



Only 4 more school get ups to go!

I know for Christmas some children have been asking for mobile phones. Hopefully, you watched the program on channel 4 on Wednesday and last night at 8pm Emma and Matt Willis worked with a secondary school and took some children's smart phones and devices away for 3 weeks. www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn4x8jynpgzo They worked with a university to track the children's brain activity and health. It found that without the access to the internet on these devices the children were calmer, more focused and more sociable with family and friends.

When I ask parents why they get their child a phone they say for safety yet many devices do not have restrictions on them. Last night they demonstrated how quick it was to access a porn site and watch inappropriate sexual activity. A non smart phone can give you access to your child and there are various ways to track your child without having a smart phone. I know many children 'want' a smart phone but do they have a right to one no! As the adults it's our responsibility to have the best interests of the child, article 3, a protection of privacy, article 16, right to be healthy article 24, and so many more of the UNICEF rights of a child.

Peer pressure is a hard thing, but no one ever said being a parent is easy. The use of mobile phones and what we can do as a community will be one of the things discussed at our parent council meeting in January. Remember we would like a representative from each class at the meeting. Please check on your WhatsApp group who represents your child's class or just turn up on January the 14th at 9 am. We will also be looking at the use of Artificial Intelligence, AI and parental engagement.

Next week there are no clubs. The teatime club will only be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday it is our Christmas fair from 3.30 until 6.30. If you can help run a stall or help set up, please come to the north site office at 2pm.

Another disappointing first. Unfortunately, I have felt very let down again by a small number of our year 6 children. We have been getting things ready for the fair and had some drinks stored near Ms Khan's office. We noticed some had been taken—this is theft. They took knowingly something that did not belong to them. Parents have been informed and sanctions have been put in place.



MG Gift Cards

To help with the cost of things we are now selling gift cards that you can buy to give for birthdays, Christmas, Eid and other celebrations. Or the children may earn a gift card. One parent said that she was going to buy one for her child's friend as a gift. At the moment we are selling gift cards for the year 5 camping trip in April and May. It is a one night adventure and costs £80. There will be a meeting in the new year to discuss what they need to bring with them and which teachers will be going.

A visit from Their Majesties The King and Queen

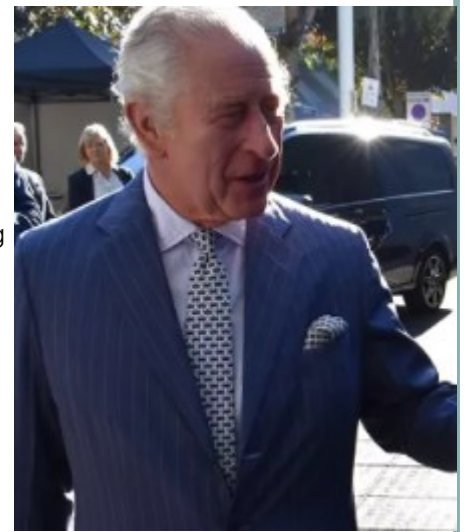
Cllr Williams is delighted that Their Majesties The King and Queen will be visiting Waltham Forest to celebrate the cohesion of the local community.

The King and Queen will attend a reception at the Town Hall on Friday 20 December to celebrate the cohesion of the borough's community following a peaceful anti-racism protest in August 2024, where thousands of Waltham Forest residents came together to demonstrate the true community spirit of the borough.

Their Majesties will meet local community volunteers, youth representatives, emergency services, front line staff and local community and faith representatives who provide support, advice, and guidance to all, including refugees who are looking to build a new life for themselves.

The King and Queen will then meet members of the public outside the Town Hall at Fellowship Square after the reception.

If you are interested in attending please click on the [council website](#)



Need medical help in a hurry?



Many common illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains, can be easily treated by visiting your local pharmacy where you can get help without making an appointment. It's the quickest way to get medical assistance, and pharmacists will send you to a GP if it's too serious for them to help with.

Pharmacists can offer clinical advice: they are qualified healthcare professionals and have trained for five years. Many pharmacies are open late, even during the festive period, and you do not need an appointment to see a professional.

[Click here for more information](#)

SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE

Remember the children only attend 190 days a year.

Form	%
2yr North AM	82.37%
R Cuckoo	87.35%
R Chaffinch	88.95%
R Chiff Chaff	89.91%
1 Magpie	90.44%
2 Kestrel	90.59%
1 Merlin	91.05%
Nursery North AM	91.05%
1 Mallard	91.20%
4 Sparrow	91.29%
R Crow	91.57%
3 Wagtail	92.02%
Nursery South AM	92.23%
2 Kittiwake	92.63%
Nursery North Full Time	92.66%
6 Goldcrest	92.88%
5 Blackbird	93.40%
2 Kingfisher	93.65%
Key Stage 1-4	93.80%
Nursery North PM	93.88%
3 Woodpecker	94.03%
2yr North PM	94.04%
5 Barn Owl	94.08%
6 Grouse	94.47%
6 Goldfinch	94.52%
3 Waxwing	94.62%
3 Wren	94.88%
4 Swan	95.14%
5 Buzzard	95.31%
4 Swallow	95.51%
1 Moorhen	95.54%
4 Skylark	95.57%
Nursery South PM	95.64%
Nursery South Full Time	96.52%
2 Kinglet	97.80%
6 Goose	97.98%

December

**16th Christmas Fair 3.30pm—
6.30pm on North site please bring
friends and family**

If they have booked tickets for the snow globe, facepainting and or to see Santa , we will be doing throughout the school day.

17th Christmas Parties—non uniform

Party lists with class teachers

Civic Hall Carol Concert

18th Christmas Lunch

19th Last Day of term normal time finish—3.15 south, 3.30 north
wear a Christmas jumper

January 2025

6th INSET

7th Children return to school

9th Reception 2025 open day

10th Reception 2025 open day

13th Year 5 swimming for 2 weeks

14th Parent Council—Parental engagement & AI

15th Reception 2025 closing date

Chiff Chaff & Crow—Science Museum

16th Curriculum Governors

Finance Governors

16th Chaffinch & Cuckoo Science museum

27th National Story Telling

29th Year 6 parent evening

30th Year 6 parent evening



Just some of the raffle prizes available to win. The main prize is a laptop. We have hampers and vouchers and a cake from cakes and bakes.

The tickets are on sale now. Please take booklets to sell to friends and family and to colleagues at work.

We started the week with an assembly about advent. Next week we will be looking at article 14 across the school.

Thank you to the Reception staff and children for some wonderful performances this week. The children sounded and looked amazing.

Also, thank you to Ekin, Rock Steady and the bands for the performances on Monday. I unfortunately didn't get to see them but have been told by numerous parents and staff members how fantastic they were. I am looking forward to seeing them in March.

Thank you to Richard, our guitar teacher, and all of the children who performed at Tuesdays concerts. All of the children in year 4 learn the guitar with weekly lessons.

There are spaces available for individual violin and guitar lessons and we still have spaces for Rock Steady. These are paying activities.

An alternative Christmas gift maybe!

save the date



CHRISTMAS

Fair

DECEMBER

16TH

Monday

FOOD . CRAFTS . GAMES .
MEET SANTA

Starts at 3.30pm to
6.30pm

- North Site Buxton Road E17 7EJ

Christmas

MENU

18.12.24
STARTERS

Greek salad, ice berg and coleslaw

MAIN DISHES

Roasted turkey or roasted boneless chicken thighs.
Broccoli quiche or rice and vegetarian curry
Served with Sausages, yorkshire pudding, gravy
Roasted potato, brussel sprout and carrots.

DESSERT

Mince pies, ice cream and satsuma



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD CAMP

FREE multi-sports activities and engaging workshops for ages 8 to 18. Come along and try new activities, learn new skills, have fun & make friends.

Plus, enjoy hot and nutritious meals served every day!

	SCORE Leisure Centre, E10 5UN	Loxford Leisure Centre, IG1 2UT	
DATE	Monday 23rd December Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January	Monday 23rd December Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January	
TIME	10:00 - 14:00	Monday 12:00-16:00 Thursday & Friday 14:00-18:00	
AGE	8-14 years old *Waltham Forest resident in receipt of Free School Meals	11-16 years old *Redbridge resident in receipt of Free School Meals	11-18 years old *Not in receipt of Free School Meals
QR CODE TO REGISTER			
BOOKING LINK	www.eegu.org/experience/7132	www.eegu.org/experience/4050	www.eegu.org/experience/6155





