



Friday 12th November 2024

Well done everyone, we have achieved the Bronze UNICEF RR award. Thank you to Mr Gwynn Jones and Grouse for their assembly today highlighting the articles and what it all means. Apologies for not getting the assembly dates on the calendars. The new website is now up and running. The pictures will be changing soon. One great new function is the translator key in the top right hand corner.

The weather has certainly got a little colder. Please make sure that children are wearing appropriate clothes and footwear.

The PTA are in full swing getting ready for the Christmas Fair. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon, 50p a ticket and £2.50 for a booklet.

We are having our annual Christmas film nights on the 5th December. The children will be with their year groups watching various films from Elf to Muppets Christmas Carol. The tickets are £6 (£1 cheaper than last year!) and includes the children staying at school until 6pm and having a hot dog (vegetarian option available) chips and a drink. Tickets available from Friday 29th from the class teachers and office. You can pay on parent pay too.

Thank you to everyone who bought a book from the book fair, you helped raise an amazing £1,291 for the school to buy scholastic books.

Thank you to the Reception and Year 2 parents who attended this weeks Come Dine with me. Next Wednesday we are inviting year 1 and Year 4 to come and eat with their child and enjoy the amazing food that the kitchen teams cook.

Please check the calendar dates as we have lots of events coming up in school.

Unfortunately, Ms Osbourne is still off sick. Mr Darling has been teaching Goose class in her absence. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Katie Jennings

Head Teacher



Reception Parents

Christmas is now upon us so what better way to get into the festive spirit than coming to our Mission Grove

North Site Nativity -
11th December at 10am
or 2pm

South Site Nativity -
13^h December at 10am
or 2pm

Book your tickets from your child's class teacher. Tickets cost £1:00 per performance, photos (individual or class £1:00 each) £2:00 for secure youtube link.

We look forward to seeing you at our performance!



SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER

Year 5 Camping Trip

2025

Lambourne end

www.lambourne-end.org.uk

We would really like all of the children in year 5 to go camping in 2025. The dates have been booked and we will take a class for 1 night of camping and activities. This will include a farm walk and caving amongst others.

There will be meetings for parents of children in year 5 to find out more information.

There will be a cost of £80 per child. This will include the coach to and from the site, the camping facilities, the activities and the breakfast and dinner meals.

We are letting you know now so that you can pay in instalments. We are also providing camping gift cards to buy as presents for Christmas, birthday, Eid and any other events .

November

26th Sparrow trip to pumphouse

27th Year 5 & 6 Annual Trip to The Chicken Shed Theatre

Come Dine with me Year 1 – 12 noon, year 4 – 12.30pm
£3.50 to come and have a lunch with your child.

28th Swan trip to Pumphouse

Year1 science Museum trip

Mallard class assembly

December

3rd South site Pantomime

Skylark Pumphouse

9am & 5.30pm Year 5 Camping trip meetings north

4th North site Early years and year 1 Pantomime

9am & 5.30pm Year 5 Camping trip meetings south

5th Years 2,3,4 Pantomime North

Festive Film Night £6

Full Governors

9th Rocksteady Bands Concerts 10.30am South site
2.30 pm North site

10th Music Concert 1.30pm

Swallow at the Pumphouse

11th Nativity North 10am and 2pm showings

13th Nativity South 10am and 2pm performances

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

17th Christmas Parties

Civic Hall Carol Concert

18th Christmas Lunch

19th Last Day of term normal time finish—wear a Christmas jumper

Winter wellness

Check out the Waltham Forest NHS leaflet about things you can do this winter to stay healthy.

[Click here](#)

It talks about vaccinations, support and helplines and places to go to stay warm and access food.



School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform. Wearing the correct school uniform enables children to feel part of their school community. Please continue to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform.

Please can we remind you that jewellery, nail varnish and large hair accessories (including large hair bows) should not be worn to school.

Please could all children wear black footwear. White trainers etc. are not permitted (unless being worn for PE).

We do have the school uniform swap shop if you need help with uniform. Please just ask in the office.

Form	%
2yr North AM	82.52%
R Cuckoo	88.56%
R Chaffinch	88.90%
Nursery North AM	90.35%
R Crow	90.39%
1 Mallard	91.38%
2 Kestrel	91.49%
R Chiff Chaff	91.79%
1 Magpie	91.87%
1 Merlin	92.05%
4 Sparrow	92.31%
3 Wagtail	92.54%
Nursery North Full Time	92.82%
Nursery South AM	93.24%
6 Goldcrest	93.63%
5 Barn Owl	93.74%
Nursery South PM	93.79%
Nursery North PM	93.81%
2 Kittiwake	93.84%
5 Blackbird	93.84%
2 Kingfisher	94.08%
Key Stage 1-4	94.25%
3 Woodpecker	94.32%
3 Waxwing	94.33%
2yr North PM	94.34%
6 Goldfinch	94.34%
5 Buzzard	95.28%
4 Swallow	95.45%
3 Wren	95.50%
1 Moorhen	95.53%
4 Skylark	95.63%
6 Grouse	95.83%
4 Swan	96.21%
2 Kinglet	97.77%
Nursery South Full Time	98.00%
6 Goose	98.26%

save the date



CHRISTMAS

Fair

DECEMBER

16TH

Monday

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Things You Need to Know About Head Lice



1

What Do Lice Look Like?

Adult hair lice are 2 to 3 millimeters in length — approximately the size of a sesame seed. They are tan or gray-white and have six legs, each with a claw.

2

Head Lice Symptoms: Itchy, Red Bites and Bumps

Little red bumps on the scalp, head and shoulders, and cause the skin to become inflamed and intensely itchy

3

Sure Signs of Hair Lice Infestation

You may get the feeling that something is moving around in your hair and see dandruff-like flakes that you cannot dislodge.

4

How Do You Get Lice?

Head lice usually spread from one person to another by close head-to-head contact or contact with an infested person's grooming tools.

5

Who's Most at Risk for Lice in Hair?

Kids in day care, preschool, and elementary school, and family members of children who have lice are at the highest risk.

6

Hair Lice Treatments: Lotions and Shampoos

Head lice are commonly treated with medicated shampoos or lotions containing pyrethrin or permethrin

7

How to Search for Nits and Lice in Hair

You have hair lice when you spot at least one louse on your hair or scalp.

8

The Don'ts of Treating Hair Lice

Medicated lotions and shampoos may contain flammable chemicals, so don't dry your hair with a blow dryer

9

How Do You Keep Head Lice From Coming Back?

Simple household cleaning can help get rid of lice in hair and their nits

10

Tips for Preventing a Head Lice Infestation

Refrain from head-to-head contact — and ask your kids to do so when they're playing with other children. Don't share personal items, such as hair accessories, scarves, and towels.





27th November 2024

Please join your child for a school meal at 12.15 on
Wednesday 27th November
The cost is £3.50 and you can pay in cash or card at the
office or on parentpay.

**Year 1 @ 12 noon then
Year 4 @12.30**



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

TICKET £6 Drink, refreshments & film

FROM END OF SCHOOL DAY TO 6PM

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number, letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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The National College

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WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

23 DEC 2024 - 3 JAN 2025

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16 AND IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Funded by the Department for Education, 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



Email: wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk
Direct Line: 0208 496 3000
Date: Thursday 14th November 2024

Dear Parent

Re: Book your child for their free Winter holiday club

I am pleased to be writing to invite you to book your child onto the free Waltham Forest's Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Winter 24/25.

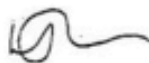
These free holiday opportunities are funded through the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which enables us to provide a holiday programme across the borough for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

From Monday 18th November you will be able to visit the website below where you will be able to book your child onto a range of sessions. To ensure all eligible children have access to our programme, your child is able to book up to **4 sessions** during the Winter holidays from Friday 20th December- Friday 3rd January 2025, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

- To find out more and the places available to book, please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays
- If you have any queries regarding the holiday activity programme, please email wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 0208 496 3000.

In addition to this free programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit> to find out more.

Yours faithfully,



Lindsay Jackson
Assistant Director Access, Participation and Mainstream Inclusion
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