



Friday 21st March 2025  
Edition 22

Can we politely ask that keyrings

are not attached to the children's back packs and book bags. I know this seems a bit mean but we have had some go missing, some broken and some bags that have so many it is causing issues on the coat hooks. This is causing upset that is unnecessary. The keyrings are lovely but we would rather that they stay at home, thank you.

Jewellery at school is also becoming an issue. They will be asked to take inappropriate earrings out and during PE sessions all earrings will be asked to be taken out. If your child can't take out their own earrings, please make sure that you remove them on a PE day. This is for the safety of your child.

Rights & Respecting—The school captains have been going around the school this week auditing how classrooms are celebrating the articles. It was great to see so many articles identified in the displays. Article 14 is our main focus for the month of March. Next week we will be sharing which article will take us into April.

Swap shop—Uniform

Mrs Shoemith will be running the swap shop on the North on a Tuesday at 3pm and on the South on a Wednesday at 2.45pm. This is an opportunity for you to come and get some clean, second hand uniform for a small donation or exchange out grown uniform for a larger size if we have it.

Contact details. Not only is it important for us to have up to date contact details for the main carers of the children, we also need to know if the main carers are going to be out of the country and who will be looking after your child in your absences. We request this purely for the health and safety of your child.

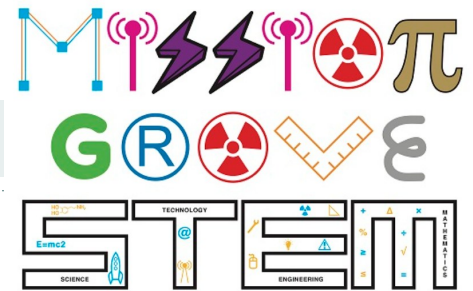
Tonight we are looking forward to having 41 of the year 4 children for a sleepover in the school. It is the first time we are adding an astronomy part to it. It is a shame we don't have more children but I know it will be a fun( and tiring ) event!

Have a great weekend.

And don't forget to order your Mother's Day Bundle!

Katie Jennings

Headteacher



### Parent Evenings

This terms parents evenings for year Reception—5 will be on Thursday 27th March and Thursday 3rd April.

The google booking forms are live on the APP.

There will be a 10 minute slot for every child.

In the session you can look at the children's work books and talk to the teacher. The children have completed AR and AM tests this term and the children doing phonics have had an assessment. These are just some of the things that you can discuss with your child's class teacher.

The teacher will be updating you on your child's attendance also.

At the parent evenings there will be an opportunity for you to complete the annual parent survey. If you could please fill this in to help us gain your views and opinions.

## SPECIAL DATES

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We will be placing the order for this years leavers hoodies on **April 3rd**. We have sent an app today with all of the details. We do them at this time of year so that they can have them for some of the summer term at Mission Grove.

The children have loved them in the past. The cost is £25. You can pay on parent pay or at the school office. It will be a red hoodie with black writing.



On the app you need to click the [blue](#) word SIZE and that will open a pdf of the different sizes available

### March

24th Rock Steady Concerts—participants can come dressed as a Rock Star.10.30 am South, 2.30pm North

Wagtail @ V & A Museum

25th Woodpecker @ V & A museum

Year 1 @ London zoo

Crow Transport museum

Year 5 Come Dine with me

26th Chiff Chaff Bugliest Bug

Year 4 Wonderlab

Paent Evening

27th Kittiwake Class Assembly

Year 4 @ Science Museum Wonderlab

Parent Evening Reception—Year 5

Full Governing Body

28th PTA—Henna day

PTA Mother's day Bundle

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### April

1st Music Concert—North site 2pm

3rd Parent Evening Reception—Year 5

4th Easter Hat Parade

PTA Easter egg hunt

Attendance assemblies

Last day of term—No Tea time club.

7th—17th Easter Holiday club—book online

22nd INSET day—no school

23rd Children return

The world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one.



Help us create a safe and happy environment for everyone. Think before you shout or get angry with staff.  
**RESPECT YOURSELF, RESPECT OTHERS!**

**MissionGrove**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
RESPECT YOURSELF RESPECT OTHERS



Shouting & swearing will not be tolerated anywhere in school.

## JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2025

Back for its tenth year, the Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

The Great British Spring Clean and [Great Big School Clean](#) 2025 will take place from 21st March—6th April, and you can [pledge to pick up a bag of litter](#) – or more.

The eco council in school have already started doing their bit and more classes will be getting involved next week.

## THE ENVIRONMENT BELONGS TO EVERYONE

This year we are spreading the word that the environment belongs to everyone! We are proud that hundreds of thousands #LitterHeroes from many different communities are uniting to help tackle litter – some of which has been in our environment since we were founded 70 years ago.

Many of our volunteers regularly find 'retro rubbish' that was dropped many years ago but is still causing harm to our environment today, releasing greenhouse gases as it slowly breaks down in our soil and water, which contributes to the climate crisis.

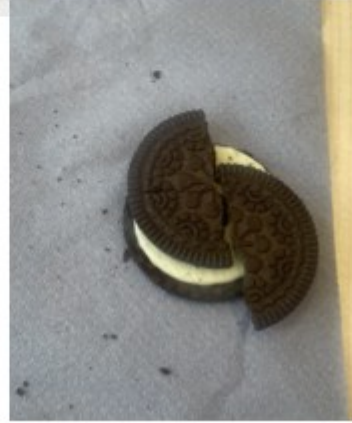
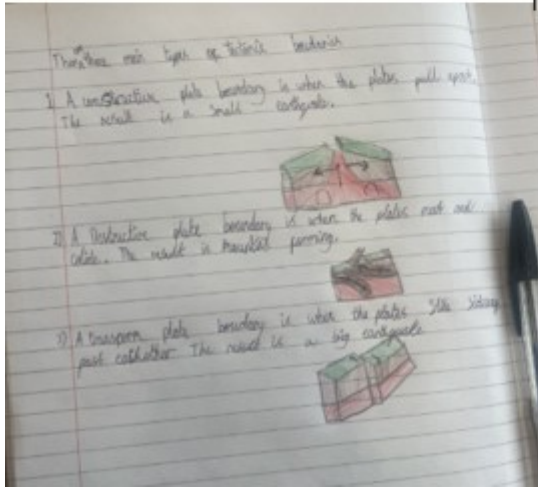
The good news is that litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do. It makes an immediate and visible difference to the environment where we live, work and play. In fact around 95% of people surveyed after 2024's campaign agreed they felt they had made a difference to their local area, and 91% said they felt part of a national movement that is taking action to tackle litter.

So, if you want to protect our wildlife and the places you love this spring, join the Great British Spring Clean and pledge to pick up a bag – or more.

Can we also please remind people to use the bins provided in the school playgrounds. Especially at the start and the end of the school day.



Comic Relief



In Year 3,

our topic is 'Earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes'. We learnt about the three main ways tectonic plates move by conducting a fun Oreo geology experiment!



Thank you to the PTA for helping to raise over £200 with the bake sale this week. And thank you to everyone for their kind donations. All monies are going towards the playground equipment.

**MISSION GROVE**

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL  
DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

**£1 PER CHILD TO ENTER**

Children can take part in a fun Easter egg  
hunt on the school grounds

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Includes a chocolate sweet for all  
participants and an Easter Egg for the  
winner in each year group



Proceeds go towards funding the school  
playground works.

## PIOTA APP

Please make sure that you have signed up to the school app.

Tips for users

1. Start at the Home page and tap the menu tiles to find your way around the app.

2. The Timeline tile contains a record of the alert messages you have been sent by the school. The Badge counter will alert you to messages from school.

3. On the Settings page (reached via 'More' tile on Home page, then scroll to bottom of menu), you can filter the alert messages you receive. Please select 'Urgent alerts' – these are urgent messages intended for everyone. Please also select the year groups/classes your children are currently in.

4. It is a good idea to turn the app off when not in use. This allows content to refresh and you will not miss anything urgent since alert messages will pop up on your phone even when the app is



Winners of Comic relief  
relief  
Joke competition



Ibrahim, Mallard: "What flies and jiggles? A jellycopter!"

Ethan, Barn Owl: "I've got some jokes about retired people... but not sure they work!"

Miguel, Goldfinch (tie): "Why did the chicken cross the road? Becaaaause he wanted to!"



# VE Day Afternoon Tea

**THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025, 2PM**



TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY, MISSION GROVE SCHOOL IS HOSTING AN AFTERNOON TEA. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEIR CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL OCCASION

**JUST £5 PER PARENT  
INCLUDES SCONE & JAM,  
CAKES, SANDWICHES AND  
TEA & COFFEE**



PAY ON PARENTPAY  
ALL PROCEEDS GO  
TOWARDS THE SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUND WORKS





WALTHAM FOREST LIBRARIES

# Autism SUPPORT GROUP

Group leader Surna Khan

Starting 10th March 2025

Every Monday  
2-3pm  
Community Room  
Walthamstow library

Are you looking for a safe, welcoming space to connect with others in the autism community?

Walthamstow Library is launching a new Autism Support Group - a series of drop-in sessions designed for individuals with autism, their families, and carers. Group leader Surna Khan.

When? Every Monday from 10th March 2025

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where? Community Room, Walthamstow Library

Who can attend? Everyone is welcome! (Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.)

These informal and friendly sessions offer a chance to share experiences, find support, and build connections with others in a relaxed environment. Whether you're looking for advice, a listening ear or simply a place to feel understood, you'll find a warm and inclusive atmosphere here.

Register your interest by clicking the link below or just drop in!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-support-group-at-walthamstow-library-tickets-1261204339129#:~:text=Are%20you%20looking%20for%20a,Group%20leader%20Surna%20Khan>

For more information, visit the library or ask a member of staff. We look forward to seeing you there!

WALTHAM FOREST ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

Help your child grow and thrive!  
Family Learning

Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

### List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0339C5	Create a woven pot	Leyton library	1.03.2025	1:00-3:00pm	Saturday
FA0409F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	Queens Road Family Hub	05.03.2025-02.04.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0113C4	Let's Explore Easter Arts and Crafts -	North Chingford Library	12.04.2025	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
FA0303F1	Let's Explore Easter Arts and Crafts -	Leyton library	12.04.2025	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
FA0256C4	Raising Confident and Resilient Children	The Junction Centre	30.4.2025 - 14. 5.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday

Enrol now through our website - [www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk](http://www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk)  
For more information email [adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk)



## COMMUNITY DROP IN

### Our volunteers and partners can:

Provide information and support to navigate online forms.

Help residents to access benefits such as universal credit, council tax support, disability benefits.

Help with forms such as school admissions, blue badge, freedom pass and referrals for food banks.

Provide information on community activities, including health and well being activities, adult learning opportunities and family activities at family hubs.

We can support with access to services including, employment support, support for Carers, talking therapies and Early Help Link Workers.

### For additional support queries please use the following:

For general WF council queries about parking, penalty charge notices, planning and building control, rubbish and recycling. [London Borough of Waltham Forest](http://www.london.gov.uk)

Call 02084963000

For Housing Advice - please email [housing.advice@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:housing.advice@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Apply for the LBWF housing register [here](#)

For [Waltham Forest Community Housing Advice](#)

Complex benefits queries and debt advice: [Citizens Advice Waltham Forest](#) 0300 330 1175

[Age UK](#) - 020 8558 5512

[Step Change](#) 0800 138 1111

[Legal Aid](#) - 0345 345 4345



MISSION GROVE'S

# EASTER BONNET

PARADE

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FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

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Make your own  
Easter Hat to wear  
on the parade.

Best hat wins a  
prize!

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

### FINANCIAL HARM



Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

### MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five 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.



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MISSION GROVE



# MOTHER'S DAY

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**ALL MONEY RAISED CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS COST OF  
MISSION GROVE PLAYGROUND WORKS**