



Friday 16th October 2026



Spooky Disco – Get Ready to Boogie!

It's been a busy term of events, and now it's time for our
Spooky Halloween Disco!

A highlight of the school calendar, the disco promises spooky costumes, dancing, glow sticks and plenty of Halloween fun!

November 5th - North Site

- Reception, Years 1 & 2: 3.30–5.00pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 5.15–6.45pm

November 5th - South Site

- Reception, Years 1 & 2: 3.15–4.45pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 5.00–6.30pm

Tickets & refreshments

Entry is **£5 per child**, which includes chips, a drink and glow sticks. Tickets can be purchased via the school App or front reception.

There will also be extra treats available to buy:

- Sweets: £1, Popcorn: £2

Can you lend a hand?

To make this event spooktacular, we need parent volunteers to help with setting up and supporting staff during the disco.

If you can spare some time on the day, we'd love your help! Please contact Laura (south) or Chelsea (north) our PTA hero's.

As always, **all proceeds go towards school fundraising projects**, helping us provide even more exciting opportunities and resources for our children.

We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and ready to dance the afternoon away. It's sure to be a frightfully good time!

PSQM—We are proud to announce that we are one of 227 schools that has achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) this month, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Led by the University of Hertfordshire, for over a decade the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education. Over 7,000 Quality Marks have now been awarded, impacting on the learning of almost 2,000,000 children.

PSQM is a comprehensive, evidence-informed, professional learning programme which equips primary science subject leaders with the knowledge, confidence, and expert support they need to transform the quality and profile of science education in their schools.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: 'The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) recognises a school's commitment to developing and strengthening science education, celebrating the positive impact this has on children's learning and understanding of the world around them.'

Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leader(s), who has led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning. Ms Hakeem has done an amazing job towards this great award.

Miss Jennings

SPECIAL DATES



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

Form	%
2yr North PM	85.16%
2yr North AM	86.99%
1 Grouse	88.54%
Nursery North PM	88.99%
R Robin	89.17%
R Raven	90.58%
5 Woodpecker	90.95%
Nursery North AM	91.02%
4 Kestrel	91.53%
3 Mallard	91.62%
6 Swallow	92.36%
2 Chaffinch	92.49%
6 Sparrow	92.52%
R Rook	92.78%
4 Kittiwake	93.06%
1 Goose	93.15%
3 Merlin	93.16%
2 Chiff Chaff	93.28%
4 Kinglet	93.28%
6 Swan	93.40%
Key Stage 1-4	93.88%
5 Wagtail	94.29%
5 Waxwing	94.58%
6 Skylark	94.83%
3 Moorhen	95.45%
Nursery North Full Time	95.61%
1 Goldcrest	95.71%
5 Wren	95.78%
4 Kingfisher	95.79%
2 Crow	96.33%
2 Cuckoo	96.52%
Nursery South AM	96.52%
Nursery South Full Time	96.60%
1 Goldfinch	96.79%
3 Magpie	97.74%
Nursery South PM	100.00%

Well done Magpie, Kingfisher &

Wren they have earnt an extra
play.

OCTOBER Article 17 Access to information

Harvest festival—Please bring in donations.

19th In the know recycle assembly
19th some year 6 Brompton Cemetery
19th—23rd Year 4 Swimming
20th Steel Pan Bands workshop
22nd Year 5 Black History workshop
22nd Phonics workshop for parents
23rd Last day of term
26th—30th Half term holiday

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

2nd Reception 2027 Open Days North Site
2nd—6th Year 4 Swimming
4th Reception 2027 Open days South site
5th Book Fair North site
Spooky Disco

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that

***pre-registration is required for every photo shoot*.**

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRZVXKJEP
3. Enter your child's full school register name.

****Don't miss out – pre-register today!****

Your photos won't be available until you register.



Sing, sign, play & dance



Music Man Project



The Music Man Project

A weekly music education & performance club for children with disabilities aged 8+

Weekly on Saturdays
11.30am-12.30pm



Welcoming and supportive



Led by a qualified music teacher

Play instruments and perform



Tickets £10, carers attend free

If cost is a barrier please email hello@thetogetherspace.co.uk



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AND BOOK
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THE TOGETHER SPACE
1 CHURCH HILL
WALTHAMSTOW E17 3AB

Harvest Festival Foodbank Collection – October & November

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will be collecting donations throughout **October and November** to support families in our school community and those who may be experiencing difficult times.

Harvest is a time to reflect on what we have and how we can help others. We are incredibly grateful for any donations families are able to contribute, as even a small contribution can make a real difference.

What items are we looking for?

We would particularly welcome donations of unopened, in-date, non-perishable food and essential household items, including:

- **Tinned goods:** soup, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, tomatoes, meat and fish.
- **Dried foods:** pasta, rice, noodles and lentils.
- **Breakfast essentials:** cereal, porridge oats and long-life milk.
- **Store-cupboard items:** pasta sauces, cooking oil, tea, coffee and long-life juice.
- **Snacks and treats:** biscuits, crackers and other suitable family-friendly treats.

Toiletries and household essentials: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, soap and toilet roll.

Please ensure that all food donations are unopened, undamaged and within their use-by or best-before dates.

Please note: What can't we accept?

For safety and storage reasons, we are unable to accept:

- Fresh, chilled or frozen food, including fridge and freezer items.
- Homemade food or homemade products.
- Opened packets or part-used products.

Damaged packaging or food past its use-by date.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all donations can be stored safely and distributed appropriately.

Where can I donate?

Donations are welcome throughout October and November at both school sites.

Simply bring your donations to the front office, where you will find a designated donation basket. Please place your items in the basket when you arrive.

Where will the donations go?

Donations will help support families within our school community. Any surplus donations will be shared with local foodbank charities, helping us extend our support to others in the wider community.

Thank you for your generosity!

We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of our school families. Every donation, big or small, helps us celebrate the true spirit of Harvest Festival: sharing what we have, caring for others and coming together as a community.

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Festival collection throughout October and November!





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



LAUNCHING OUR NEW YOUTH HUB

A SAFE, WELCOMING LOCAL SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES



WHY

- A safe, welcoming local space
- Young people help shape their Hub



OUR FUTURE PLANS

- More evenings, weekends and holidays
- Dedicated youth spaces and equipment
- New partners, support and youth leadership



WHAT WE ALREADY DO

- x2 youth clubs a week
- Sports and girls' football
- Holiday activities and 1-to-1 support
- Activities for young children in the Hub



WE NEED FUNDING TO GROW

Funding will help us employ youth workers, open for longer, improve rooms, buy equipment and keep activities free or affordable.

Help us build the future of the Youth Hub



www.wfchub.org



18a Orford Road, Walthamstow, E17 9LN

YOUTH CLUB

SAFE SPACE
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN
BE YOURSELF

AGES
11-18



WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE



MONDAYS

4:00pm – 6:30pm



18A Orford Road,
E17 9LN



ALDRICHE WAY



WEDNESDAYS

4:30pm – 6:30pm



128 – 132 Aldriche Way
Community Room,
E4 9LU



GAMES &
CONSOLES



SPORTS



ARTS &
CRAFTS



POOL &
TABLE TENNIS



MEET NEW
PEOPLE

GET IN TOUCH



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SCAN TO REGISTER

Online
Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

For parents and other adult carers; **group for Urdu Speakers**
only starting on Monday 26 October at 10:00am

Want to get some new ideas to help
you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



**6 online
sessions**



**6 group
discussions**



**Certificate on
completion**

What to expect....

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered....

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion....

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the
QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

How to Register



1

Go to: www.strengthening-families.net/parenting-courses



2

Select an age range for your course



3

Select a day of the week and time for your **group discussion** from the options available



4

Complete your contact details



5

Answer a short questionnaire



6

Click on 'Your profile' and you can start your course

If you need any help, email us at sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

educational psychology



PARENT/CARER DROP-IN

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



07776589597

educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

The background of the poster is decorated with various watercolor illustrations of autumn-themed items. In the top left, there are purple and red leaves on a branch. To the right of that is a large yellow pumpkin. In the top right corner, there are more yellow leaves. On the left side, there are green leaves. On the right side, there is a single yellow pumpkin. In the bottom left corner, there is a large green pumpkin. In the bottom right corner, there is a yellow pumpkin and a branch with small red berries. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and script fonts.

Give back this October:

HARVEST MONTH

Donation Drive

PLEASE DONATE TO
THE MISSION GROVE
FOODBANK!

Throughout the month of October we are collecting donations for the Mission Grove Food bank supporting parents of the school and local community organisations. We are asking for:

- Food (tins, pasta, rice, cereals, longlife items)
- Hygiene products (toothpaste, toiletries, sanitary products)

If you are able to give something, drop it in to reception any school day in October. To find out more please see the School Newsletter. Thank you for supporting Mission Grove and its community!