



Weekly Bulletin - 23rd October 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)

- 2nd – INSET Day (staff only)
- 3rd - Children return
- 9th – After School Clubs restart
- 10th – Individual and sibling photos

Information about school events

- Information about our Black History Month competition for children in school ([click here](#))
- Find out more about ShowKids' new Tuesday morning club for Y3 & 4 children ([click here](#))

Information from outside agencies and organisations

- What parents and carers need to know about Deepfakes from The National College ([click here](#))
- A complete guide to all the free Parent/Carer Support available from Waltham Forest ([click here](#))
- Information about family learning courses from Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service ([click here](#))
- The updated NHS Dental Practice List ([click here](#))
- Information about the SEND Youth Forum ([click here](#))
- Information about the Waltham Forest Educational Psychologist Service's parent/carers drop in sessions ([click here](#))
- Waltham Forest Parent SEND Forum - Autumn Update ([click here](#))
- Information about this year's Woodford Panto at Sir James Hawkey Hall, Beauty and the Beast ([click here](#))
- Information about Waltham Forest's Holiday Activity and Food Programme for October half term week ([click here](#))
- Looking for something to do this half term? Take a look at the Imperial War Museum's [Big Story Festival](#) for families.

Calendar Dates Academic Year 2026-27

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

October 2026

Black History Month

16th – ASC finish

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

Y6 Careers Fair (postponed)

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

Class Assemblies (all 9:10am - dates subject to change)

Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
			Thurs 22 nd April 1MS	
Thurs 12 th Nov 6PB	Thurs 14 th Jan 6ES	Thurs 4 th Mar 5ED	Thurs 29 th April 5BB	Thurs 17 th June 4PH
Thurs 26 th Nov 3CS	Thurs 21 st Jan 3NM	Thurs 11 th Mar 2AS	Thurs 6 th May 4EB	Thurs 24 th June Elm
	Thurs 28 th Jan 4KB	Thurs 18 th Mar 5CF	Thurs 13 th May 1BH	Thurs 1 st July 1GB
	Thurs 4 th Feb 6AM	Thurs 25 th Mar 2CP	Thurs 20 th May Pine	Thurs 8 th July 2EC
	Thurs 11 th Feb Cedar		Thurs 27 th May 3AF	Thurs 15 th July Nursery

Christmas Performances 2026

	Tues 1 st Dec	Wed 2 nd Dec	Thurs 3 rd Dec	Fri 4 th Dec	Tues 8 th Dec	Wed 9 th Dec	Thurs 10 th Dec	Fri 11 th 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 DEEPPFAKES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A deepfake is a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) trickery designed to make you believe that a person has said or done something they haven't. AI models are able to use audio, video and photos of a subject to produce misleading mimics. Initially unsophisticated and easy to spot, deepfakes are improving every day. And with the spread of user-friendly AI, it's easier than ever for children to make their own, or be the unsuspecting target of them.

A BULLYING RISK

AI has got easier to use and more widespread, making it a "gift" to bullies. Children can generate fake audio of peers saying damaging things, or pictures of them doing something embarrassing. More disturbingly, Metro recently highlighted cases where fake sexualised images of teens are spread through social media. Mainstream apps don't allow this usage, but with AI becoming widespread, easy-to-use sites without guardrails keep emerging for darker uses.

FAKE FAMILY SCAMS

With a few seconds of audio — from an Instagram reel or TikTok — scammers can clone a person's voice. They can then use this to scam relatives with phone calls asking for money or assistance. This is a widespread tactic for scammers, with the FBI reporting 22,000 such cases in 2023, defrauding victims out of \$893 million that year alone.

FAKED CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of clips for training, celebrities are a frequent target. According to McAfee, the most deep faked celebrities are Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Jenna Ortega, Sydney Sweeney and Sabrina Carpenter, and their AI dopelgangers are usually pushing scams. Even YouTuber MrBeast has been deepfaked by scammers on TikTok. It can be used for propaganda too, making politicians appear to do or say things to improve or harm their reputation.

EXTORTION RISK

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake — you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you don't have to have done anything wrong to be a target. A deepfake video showing a person in an uncompromising position could make the victim pay up, even when the content never happened.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio or video of the subject. That means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers and bullies away.

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

While deepfakes are getting harder to spot, there are still telltale signs to look out for. Deepfake creation can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. It can also look too sleek, with media often trained on professional video. Make sure the mouth shapes match the spoken words, too. As for audio, listen out for mispronounced phrases and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

Even perfect deep fakes rely on trust, so think critically. If it's someone you know claiming to need help, then ask them to prove they're who they say they are with an inside joke. For public figures, try Googling the person along with a bit of the contentious speech in quotation marks. Also question why you're seeing the video. If it's a paid promotion, then ask yourself who's paying and why. If someone is sharing the clip, do they dislike the target?

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and to not trust everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easy to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers or other adults. Ensure they're aware of the serious trouble the technology can cause, and the ethical problems of manipulating someone's image without consent.

Meet Our Expert

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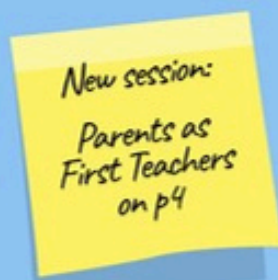
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Parent/Carer Support

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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Family Learning

Helping children grow and thrive.

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



Click on
QR code to
sign up today !



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



Supporting children and young people with school avoidance

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

Contact Info

Email: adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8496 2974

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service

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[Click here to follow the link in the QR code](#)

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NHS Dentists in Waltham Forest



This is an up-to-date list of NHS dentists currently offering routine appointments and accepting new patients. At the time of writing there may be a waiting period before your first appointment



Walthamstow

The Dental Design Studio
127 High Street, E17 7DB
02085214333
Children Only

Chingford Road Dental Surgery
31 Chingford Road, E17 4PW
02085279062
Children And Adults

Inspire Dental
67 Palmerston road, E17 6PU
02085216656
Children and Adults

Forest Dental Care
73 Hoe Street, E17 4SA
02085213777
Children and Adults

Abbey Dental Practice
25 St James Street, E17 7JP
02085212816
Children and Adults

Church Hill Dental Practice
18 Church Hill, E17 3AG
02085212816
Children and Adults



List up to date as of 14th September 2026



Chingford

Woodford Green Dental Care
80 Snakes Lane East, IG8 7QQ
02085029966
Children and Adults

Woodford House Dental Practice
162 High Road, IG8 9EF
02085042704
Children Only

Chingford Smile Club
252a Chingford Mount road, E4 8JL
02085291587
Children Only



Leyton

Lea Bridge Dental Practice
433 Lea Bridge Road, E10 7EA
02085396152
Children and Adults

Smile In London
399 High Road Leyton, E10 5NA
02085581122
Children (above 3) and Adults

Cedars Dental Practice
775 High Road Leyton, E10 5AB
02085581122
Adults Only



Leytonstone

L Fong F Wong Dental Practice
845 High Road Leytonstone, E11 1HH
02085394720
Children and Adults

Woodgrange Dental Practice
80 Woodgrange Road, E7 0EW
02085553336
Children and Adults

020 8496 5223



wfsupport@henry.org.uk

Please note that we do not endorse or recommend any particular practice.
This list is up-to-date as of the 14th September 2026.

**Best Start
in Life**



SEND YOUTH FORUM

Do you want your voice heard?

What would you like to see/hear for you in
Waltham Forest?



Come along to our group.
Make friends, have fun
and have your voices
heard



For ages 8 - 18 years old

For more information about the group and booking in for
attendance please contact Mehrdad Razmjoo at
sendiasswalthamf@centre404.org.uk or on



07494 280073

Dates

24 September 2026

26 November 2026

4pm - 5.30pm

22 December 2026 (joint
event) time tbc

Waltham Forest resource hub
1 Russel Road, E10 7ES



educational psychology



PARENT/CARER DROP-IN

We offer Parents and Carers who live in Waltham Forest a **free 30-minute consultation with an Educational Psychologist** to discuss their child. Available by phone call or Microsoft Teams.

Our diverse educational psychology team is passionate about working with families and schools to support children and young people aged 0–25 years with their development, learning and wellbeing.



All sessions take place on
Wednesdays between
12:30–2 pm or 3:30–5 pm

- > 16th September 2026
- > 14th October 2026
- > 11th November 2026
- > 9th December 2026
- > 6th January 2027
- > 3rd February 2027
- > 10th March 2027
- > 21st April 2027
- > 19th May 2027
- > 23rd June 2027
- > 7th July 2027

HOW TO BOOK?

Call, text or email us using the
contact details below



07776589597

educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk



BHM Competition 2026

Honouring Our Communities



This Black History Month, we invite our school community to recognise and celebrate the communities that shape, support and strengthen Britain.

This year, we are excited to mark the occasion with a **whole-school competition!**

This year's theme, "**Honouring Our Communities,**" reminds us that Black history is not only shaped by landmark events or famous individuals. It is also created through everyday acts of **leadership, care, service, creativity, courage and commitment.**

We would love for parents and carers to support their children in taking part in an **independent research project.** Children could choose to:

- 🧠 Create an art piece
- 🖼️ Design a poster
- 📁 Make a fact file
- 🚩 Design a Black History Month 40th Anniversary flag for the upcoming year
- ★ Create a profile of someone who inspires them

We encourage children to be creative, curious and thoughtful in celebrating the people, stories and communities that have made a difference.

Thank you for supporting your child and helping us make Black History Month 2026 a meaningful celebration for our whole school community.

Exciting prizes!

Participants will receive a **certificate** and be entered into a final prize draw. The winner of the final prize draw will win a mystery book (**1 winner per year group**).

SUBMISSION

All projects to be returned to Ms Dodge please!

FINAL DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Friday 6th November 2026

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Multi Noda Award Winning Pantomime
WOODFORD PANTOMIME PRESENTS

Beauty and the Beast

*Written by
Clarke &
Clarke*

*1st-17th
January
2027*



Sponsored by
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NODA
For every stage

This amateur
production is by
arrangement with
NODA Limited



Sir James Hawkey Hall Woodford Green IG8 0BG

07391 222464

www.woodfordpantomime.co.uk



WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME MONDAY 26 – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

AUTUMN 2026

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

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) offers you the opportunity to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal everyday 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

You can apply for targeted free school meals at

WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS



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To apply for your child to attend the ShowKids morning club, starting on Tuesday the 3rd of November, click the link [here](#) and opt for 'WINNS PRIMARY SCHOOL'. ShowKids will then be in touch!

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