



What glorious weather we have had this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children with sun hats. Unfortunately, we do not allow sunglasses in school unless they are prescription sunglasses. A peaked or rimmed hat provides much better protection for your child's eyes, and is much safer.

Thank you to Miss Harper, Mr Conor, Miss Romaisa and Mrs Atwal for taking some of the year 5 children camping this year. Even though the sun was shining the evenings were chilly. The children had a fantastic experience and the majority have told me they would have liked to have stayed longer. They also wanted to know why we didn't do the swimming activities!

This is a very short term and we have a lot to fit in. Please check the important dates on the newsletter but also check the app and website calendars. We have Year 6 SATs week, Mental health week, AR and AM tests, Year 4 multiplication, year 6 enterprise week, Year 6 PGL and activities week, year 1 phonic screening, Sports week, Film week, Year 2 & 6 swimming, Poetry slam competition, Create day in partnership with the Royal Ballet School, music concerts, including Rock steady, Bastille day and transition days.

Next Thursday is Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary. Some of you have signed up for the afternoon tea with your child/children. It will be at 2pm on the NORTH SITE. In the dining hall. Please come to the main office. The children from the south will already be there waiting for you. The children can come in party clothes, red, white & blue or dressed in 1965 clothes! That is for all children not just those attending the tea party. There will be a special VE day lunch for all children on Thursday. It makes me want to start singing 'we'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when.'

Sometimes my role is quite challenging, but I would like to say thank you to the children in school and the parents who come along and support all of the events. You make it all worthwhile.

I hope you have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend .

Katie Jennings

Headteacher



The annual **Spelling Bee** is back!

The children should have brought home the words to learn for the heats. They are also on the app and website.

Please ensure that your child is practising

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Unfortunately, we had apologies from a few but only 1 parent turned up—Thank you Candice!

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



SPECIAL DATES

Thank you to Woodpecker and Swan for their class assemblies this morning. Woodpecker stepped back in time to teach us all about Ancient Egypt.

Swan was very musical and celebrated the coming of Spring , with a sprinkling of Vikings!

Thank you to parents for coming along to support.



May ARTICLE 6 Life, Survival & Development

5th BANK HOLIDAY—No SCHOOL

6th Spelling Bee Semi finals

8th **VE Day celebrations—please book in advance. You will be turned away if you turn up on the day without booking**

9th Spelling Bee Final 9.30pm finalists families welcome

12th YEAR 6 SATS week

Mental Health week

Governors meeting

14th Kinglet & Kittiwake @ Chingford Assembly Hall

19th Cuckoo & Chiff Chaff stay and play

20th Chaffinch & Crow stay and play

21st Reception & Year 4 @ Soho Theatre Walthamstow

22nd PGL parent meeting

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



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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Shouting & swearing will not be tolerated anywhere in school.

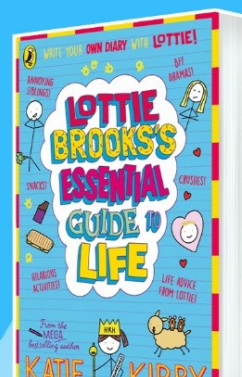
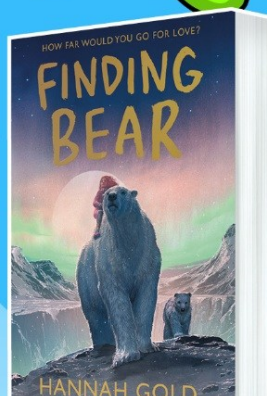
 **SCHOLASTIC**

 **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME TO THE

BOOK FAIR

AND EARN
FREE BOOKS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL!



South site book fair is running up until Wednesday next week. We get commission on any of the books that you buy. The classes have a number of slots to be able to go view the books and check out the prices.

Finding Bear is a book that I read recently and I would 100% recommend it to our fluent readers.

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
FA0258C4	Raising Confident and Resilient Children	The Junction Centre	7.5.2025 – 21. 5.2025	10:00 – 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0418F1	Create a Woven Pot- Families learning together	Queens Road Family Hub	29.5.2025	10:00 – 12:00pm	Thursday
FA0411F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children	Queens Road Family Hub	18/08/2025 - 18/07/2025	10:00 – 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0216C4	Let's explore Nature inspired Art - Families learning together	Walthamstow Library	14/08/2025	10:00 – 12:00pm	Saturday
FA0419F1	Create a Fabric Name Pennant – Teenagers and Parents learning together	Queens Road Learning Centre	2/07/25	6:00- 8:30pm	Wednesday
FA0420F1	Create Birthday Iced Biscuits- Teenagers and Parents learning together	Queens Road Learning Centre	18/08/2025	6:00- 8:30pm	Wednesday

Enrol now through our website - www.lbwfadullearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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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			

We have vacancies in all clubs, except Friday gymnastics. Please look on the app or speak to the office about securing a place on a club. These will run now until the end of the summer term . The last week for clubs is the week beginning the 14th July. There is a cost to all clubs now .

For the academic year 2024 to 2025, the KS2 tests are scheduled to take place from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025:

Date	Tests
Monday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 13 May	English reading
Wednesday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 15 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

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.



Well done to the year 5 children in Barn Owl who have had some of their work published!



Safe wheels workshops in Reception!

"We need to wear a helmet and knee pads if we want to keep safe when riding a bicycle. We don't want to hurt ourselves" – Elsie

"I can peddle my bike, but then I sometimes fall down because I am not balancing. I need to peddle faster so I can stay balanced and not fall down" – Dottie



Some Science lessons in year 3 .

Material	Prediction	Results
magnet	magnetic	magnetic
paper	magnetic	magnetic
metal	magnetic	magnetic
paper clip	magnetic	magnetic
plastic bowl	x magnetic	x magnetic
metal ball	magnetic	magnetic

Excellent drawing of a table!

What did you find out?

Conclusion:

I found that magnets attract to materials like metal, iron and steel.

I found out that magnets repel to materials such as sponge, plastic and glass.



VE Day 80

8th May 2025

#VEhappy

Option 1

Wartime cottage pie.

minced beef with vegetables and creamy mashed potato topping

Option 2

Victory sausage roll.

chicken sausage or vegetarian sausage in puff pastry

All served with 3 salads, vegetables and wedges

Pudding

Chocolate ice cream

Fruit platter

Fruity yoghurt

Water, national loaf bread and milk are available

