Friday 5th November 26

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival collection. Some has been put into the school well-being bank and some has been distributed to local community charities, one being Eat or Heat.

The School Captains have been doing a wonderful job selling the merchandise for The Royal British Legion, and Remembrance Day. The children took time to learn about the importance of wearing a poppy and why we remember those who have served, and continue to serve, in the armed forces. Hopefully, you have taken time to appreciate the lovely displays that up in the playgrounds. Through thoughtful discussions and activities, we reflected on the importance of peace, courage and kindness, remembering all those who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world. We are very proud of the respect and thoughtfulness shown by our children as we remembered together.

School APP

Unfortunately, we found out this week that the company had gone into administration. There was no warning and no chance for us to let you know until it happened. Please check the website for information and key dates. We will be putting the parent evening bookings on there. Our website company now has an app facility, so we are working with them to get our communication systems as effective as possible for you.

Events

It is a very busy half term and we now only have 6 weeks left for Christmas. This week we have had year 2 visiting a Synagogue, year 4 complete their 2-week swimming. We have had Reception 27 tours. Year 6 had a mock SATs week. The book fair arrived on North, we sold and made poppies and wore red. And last night we had our spooky discos with some amazing costumes. My favourite had to Frankie on South site and Ezda on North. Thank you to the PTA for their support and Ryan's mum for getting some wonderful prizes. The PTA are now busy getting ready for the **Christmas fair.** Please save the date **Monday 14th December 3.30 to 6pm**. If you have anything that you can contribute to the fair, please let us know at the office. This could be donating a raffle prize, help selling raffle tickets or helping on the day, all are warmly welcomed.

National Park

National Park Grant

As you know we are an Eco green flag school and a PSQM gold school, with all the work we do for those we have applied and won a small grant to help change some of the 'grey space to green' on the north and do some maintenance work on the pond. The children helped by completing habit mappers and mapping out all the areas where we have little vegetation. The plan is to develop some living walls on Mission Grove Road boundary, add a sensory garden next to the bus, as a calming area and to reline the pond. If you know anyone who can help with these please let me know.

Have a great weekend, Katie Jennings, Head teacher. Happy Diwali

School Photos are now live

If you have pre-registered, you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/

and enter the code: JRZVXKJEPU

then please enter the school name as: Mission Grove Primary School NORTH SITE

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with time limited discounts available for the first 10 days from when you log in.

info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-4pm)

Form	%
Nursery North PM	82.30%
2yr North PM	85.51%
2yr North AM	87.50%
R Robin	88.25%
R Raven	89.52%
1 Grouse	89.97%
4 Kestrel	90.49%
3 Mallard	90.91%
6 Sparrow	91.53%
2 Chiff Chaff	91.64%
4 Kinglet	92.47%
6 Swallow	92.53%
Nursery North AM	92.83%
R Rook	92.93%
5 Waxwing	92.95%
5 Wren	93.76%
4 Kittiwake	94.02%
5 Woodpecker	94.05%
6 Swan	94.21%
5 Wagtail	94.28%
3 Merlin	94.50%
Nursery North Full Time	94.51%
1 Goose	94.82%
2 Cuckoo	95.03%
6 Skylark	95.14%
1 Goldcrest	95.84%
3 Moorhen	96.04%
4 Kingfisher	96.05%
2 Crow	96.15%
2 Chaffinch	96.49%
Nursery South Full Time	96.52%
Nursery South AM	96.58%
1 Goldfinch	96.76%
Nursery South PM	97.06%
3 Magpie	97.66%

Well done to Magpie (again) Crow and Kingfisher for being this week's winners of an extra playtime.

Help your child to swim!

Swimming isn't just great fun and exercise – it's a vital life skill that can help keep children safe in and around water.

Better is the UK's largest provider of swimming lessons, helping thousands of children develop their confidence, swimming ability and essential water-safety skills.

We're proud to be an RLSS Water Safety Education Partner, working with the Royal Life Saving Society UK to ensure our swimming lesson programme includes the skills children need to help keep them safe around water.

A special offer for Waltham Forest families
For a limited time, families joining swimming lessons at participating Better leisure centres in Waltham Forest can get:

FIRST PAYMENT HALF PRICE
Use code: WALTHAM50

This could mean a **saving of over £40 on their first payment**.

The offer is available at the following leisure centres:
Chingford Leisure Centre, Leyton Leisure Centre, Leytonstone Leisure Centre and Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre.

Offer ends 22nd November 2026.

Our lessons cater for children of all ages and abilities, from those taking their first steps into the pool to children looking to develop their technique and confidence. Lessons are delivered by experienced, qualified teachers in a fun, supportive environment.

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER Article 2 & 3 No discrimination & best interests of the child

2nd	Poppy merchandise on sale - £1 to £2
5th – 12th	Book Fair North site
9th	School Nurse
10th	Animal aid workshop -Merlin class
	KS2 Sportshall athletics – selected children
11th	Reception Phonics meeting – Rook class
12th	Parent's Evening
	Year 1 Intofilm trip
	Reception Phonics meeting – Raven class
12th – 19th	Book Fair South site
13th	Year 4 & 5 Intofilm trip
	Children In Need
16th – 21st	Road Safety Week
	Anti-bullying week
16th	Girls football team attending Premier League primary stars competition
17th	Year 3 Into film trip
18th	Year 6 Into film trip



UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S WATER CONFIDENCE

Your child doesn't just learn to swim with Better Swim School; they build the confidence and water safety skills to last a lifetime.

- Accredited teaching for ages 4-16 years
- Water safety built into every lesson
- Ability-based classes, progressing at their own pace
- Same-day, same-time lessons, every week

OUR PROMISE? THEY'LL GET THERE

If your child's been in lessons for at least two years and hasn't hit the swimming standards by 10 years, they get free lessons until they do. That's the Better Swim School Guarantee.

LESSONS BACKED BY THE BEST

Better is part of GLL, the UK's largest swimming lesson provider, and proud to be the first Water Safety Education Partner for the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK). It means every parent choosing Better Swim School can be confident they're backed by two organisations that take water safety as seriously as you do.

RLSS UK
WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PARTNER

To be eligible for the Better Swim School Guarantee, pupils must attend and complete a minimum of 75 programmed lessons within two years before turning ten years old. Better Swim School Guarantee full terms and conditions available at better.org.uk/offer-terms.

SWIMMING LESSONS NEAR YOU

Chingford Leisure Centre
Unit 4, Larkswood Leisure Park, New Road, London, E4 9EY

Leyton Leisure Centre
763 High Road, London, E10 5AB

Leytonstone Leisure Centre
Cathall Road, London, E11 4LA

Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre
170 Chingford Road, London, E17 5AA

Scan the QR code or search Better Swim School to join and find out more.

BETTER



Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things
- It's the law
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun.
- It improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university.

What happens if you don't come to school?

- You don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits and become lazy
- You don't get to make as many friends
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

What is good attendance?

- At Mission Grove Primary School we think 95%+ daily attendance is what each class should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL.
- If your attendance is below 95% letters will be sent to your parents and your attendance will be monitored closely. If there is no improvement a meeting will be held and an attendance agreement will be put in place.

What should your parents do if you don't come to school

- Telephone school on the first day of absence
- Call into school office and explain
- Email school via the app

Rewards



- Weekly reward for the class with best attendance -extra play
- Individual rewards can also be given for improved attendance
- Rewards at the end of term including badges and certificates

Waltham Forest
SENDIASS
special educational needs & disability information advice & support service

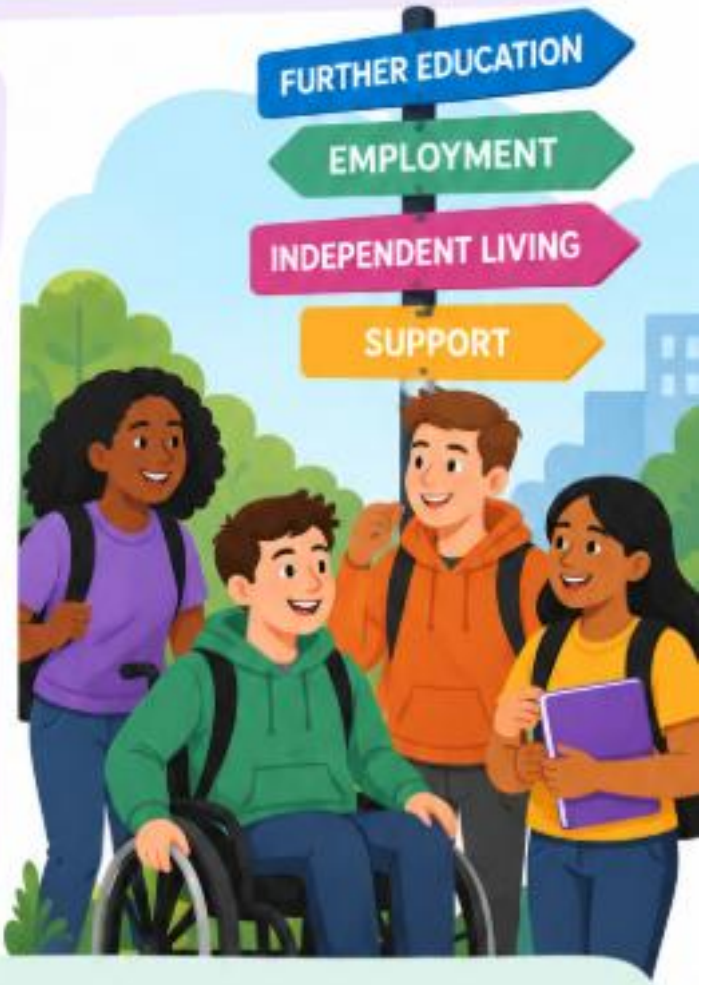
Preparing For Adulthood/Post 16

Drop in Session

Date:
Thursday 19th November 2026

Time:
11am – 2pm

Location:
Waltham Forest Resource Hub,
1 Russel Road,
Leyton, E10 7ES



Preparing For Adulthood/Post 16 and SEN Team

educational psychology

PARENT/CARER DROP-IN

WF Traded Services
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

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

educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk