



## Welcome to our Termly Newsletter Summer 1

Woodside Primary Academy - Attendance & Absence Reporting

Woodside Primary Academy - School Timings

Woodside Primary Academy - Term Dates

Woodside Primary Academy - Newsletters

# Children return to school Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June

## **SUMMER COMMUNITY FAIR – SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY:**

**PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS FOR BEST PRICE**

**Tickets will be on Arbor on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025-  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**



You and your children can look forward to interactive dinosaurs, inflatable activity bouncy castle, Zorb's, trampolines, club performances, face paint, ice cream, candy floss, slushies, traditional fairground games, food, drink, entertainment and more.

# Highlights from this Term!

Here are some of our highlights from this term's events!

• Reception had a magical time when the theatre came to school. The children were captivated by the performance and loved having the stage brought to life right in their own hall.



Readathon! A huge well done to all the students who took part in our Readathon! Together, we raised over £5,000—a fantastic achievement! To celebrate their success, we held a special **assembly** to recognise and reward their achievements—well deserved!



Our classes have thoroughly enjoyed performing their **assemblies** in front of parents, proudly showcasing their topic work. Here are some photos from the assemblies by **5 confidence** and **4 Respect**.



# Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last Day Before Half Term</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 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>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Wetlands (Independence)</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2 Honesty Assembly 9 am</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 trip Horse Riding (Kindness and Responsibility)</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 Trip Horse Riding (Confidence/Respect)</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 Trip Horse Riding (4 Honesty)</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Wetlands (Responsibility)</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception Hearing and Vision</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June</b>	<b>Reception Sports Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Wetlands (Kindness)</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception Hearing and Vision</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Nurse Drop in Forest site</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Wetlands (Respect)</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception Southend Trip (Honesty/Responsibility/Independence)</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Reception Southend Trip (Respect/Confidence/Kindness)</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition Day</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day Year 1-6</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Picnic in the park</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Disco</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nurse Drop in Bridge site</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day Before Summer Holiday</b>

# Well Done to Year 6!

Our Year 6 students have been working hard on their **SATs** this week, and we couldn't be prouder of them! They arrived at school promptly each morning and made the most of the breakfast club, where they could unwind with friends before starting their exams.

To celebrate their efforts, they enjoyed a fun-filled trip to Bistern Park—a well-deserved treat to mark the end of their SATs. And the excitement isn't over yet—there's still plenty of Year 6 activities to look forward to!





# Woodside Culture Day!

Woodside celebrated Culture Day on the last day of term, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every child who took part. Everyone looked amazing, and your enthusiasm made the day truly special!



# Welcoming our new Safeguarding Lead!



**Kate Raley**  
**Designated**  
**Safeguarding Lead**  
**and Family Liaison**  
**Lead.**

My name is Miss Kate Raley, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Family Liaison Lead.

My role is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students, while also being a supportive link between home and school. I'm here to listen, guide and work with you to help every child feel safe, supported and happy both in and out of the classroom. Building strong, relationships with you all is incredibly important to me, so please come and say hello if you see me in the playgrounds or around the school, if you are worried about your child or just want to have a chat, please email [school@woodside-academy.org](mailto:school@woodside-academy.org).

## Celebrating our Departing Staff!



**Emma Udennis**  
**Senior LSA**

Emma is sadly leaving Woodside after 12 years! We will miss you Emma! Good luck with everything you do!



**Shianne Daniels**  
**Senior Pastoral Learning**  
**Mentor**





After 3 wonderful years at Woodside, Shianne is moving on to new adventures. Her presence will be deeply missed!

# Keeping Our Children Safe- A Message for Families

In light of the recent incident in our local area, we know many of you will be concerned about your child's safety — especially during the journey to and from school.

## Talking to Your Child About Safety

It's important to have open, calm conversations with your child. Here are some tips:

-  **Be open and honest** - Create a space where they feel safe to talk.
-  **Keep it age-appropriate** - Reassure them without causing fear.
-  **Talk about safe routes and routines** - Encourage walking in groups and using well-lit roads.
-  **Discuss peer pressure** - Help them recognise and resist it.

## Online Safety

We would like to share some information with you in regard to keeping children safe when using social media and private messaging platforms.

With some children across Year 5 & 6 having their own personal phones, we hope this information will be a supportive tool to raise awareness of the apps and how you can help your child use them safely.

As WhatsApp has become an increasingly popular app, please see the below for a 'Parent Safety Guide' for your viewing as well as a link which contains information about using other apps safely.

This information will also be available for you on our school website.



# WhatsApp safety guide for parents

internet  
matters.org

13+

WhatsApp's  
minimum age  
in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17  
who use  
WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13  
who use  
WhatsApp



## 5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



**1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



**2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



**3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



**4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



**5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

internet  
matters.org

f [InternetMatters](#)

X [@IM\\_Org](#)

@[internetmattersorg](#)

yt [@InternetMatters](#)

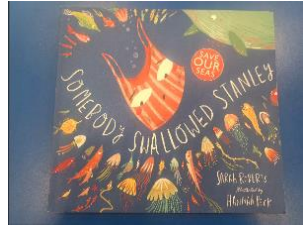
in [Internet Matters Ltd](#)

# Sustainability

## Reception's Green Fingers in Action!

Reception have been busy watching their plants grow and learning about the important role plants play in our environment. The children explored how plants help clean the air, provide food, and support wildlife.

As part of their learning, they also had fun creating their own magical potions using a variety of different plants—sparking imagination while exploring nature up close!



## KS1 Tackle Plastic Waste Inspired by Storybook

After reading *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* by Sarah Roberts, Year One students learned how plastic pollution harms sea creatures. In the story, a plastic bag named Stanley is mistaken for a jellyfish and swallowed by animals in the ocean.

To help make a difference, the class made reusable bags from old t-shirts—turning waste into something useful! This fun, hands-on project taught students about sustainability and the importance of reducing single-use plastics.

## Bridge Site Sustainability Poster Competition – Winners Announced!

A big thank you to all the pupils who took part in our *Sustainability Poster Competition*! We were amazed by your creativity and the powerful messages you shared to encourage everyone to **Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**.

🎉 **Congratulations to our overall winners**, whose fantastic poster will be proudly displayed at the main school entrance!

Forest Site: Adam 3 Independence

Bridge Site - Austin 6 Kindness



👏 **Well done to our runners-up** from each year group:

- 1 Honesty - Tiggy
- 2 Kindness - Penelope
- 3 Independence - Aisha O
- 4 Confidence - Evelina
- 5 Respect - Juniper
- 6 Responsibility - Evie



Thank you for helping us make a difference and reminding everyone that small actions can lead to big change!

# Individual Achievements



Zahra from year 5 has been riding every weekend for the past few years. In addition to her weekly riding lessons, Zahra attends pony club, where she learns how to care for horses- she would like a horse of her own one day. Recently, she has earned badges for dressage and plaiting. Riding has really helped Zahra to gain confidence, core strength and stability. She has made new friends and refers to the stables as her 'happy place'. Well done, Zahra!



Mia made an incredible debut at the *Swim England London Region Artistic Swimming Competition 2025 (U12)*, placing 4th in her first-ever solo routine — just behind seasoned international medallists. Performing to "*Unstoppable*," she showed this is only the beginning of her exciting journey!



Well done to Faith in Year 4 who won 6<sup>th</sup> place in her junior league Karate!

# FREE FAMILY COME & SING IN WALTHAM FOREST!



Free  
snacks  
provided



Registered charity no.1151714

Wednesday 28 May  
10.30am-12.00pm  
St Saviour's Church  
Markhouse Road  
London E17 8EP



Free half-term singing session for  
the whole family to enjoy together

TO SIGN UP  
Scan QR code or visit  
[londonyouthchoirs.com](https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com)

**FREE Family Come & Sing with London Youth Choirs in Walthamstow!**  
Always singing? Never really sung in a choir before but want to try something new? Would you like to have fun together as a family? Everyone is welcome to LYC's Family Come & Sing event at St Saviour's Church, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow, E17 8EP, during half term on Wednesday 28 May from 10.30am-12.00pm.

**Please sign up on the LYC website:**

<https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/free-half-term-family-come-sing-in-waltham-forest-may-2025/>

For safeguarding reasons, you must sign up to attend.

# New 2025 Waltham Forest Wanders – get your school exploring the borough

We're excited to let you know the 2025 Waltham Forest Wanders resource is now available!

Building on the success of last year's edition, this update includes a fresh set of family-friendly walks across the borough – helping children and families explore their local area while staying active.

With easy-to-follow routes and inspiring destinations, it's a brilliant way to encourage walking to school, after-school adventures, or weekend outings.

Waltham Forest Wanders helps families get active, explore locally, and choose walking as a fun, sustainable travel option.

It's free, easy to use, and a great way to support your Travel for Life targets around active travel, community engagement, and environmental awareness.

You can share the attached resource in newsletters or use it for Walk to School Week, classroom projects, or eco council activities.



Contact us now to share your active travel stories with us:

[schooltravelplans@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravelplans@walthamforest.gov.uk)



## Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe selection!



### Ingredients:

1x8 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)

Tomato passata

30g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Ham
- Mushrooms
- Spinach
- Sweetcorn
- Tomatoes
- Pineapple



### Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- Microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200/gas mark 6 for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

### Want more help with recipes?

We run FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to help families like yours make healthy habits, and have fun while doing so! Secure your spot today

Our courses are for families with children aged 5+ and above their ideal weight.

Scan the code

...or click here to find out more

Sign up today!



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



# Parent/Carer Support Programmes

**April - July 2025**

A full guide to the programmes available from pregnancy to adulthood in Waltham Forest



**Best Start  
in Life**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
--------	---------	-----------	----------	--------	----------

**Beezee Adults**  
Age 18+

21 April - 7 July

10am - 12pm  
The Paradox  
Centre  
E4 8YD

**Beezee Families**  
Age 5-15

21 April- 14 July

5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Leyton Sports  
Ground  
E17 3PW

**Triple P**  
Age 0-12

7 May - 2 July

9.30am-11.30am  
South Grove  
Primary School  
E17 8PW

**Calm Parents  
Calm Children**  
Age 4-11

24 April - 22 May

7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Online

**Strengthening  
Families  
Strengthening  
Communities**  
Age 0-18

25 April - 25 July

9.30am-12.30pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Connective  
Parenting  
Sessions**  
Age 0-25

3 May - 10 May

9.30am-11.30am  
Online

**Cygnets Teens**  
Age 12 - 18

28 April - 12 June

5pm - 7.30pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Triple P  
Stepping Stones**  
Age 0-12

10 Jan - 14 March

12.30pm-2.30pm  
Leytonstone  
Library  
E11 1HG

**HENRY  
Preparation for  
parenthood**  
20 weeks - Birth

16 June - 21 July

7.30am - 9pm  
Online

**Beezee Families**  
Age 5-15

21 April- 14 July

5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Walthamstow  
School for Girls  
E17 9RZ

**Strengthening  
Families  
Strengthening  
Communities**  
Age 0-18

25 April - 25 July

9.30am-12.30pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**HENRY  
Preparation for  
parenthood**  
20 weeks - Birth

5 May - 9 June

10am - 11.30am  
Online

**Connective  
Parenting  
Sessions**  
Age 0-25

9 June - 16 June

9.30am-11.30am  
Online

**HENRY  
Healthy Families  
Programme**  
Age 0-5

13 May - 8 July

1pm - 3pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Beezee Families**  
Age 5-15

21 April - 14 July

5pm - 7pm  
Chingford C of E  
Junior School  
E4 7BP

**Beezee Adults**  
Age 18+

21 April- 7 July

5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Leyton Sports  
Ground  
E17 3PW

**Parent support programmes are a chance to:**

- Increase knowledge and understanding of children's development and needs
- Build positive relationships
- Share ideas and concerns about being a parent
- Improve behaviour and communication
- Meet other parents
- Reduce parenting stress

**Beezee Adults**  
Age 18+

21 April - 7 July

1pm - 3pm  
Walthamstow  
Family Hub  
E17 7JN

**Triple P Babies**  
Age 0 - 9 months

29 April - 24 June

10am - 12pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Raising Resilient  
and Confident  
Children**  
Age 4-11

30 April - 14 May

10am - 12pm  
The Junction  
E11 4LF

**Cygnets Primary**  
Age 5-11

1 May - 12 June

9.30am - 12pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**EarlyBird**  
Age 0 - 5

12 May - 14 July

9.30am - 12pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**EarlyBird**  
Age 0 - 5

29 April - 15 July

9.30am - 12pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Mellow Bumps**  
20 weeks - Birth

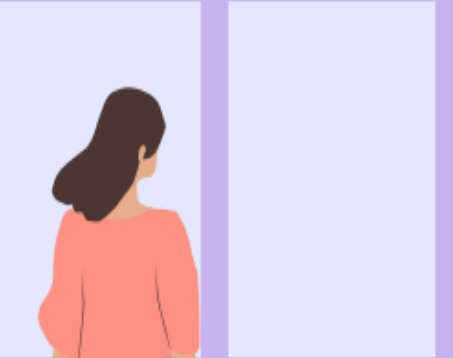
1 May - 25 June

1pm - 3pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

**Strengthening  
Families  
Strengthening  
Communities**  
Age 0-18

25 April - 25 July

9.30am-12.30pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ



- Descriptions of all courses can be found on the following pages
- All sessions are weekly unless otherwise stated
- All programmes are fully funded by the London Borough of Waltham Forest

**HENRY  
Healthy Families  
Right From The  
Start**  
Age 0-5

7 May - 2 July

10am - 12pm  
Leytonstone  
Library  
E11 1HG

**Strengthening  
Families  
Strengthening  
Communities**  
Age 0-18

25 April - 25 July

9.30am-12.30pm  
Queens Road  
Family Hub  
E17 8PJ

