



December 2024

## Welcome To Our Termly Newsletter

Here are some useful links from our website  
[Woodside Primary Academy - Attendance & Absence Reporting](#)  
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We are wishing all our parents a lovely Christmas  
and Happy New year  
From Mr Tewes and all the staff At Woodside!



**School and Nursery reopens  
6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025**



**Merry Christmas from 1  
Kindness!**



### Facebook Consents

As you know we have a new Facebook page, to follow, you can search Woodside Primary Academy (new page) and like or follow the page or add school as a friend and then accept the invite to follow the page.

Some of the pictures will include your children, only photo consented children will be included.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1A7an6juvP/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 6th January</b>	<b>Children Return To School</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	1 Respect assembly 9am/ 6 Responsibility assembly 9.45 am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	3 Respect assembly 9am/ 4 Confidence assembly 9.45 am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	1 Kindness assembly 9 am/ 5 Independence assembly 9.45 am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Nurse drop in (Forest/Bridge)
Tuesday 28 <sup>TH</sup> January	SEMH Coffee Morning (Bridge Site)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Trip Mosque (classes TBC)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Trip Mosque (classes TBC)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2 Respect Assembly 9 am/ 4 Honesty assembly 9.45 am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Forest Trip
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Forest Trip
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	1 Confidence assembly 9 am/ 4 Independence assembly 9.45 am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	4 Kindness/Independence Science Museum trip
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3 Kindness Swimming all week
W/C 10 <sup>TH</sup> February	Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening (Forest)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening(Bridge)
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	<b>Last Day Before Half Term</b>
<b>17th – 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term - School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children Return To School</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	1 Independence assembly 9am/ 5 Respect assembly 9.45 am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3 Independence assembly 9am/ 5 Kindness assembly 9.45am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2 Responsibility assembly 9am/ 5 Responsibility assembly 9.45 am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3 Independence swimming all week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3 Kindness assembly 9am/ 4 Kindness assembly 9.45am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	3 Respect swimming all week
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	3 Responsibility swimming all week
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Acceptance Coffee Morning (Bridge/Forest Site TBC)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day Before Spring Holiday</b>
<b>7th – 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Spring Holiday - School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Children Return To School</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 Responsibility assembly 9am/ 4 Responsibility assembly 9.45 am
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photo (Forest Site)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photo (Bridge Site)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3 Honesty assembly 9am/ 5 confidence assembly 9.45am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2 Honesty assembly 9am / 4 Respect assembly 9.45 am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	3 Confidence swimming all week
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last Day Before Half Term</b>
<b>26th – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half term - School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Children Return To School</b>
W/C 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Meetings
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day Before Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Holiday - School Closed</b>

Please note only confirmed dates are on this list, any upcoming trips will be updated on the school website, and you will be informed closer to the time.



## Key Parent Information



### Reception Intake 2025 Deadline

Please note the deadline for your child's Reception applications for September 2025 is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If your child attends Woodside Nursery you must still apply for a place in Reception

You can apply by clicking the following link:

[Apply for primary school | London Borough of Waltham Forest](#)

### Polite Reminder: Bikes and Scooters

**A POLITE REMINDER:** To ensure the safety of all our children and parents - especially at key times throughout the day, please do not ride bikes, scooters, or motorcycles on the school premises, this includes the run up pathway to the Nursery. It is the school's expectation that if these vehicles come onto the premises that you dismount and walk them through in an appropriate and safe manner or alternatively, keep them outside the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

### School Fundraising

We would like to thank our parents for your continuous support with our fundraising events!

**Children in Need**, we raised **£575**.

**Christmas Jumper day** we raised **£260** to go towards Save the Children!

**Winter Fair**- We raised well over **£400** on our toy sales- A huge thank you to our wonderful **PSA's** that helped support the selling of the toys and our school community for your amazing donations!

## [Are you eligible for Free School Meals?](#)

We wanted to remind you of the importance of signing up for Free School Meals. By registering, you will ensure that you receive the meal vouchers provided during the school holidays.

To register for Free School Meals, please click [HERE](#)

## [Road Safety!!](#)

Road safety around our school is a top priority to ensure the well-being of our children and community. We kindly remind everyone to park responsibly and avoid parking illegally such as yellow lines across the school, or in restricted zones. Children may be running across the roads especially during busy pick up and drop off times, so let's work together to keep the area safe for pedestrians and prevent any accidents.

## [Foodbank Christmas Parcels](#)

A huge thank you to our incredible PSAs for their hard work and dedication in delivering Christmas parcels to families in need. We are so grateful to our Woodside community for their generous donations to our food bank- your kindness truly makes a difference. A special thank you to our PSAs for countless hours spent organising and packing donations. Your efforts bring joy and hope to so many, and we appreciate it more than words can express!!





# Woodside Winter Fair



Our Winter Fair was a fantastic success! A huge well done to our talented entrepreneurs for setting up such incredible stalls and showcasing their hard work. A heartfelt thank you to the community for your amazing support in making this event truly special, we raised £2700 for our school!

## Woodside Christmas Choir



Every year, our wonderful Woodside Choir come out and fill the streets of Wood street with the magic of Christmas carols. A huge thank you to the parents for their support and a big well done to all our amazing choir children for spreading festive cheer!

## Year 4 Victorian Day



Our Year 4's stepped back in time for Victorian Day, immersing themselves in the past by dressing up in period costumes and engaging in hands-on learning activities. A big thank you to parents for helping to make the day special by dressing their children in fantastic costumes!

## Class Assemblies



Well done to the children who done brilliantly performing at their class assemblies.

## Class Christmas Assemblies



Our Christmas festivities included each class performing festive songs in front of their fellow year groups, with lots of dancing, singing and laughter!

## Christmas Lunch at Woodside



Our children had a fantastic time at their Christmas lunch, enjoying turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing with all the trimmings, along with all the delights and desserts. The festive fun continued with cracker-pulling, music, and plenty of holiday cheer!

## Reception Christmas Concert



Our talented Reception pupils shone brightly during their Christmas concert, delivering a brilliant performance that brought joy to all the parents. Well done everyone!

Be a planet protector, now not a polluter.

# *Sustainability*



**‘The Earth is what we all have in Common ‘–  
Wendell Berry ‘**

## **Habit of the Term**

**Habit 1: Begin with the End in Mind**

**Habit 2 means :**

*Begin with the End in Mind means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started.*

**A few Ideas to start .....**

**Start a Recycling Challenge:** Make recycling fun by creating a challenge for your kids. See who can sort recyclables the fastest, or come up with creative ways to reuse items.

Use this handy poster as a reminder of ways you can be an eco-hero every day by reducing, reusing and recycling. [Download here.](#)

**Look after Our Wild Friends:** Teach your little ones the importance of being kind to the animals and creatures we live amongst. Help to create safe spaces for the little creatures

**Go on a Nature Adventure:** Spend a day exploring your local park or forest

Take a nature walk and encourage your children to observe the beauty around them. Take [eye spy bingo](#) with you.

## **Reading Link**

### **Children's Video Links – Sustainability**

<https://youtu.be/bSidzUh81-Q>

With your child, think of ways to **Begin with the End in Mind** at home.

**Every decision we make contributes to a more sustainable future for our children.**



# Individual Achievements



Flora in year 4 won Regional 9&under, LTA tennis event meaning she now qualifies for the National event in Coventry next month.

She played some amazing tennis against some of the best girls in the region and continues to grow and improve as a player, while enjoying every minute on and off court.

Well done Flora!



Quinn in Year 5 won best mini team dance and best mini duet with his group from Gravity Performing Arts



Well done Quinn!

# FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it's also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

## Stay Well:

Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

## Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

## Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



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**FREE  
WORKSHOP**

# WALTHAM FOREST KITCHEN

**A fun and engaging cooking workshop  
for young people aged 11 - 16 years.**



**Friday 3rd Jan**

**Monday 23rd Dec**

10am - 3pm

10am - 3pm

Leytonstone School

Frederick Bremer School

E11 1DJ

E17 4EY

**BOOK FOR  
Leytonstone**



[teri@makingitmindful.co.uk](mailto:teri@makingitmindful.co.uk)



[www.makingitmindful.co.uk](http://www.makingitmindful.co.uk)

**BOOK FOR  
Walthamstow**



For children and young people who receive benefit related free school meals.

**Making It Mindful**

# New Years Party

For children aged 4 - 11 years old and their families



## FREE TICKETS

FOR CHILDREN  
WHO RECEIVE  
BENEFIT RELATED  
FREE SCHOOL  
MEALS

**Disco, party games, snow machine, entertainers, giant slide, bouncy castles, crafts, sensory play, face painting, Jewellery making and a healthy snack making workshop!**

CHILDREN £12  
ADULTS £6  
UNDER 3,  
FREE!

## FREE HAF TICKETS



**Monday 30th December**



**10.30AM - 1PM & 2PM - 4.30PM**



George Mitchell secondary school  
**Leyton E10 5ND**



## Tickets



[www.makingitmindful.co.uk](http://www.makingitmindful.co.uk)



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MAKING IT MINDFUL

# Christmas PARTY



**FREE TICKETS**  
FOR CHILDREN  
WHO RECEIVE  
BENEFIT RELATED  
FREE SCHOOL  
MEALS

**DISCO, PARTY GAMES, SNOW  
MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT  
SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES,  
CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, FACE  
PAINTING, JEWELLERY MAKING  
AND GINGERBREAD  
DECORATION!**

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11 YEARS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**TICKETS**  
CHILDREN £12  
ADULTS £6  
UNDER 3, FREE!

**FREE HAF  
TICKETS**



**MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER**



**10.30AM - 1PM & 2PM - 4.30PM**



**FREDERICK BREMER SCHOOL,  
WALTHAMSTOW**

**BOOK  
TICKETS**



# Ready to make new habits as a family?

## Come along to our fun and free healthy lifestyle courses!

# Beezee FAMILIES

12-week Beezee Families courses starting

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday



Healthy eating tips



Small changes that make a big difference



Fun activities for the whole family

Places are limited, so get in touch with us today.

Sign up for your family's FREE place at

[wlf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies](http://wlf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies)



Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

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Waltham Forest

## Make your own Grinch Fruit Kebabs

This recipe will make 10 fruit kebabs

### Instructions:

1. First, wash all of your fruit, then start by slicing the top off of all your strawberries.
2. Peel and slice your banana into 10 round circles.
3. Start assembling your kebabs by sliding 1 mini marshmallow onto the toothpick so it sits at the top.
4. Underneath this, slide on your strawberry with the pointy side towards the marshmallow to make the santa hat.
5. Slide one banana slice under the strawberry to make the hat trim.
6. Finally, slide on one grape to complete your Grinch fruit kebab!
7. Serve and enjoy! If you want to save some for later, these can be refrigerated and left for 1 day!

### Ingredients

- 10 mini marshmallows
- 10 strawberries
- 1 banana
- 10 green grapes

### You'll need

- 10 toothpicks to hold your grinch kebabs together!

### Nutritional values per kebab

Kcal:	22
Total fat:	0.1g
Saturated fat:	0.0g
Sodium:	1mg
Total Carbohydrates:	5.5g
Dietary Fibre:	0.7g
Total Sugar:	3.5g
Protein:	0.7g

Why not add some edible eyes to your grinch kebabs to help bring them to life?



  
BeeZee Academy

  
Beezee bodies

