9th – Y5 Residential to The Hive

16th – End of year reports sent home

16th – ASC finish

19th – Y6 Leavers' Production (after school)

20th – Leavers' BBQ

22nd – Leavers' Assembly

22nd – Final day of the Summer term

Christmas Performances 2026

	Tues 1st Dec	Wed 2nd Dec	Thurs 3rd Dec	Fri 4th Dec	Tues 8th Dec	Wed 9th Dec	Thurs 10th Dec	Fri 11th Dec
9:10am	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

All performances will take place in Green Hall

All concerts will last around 30 minutes.

Class Christmas Parties – further details to follow

Tuesday 15th December – Years R, 1, 3 & 5

Thursday 17th December – Years N, 2, 4 & 6

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord Nitro, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the "shop" for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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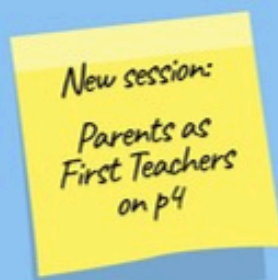
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Parent/Carer Support

September – December 2026

A complete guide to free parenting support available in Waltham Forest

- ✓ Increase knowledge and understanding of children's development and needs
- ✓ Build positive relationships
- ✓ Improve behaviour and communication
- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Reduce parenting stress



For full list of available support, please [click here](#)

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SURVEY OPENS:
9am Friday
4 September



SURVEY CLOSES:
5pm Friday
25 September


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Family Learning

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September Courses and Workshops for Families and Parents



Parenting Courses

Calm Parents Calm Children

Queens Road Family HUB
23/09/2026 until 21/10/2026
Wednesday
10:00am - 12:00pm



Supporting children and young people with school avoidance

Online
23/09/2026 until 30/09/2026
Wednesday
7:00pm - 9:00pm



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Family workshops

Let's Get Creative with books Craft Activities for Early years

Walthamstow Library
22/09/2026-20/10/2026
Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm

Art Club for SEND families

Queens Road Learning Centre,
Queens Road E17 8QR
26/09/2026
Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Contact Info

Email: adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8496 2974

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service

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NELFT School Nurse Drop-In Sessions 2026

17th Sept 26 and 1st October 26

9:00 – 10:00 AM

The Winns Primary School

The School Health Team will offer advice, support on healthy eating, behavioural problems, head lice, hygiene (hand washing and oral health), bed wetting, hearing and vision, height and weight management, emotional health, and any other health-related concerns. All parents with children aged 5+ are welcome!

Arrange an appointment by completing <https://forms.office.com/e/VFjls6hqc7> and Allison will contact you.

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RECEPTION PHONICS AND EARLY READING

Parent information session



Tuesday 29th September, 9.00am

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

**Please meet under the shelter in the large playground
after drop off.**



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