

Well that is SATs over for another year. Well done year 6 for being so focussed throughout.

We have the fantastic opportunity for your child with you to learn some practical gardening skills. It doesn't matter if you don't have a garden as the teacher will be showing you how to plant edible plants in window boxes. The class will take place on Thursdays from 9.30 to 11.30. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you both to spend time in nature and learn some skills along the way. So far we have only 2 parents who have shown an interest and secured themselves a place. Just drop your name and your child's name and class in the office if you want to join in.

Please be careful on the wooden steps/ramp between the year 6 block and the playground, on north. The site service officers have maintained it over the years but it becoming beyond repair. We have had 3 builders come and assess what they can do to make it safe. We are now just waiting for them to tell us the costs. Please make sure that you are careful walking on them and there are quite a few that are wobbly.

Next week will be the first coffee morning with the learning mentors. Feel free to just drop in and have a chat. It will be on North site at 9.10am. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the safeguarding survey. Worryingly though one response stated *I'm scared to talk about my issues in school*. If this is you please come along to the coffee morning to talk to Ms Filsan and Mrs Collier or send me an email at headteacher@missiongrove.org.uk

Please be careful with phones and valuables when walking in the market, we have been informed that there has been a raise in people having their phones snatched and a person had their necklace ripped from their neck just outside Sainsbury's.

Thank you to Crow and Wagtail for their wonderful assemblies this morning about mental health week. There was some lovely singing and key messages about keeping yourself mentally fit.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Katie Jennings

Headteacher

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is the 3rd June. We will carry forward the wellbeing school and R&R update but also, have a learning walk of the North site (we will do South in the Autumn meeting)



May ARTICLE 6

There will be no half term holiday club. There will be a 4 week scheme during the summer holidays. The cost will be increasing due to the increase in salaries and consumables.

The new price will be £25 for the normal daily session 8.45–16.45.

The cost of lunch will be £3.00 per day.

SPECIAL DATES

School Choir performing at the Big Penny Social!

Alongside other local schools they will be taking part in the opera 'Carmen' On Thursday 3rd July between 4pm—7pm.

If you look on the app there are some links to youtube to help learn the songs at home!



We have been given 3 more chickens and they have settled in nicely at the South site. The ducklings that Reception helped hatch are growing and will soon be in the north site farm area.

May ARTICLE 6 Life, Survival & Development

19th Cuckoo & Chiff Chaff stay and play

20th Chaffinch & Crow stay and play

Egyptian Day year 3—come dressed from Ancient Egypt times.

21st Reception & Year 4 @ Soho Theatre Walthamstow

22nd PGL parent meeting North site 5pm

23rd Safari Pete in Reception—come dressed as a wild animal!

Buzzard Class assembly

Goldfinch class assembly

26th—30th Half Term—NO Holiday club

JUNE— Article 24— Health, water, food, environment

2nd—6th Year 6 Enterprise week

3rd Parent council learning walk

5th—11th Book Fair North

9th—13th Year 1 phonics screening

10th Year 4 Multiplication test

11th Sports Day @Douglas Eyre all day

12th Curriculum Governors

16th—20th National Sports week

16th—27th Year 6 swimming

17th Value Games

19th Nursery open day

23rd—Film week

25th Tour de Waltham Forest

27th Governors afternoon

30th—4th July PGL



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!

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Shouting & swearing will not be tolerated anywhere in school.

After School Clubs Summer 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coding Club, KS1 and KS2 North Site	Arts and Crafts, Reception and Year 1 North Site	Arts and Crafts, Years 2 and 3 North Site	KS2 Football Club, North Site	Fencing, KS1 and KS2, North Site
Cricket Club, KS2 North Site	Girls Football, Y5 and 6 North Site (Invite only)	Boys Football, Y5 and 6 North Site (Invite only)	Eco Club, North Site (Years 1-6)	Gymnastics, KS1 and KS2, North Site
Chess Club, KS2 North Site	Cricket Club, KS2 South Site	Musical Theatre Yr 5 & 6 North site	Tag Rugby, North Site (Invite only)	Ballet North Site
Creative Writing, Y4,5,6 North Site	Drama Club, KS2 South Site	British Sign Language, KS1 South Site		
Sewing Club, Years 5 and 6, North Site	Ballet South Site			Multi-sports, KS1 and KS2, South Site
	Forest School, Reception, Y1, 2, 3 South Site			



The Eco club did a fantastic job planting the Mulberry bush that was donated in memory of an ex pupil who left in the 1940s. The bush is at the front of the north site school on Mission Grove Road.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

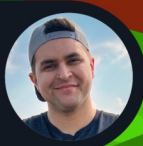
Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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WALTHAM FOREST **ADULT LEARNING SERVICE**



FREE Grow Vegetables Together – Family Gardening course 5 Week course

By attending this course, you will :-

- Understand the basics of vegetable gardening
- Learn how to prepare soil, sow seeds and transplant seedlings
- Know how to care for plants, including watering, weeding and pest control
- Identify common vegetables and their growing needs
- Foster teamwork and responsibility through shared gardening tasks

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Day: Thursday 12th June to 10th July 2025

Where: Mission Grove Primary School

To enrol contact the school office

This course will be delivered by Waltham Forest Adult Learning service



For further information about the ALS

Email: adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

Website: www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk

WELL-BEING COFFEE

Morning



Everyone Welcome
**Starting Wednesday 21st May at
9.10 in the studio.**

**Wednesday 4th & 25th June,
2nd & 16th July**

Stay and relax after dropping your child off
with a friendly chat over tea! Please come
along to share your experience, concerns
and support idea with each other.