

Don't forget school will close 1 hour earlier than usual next Thursday 28th March 2024 for the Easter break

Mrs Cutajar - Memories

Mrs Cutajar has, for thousands of children been part of a team that set children on their education path for life. She has done this with great success over the years and a true passion for helping children get the best start in life. There have been laughs and even a few tears (that's nursery life) but Mrs Cutajar has been there throughout and supported all children fantastically.

She will be leaving us with very fond memories and we wish her long and happy retirement spending much deserved time with her family. Here are just some of the memories and kind words that the children have shared about Mrs Cutajar:

"Mrs Cutajar taught me how to write."

Amae & Lewis

"When someone got hurt she used to act like an ambulance and take us to the office."

Elm Class

"I will never forget when Oscar, Joshua and I were sitting on top of the playground and you could not stop laughing!"

Cagan

"When I cried, she tried to make me happy all the time"

Elm Class

"Mrs Cutajar helped me develop my confidence and love for learning. I would gladly redo nursery to be with Mrs Cutajar again."

Elayda

"Mrs Cutajar makes the best toast!"

Joseph

"I will miss you because of everything you helped me get through in Nursery."

Amelia

"Mrs Cutajar, the most stylish teacher or a runway model, let me play in the sandbox and got me through Nursery, all the way to Year 5."

Safa

"We will miss you!"

Eucalyptus Class

"Mrs Cutajar makes playdough with me."

Zoya

"Mrs Cutajar is kind and nice."

Adalyn

HAPPY
Retirement!

Mrs Field - Memories

The second person we wish a happy retirement to is also an ex nursery teacher who introduced our school to the wonderful Forest school. Yes, you've guessed it, it is Mrs Field.

Mrs Field has supported so many families and children over an impressive 22 years at Chase Lane. She has always maintained the upmost of professionalism and demonstrated wonderful compassion for the children of Chase Lane. Mrs Field slowly worked up to a senior level at Chase Lane and even worked on an Early Years project internationally, travelling to Sweden and Italy to share her amazing teaching!

Mrs Field has a true passion for teaching and I know her decision to step away has not been easy.

Here are just some of the memories and kind words that the children have shared about Mrs Field:

"We're off to Forest School today, hooray. Hooray!"

Melek

"Forest School makes us happy because we love looking for insects."

Maple Class

"Thank you for having me in Nursery and helping my singing and actions in our Twinkle, Twinkle little star play."

George

"Because I cried a lot, she helped my mum and made me feel better."

Elm Class

"Thank you for the care and joy you put in our nursery. You made perfect toast, turned our bad days to great, thank you for your kindness."

Samuel

"I will miss you Mrs Field. I loved making the Peace Garden - it is super nice!"

Den

"Mrs Field says be kind to the worms and have kind, gentle hands. Do not squish them."

Ash Class

"We loved it when Mrs Field gave us popcorn in Forest School!"

Eucalyptus Class

"She makes me feel happy."

Praise

"Mrs Field, I really enjoyed being with you. You take care of us, you let us enjoy eating food, you let us play and climb trees. Thank you so much!"

Liyana

"You taught me everything I know, without you I would be speaking gibberish. You fed me when I was hungry. You are the best. Best of luck. Thank you Mrs Field."

Sumaya

HAPPY
Retirement!



Year 2 - Africa Projects

In the summer term, Year 2 will be learning all about Africa! During the Easter Break, the children have the opportunity to create a project about Africa to share when they come back to school. Below are some examples of what the children can do:



- Create an African animal or mask using re-cycled materials.
- Research an African landmark.
- Write an itinerary for their travels in an African country.
- Listen and re-create African Music and post onto seesaw.
- Make a piece of art work, influenced by an African artist.
- Create a poster about African Culture including, festivals, food or clothing.
- Design and make tribal accessories.



Art Competition time!



World Art Day is coming up and we would like the whole school to be involved!

Based on the story that was read to you in assembly, create a bug made out of recyclable and sustainable materials! Bring the bug into school by **Friday 19th April** and give it to Miss Rhodes. Here are some ideas to inspire you:



Whole School English Project Coming Soon!

As you know, we've been asking you to imagine new lands before our new school project is launched next week. This week we want you to reflect on what your family does best.



Are you a family of poets? Are you expert model builders? Are you a company of actors? We are going to want you to put your skills to the test over the Easter holidays so keep your eyes peeled for the announcement that comes next week to learn more!

Bosnia Independence Day

On 1st March it was Bosnia's Independence day. In Bosnia the day is marked as is national holiday and a time to commemorate the country's independence from Yugoslavia in 1992.

We would like to wish all our Bosnian families a belated happy independence day.



Behaviour Incidents

In line with our Pupil Code of Conduct, we kindly ask parents/carers to speak to the class teacher regarding any incidents to do with behaviour. Please **do not** approach or call parents to speak to them about an incident that has taken place in school. This causes distress to families and is not in line with our school policies or our community spirit.



Please click the link to view page 6 our Pupil Code of Conduct <https://www.chaselanepri.waltham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1410&type=pdf>

Attendance 11th March - 15th March

Well done to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year Groups :- over 96%. The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%.

Year group	Class	Attendance
Year 1	Palm	96.6%
Year 4	Hawthorn	96%
Year 5	Elm	100%
Year 6	Oak	97%



During the above period our overall school attendance was **95.6%**. Well done to **Elm** class for getting 100% attendance.

End of Term Early Closure

Polite reminder that next **Thursday 28th March** the school will **close 1 hour earlier** than usual for the Easter holidays.



Please set yourself a reminder so that your child/children are not left waiting in the school office.

School reopens for summer term on Monday 15th April at 8.45am.

Week 2 Dinner Menu 25th March - 28th March

Next week's dinner menu will be **WEEK 3**. Please click the link to view it:

https://walthamforestcatering.co.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/WFC_Primary_Menu_Winter_Menu_2024.pdf

Waltham Forest Residents News

Click the link to view the latest Waltham Forest Residents news: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-03/WFN%2025%20-%2020March%202024.pdf>

Sign of the Week

This week's sign is: **Now!** Click the link below to see how to make the sign for **Now!**

https://youtu.be/s4kX0TsQCMk?si=iisjET_vunh0-sta



Year 1 Local Trip 19th April

After the Easter break, on Friday 19th April, Year 1 will be going for a walk around Chingford Mount as an introduction to their new topic 'Home Sweet Home'. We will be leaving school at 1:30pm and will aim to return by 3pm. If the weather is nice we will probably go to the park and let them have a little play.

If you are available to support the trip on that day as a parent helper, please email the school office chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk



Nursery's Special Visitors

Over the last two weeks, Nursery have been home to some very special guests as we had an exciting delivery of eggs!

The children observed as they started to crack and the chicks slowly emerged. We had to keep the newly born chicks warm so they were all kept in an incubator.

After hatching, the children named each chick with names including "Chick Pea", "Sunshine" and "Bucket".

Once they were strong enough to come out, the children had the chance to hold them. The children have been really caring as they remembered to give them food and water daily. We learnt about the life cycle of a hen including new vocabulary as well as use different techniques to create pictures of the chicks.



Nowruz - Persian New Year

This week on Wednesday 20th March was Nowruz (pronounced "no-rooz").

What is Nowruz?

Nowruz is the Persian New Year holiday that marks the Spring Equinox. Many diverse communities celebrate this holiday around the world. Much like the spring holiday of other cultures, Nowruz is an eco-friendly holiday which champions unity, peace, and solidarity between generations, growth, and renewal.



When is Nowruz celebrated?

Iranians use a solar calendar, the months and celebrations align with the changing of seasons. The first day of the first month is called 'Farvardin'.

Why do people celebrate Nowruz?

Nowruz is the first day of the first month and features in the Iranian calendars, amongst many others. It signals the start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. People of different beliefs and faiths have observed Nowruz for over 3000 years!

How do people celebrate Nowruz?

There are many traditions associated with Nowruz. Some include:

- a deep spring cleaning of the home
- Decluttering homes means they are ready to start afresh in the new year
- purchasing a new outfit (and even new underwear!)
- visiting friends and family - elders first!
- eating sweets, tea and mixed nuts while visiting

Belated New Year wishes to all our families that celebrated Nowruz this week.

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings to everyone who has celebrated/will be celebrating their birthday this month. We hope you had/have a wonderful day!



Year 5 Swimming Lessons Summer Term

After the Easter break our Year 5 children will start attending swimming lessons at Larkwood Swimming Pool, New Road Chingford. The lessons are in 2 week blocks, meaning the children will have 10 straight lessons.



The first Year 5 class to attend will be:

Elm class from Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April 2024

All children who are asthmatic must take an asthma pump to the pool every day. If they do not have a pump with them, they will not be allowed to swim.

Here is a list of the required kit

GIRLS

One piece swimming costume - **no bikinis**
Swimming hat
Towel
Comb / brush
£1 coin returnable for locker
Verruca socks can be worn
No jewellery is allowed

BOYS

Lined tight fitted swimming trunks or drawstring shorts
Swimming hat
Towel
Comb / brush
£1 coin returnable for locker
Verruca socks can be worn
No jewellery is allowed

Elm class parents/carers, if you are available to attend as a parent helper, please email the school office.

Fun Fact

Did you know that there are believed to be 47 different ladybird species in the UK but over 5,000 species globally?

TYPES OF LADYBUGS



Not all ladybirds are red with black spots. Ladybirds can be yellow, orange, brown or red with black, white or red spots. Some even have stripes instead of spots!

Joke of the Week

Q. Where do baby apes sleep?

A. In apricots!



The Waltham Forest Warbler: Call for submissions!

The Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team is launching their first ever newsletter, **The Waltham Forest Warbler**, to champion the voices of student. The theme for the first issue is "My Voice Matters".

Please read the posters below for all the details. If you would like to get involved you can submit a piece art, writing, photography etc. to Mr Hill. The deadline for the first round of submissions is **Thursday 28th March 2024**. If we receive any submissions, we will then get parental consent from parents/carers for your child's work to be published as it could be featured in The Warbler and circulated in schools across the borough.



Best care by the best people

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Hi, I'm Wesley, the warbler!
Thank you for choosing my name in the survey :)

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 28/03/2024

THE WALTHAM FOREST WARBLER

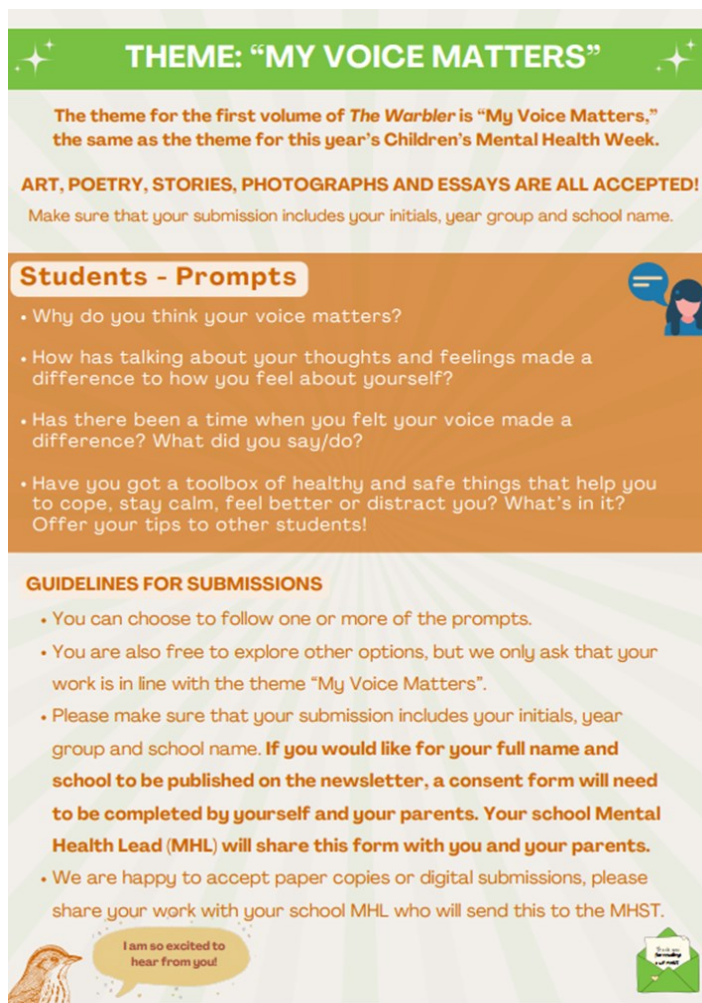
BY THE
WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Dear students,

We want to hear from you!

Share your art, stories, insights and experiences with us as we launch our first ever newsletter dedicated to championing your voices.

Stand a chance to have your work and name published in "The Waltham Forest Warbler"!



THEME: "MY VOICE MATTERS"

The theme for the first volume of *The Warbler* is "My Voice Matters," the same as the theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week.

ART, POETRY, STORIES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND ESSAYS ARE ALL ACCEPTED!

Make sure that your submission includes your initials, year group and school name.

Students - Prompts

- Why do you think your voice matters?
- How has talking about your thoughts and feelings made a difference to how you feel about yourself?
- Has there been a time when you felt your voice made a difference? What did you say/do?
- Have you got a toolbox of healthy and safe things that help you to cope, stay calm, feel better or distract you? What's in it? Offer your tips to other students!

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

- You can choose to follow one or more of the prompts.
- You are also free to explore other options, but we only ask that your work is in line with the theme "My Voice Matters".
- Please make sure that your submission includes your initials, year group and school name. **If you would like for your full name and school to be published on the newsletter, a consent form will need to be completed by yourself and your parents. Your school Mental Health Lead (MHL) will share this form with you and your parents.**
- We are happy to accept paper copies or digital submissions, please share your work with your school MHL who will send this to the MHST.

I am so excited to hear from you!

Dates for the Diary

Any additions/changes to the diary dates are highlighted in **purple** text

Spring Term 2 - 2024 Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024

Tuesday 26th March	Year 2 trip Baobab class William Morris Gallery trip - 9.00am returning at 1.00pm Year 2 trip Acacia class William Morris Gallery trip - 11:45am returning at 3:30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3 & 5 Performance Shiny Hall Morning performance 9.15am Afternoon performance 2.30pm
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring term - school will close 1 hour earlier

Easter Break Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April	Easter School for Year 6 Week 1
Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April	Easter School for Year 6 Week 2

Summer Term 1 - 2024 Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 15th April	8.45am School reopens for Summer term
Monday 22nd April	9.30am - 12pm Reception Height & Weight checks
Friday 26th April	2.30pm - 3.30pm School Nurse Drop-In (by pre-booked appointment)
Friday 10th May	PTA Year 2 & 3 Disco (details to follow)
Friday 17th May	PTA Year 4 & 5 Disco (details to follow)
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May	Year 6 Activity week
Tuesday 21st May	2.30pm Parents Forum meeting - meeting room
Friday 24th May	PTA Whole School Pyjama day (details to follow)

Whitsun half-term break Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Summer Term 2 - 2024 Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July 2024



Don't forget to share your Travel for Life evidence with us!

schooltravelplans
@walthamforest.gov.uk



FREE Easter Cycling School

Location:
Memorial Park

Dates:
Tuesday 2 April
Wednesday 3 April
Thursday 4 April
Friday 5 April

Sessions:
9am to 11am - Learn to ride
11am to 1pm - Learn to ride
1:45pm to 3:45pm - Level 1 (off road)

Location:
Leyton Jubilee Park

Dates:
Monday 8 April
Tuesday 9 April
Wednesday 10 April
Thursday 11 April
Friday 12 April

Sessions:
9am to 11am - Learn to ride
11am to 1pm - Learn to ride
1:30pm to 3:30pm - Level 1 (off road)

Book ahead: <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest/>

cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk

Easter Holiday Gymnastics Short Courses at Walthamstow Leisure Centre



5 – 7 years	8 + years
Friday 5 th of April 2 - 4pm	Wednesday 3 rd of April 2 - 4pm
Friday 12 th of April 2 - 4pm	Wednesday 8 th of April 2 - 4pm

Price - £12.50

Available to book now on Better App or Better website

<https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk>

Come along and try out our fun packed gymnastics lessons or improve on existing gymnastics skills! Everyone is welcome

Please note places are limited we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

How to find us

Walthamstow Leisure Centre
Markhouse Rd, London E17 8RN

For more info email: walthamstow@gll.org



WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE JUNIOR BASKETBALL EASTER HOLIDAY

- Activities include dribbling, shooting, ball control, passing, team work and general fitness. Basketball is a great way to improve discipline, social skills and physical fitness. All sessions are coached by a level 2 qualified basketball coach with over 10 years' experience in coaching under 16s.

Tuesday 2 nd and 9 th April 2024	2-3pm (11-14 Years Old)	3-4pm (14-16 Years Old)
Wednesday 3 rd and 10 th April 2024	1-2pm (6-7 Years Old)	2-3pm (8-10 Years Old)

- Cost - £6.30 per session
- To book. Please go to <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk>

How to find us

Walthamstow Leisure Centre
Markhouse Rd,
London E17 8RN
Tel: 020 8520 7464

For more information

please email:
walthamstow@gll.org





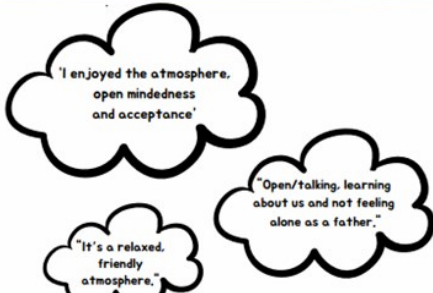
Baby and Us

Brand new free course for parents/carers of babies under 9 months

Baby and Us will support you to

Understand your baby's cues
Cope with challenges around feeding, sleep and crying
Interact positively with your baby
Manage parental stress

This free 9 week course is running in the Chingford Family Hub
Weekly sessions beginning on Wednesday 17th April



To book your place:
Phone: 0779913026 Web: bit.ly/EPECBAP
Email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk

Best Start
in Life

WALTHAM FOREST
FAMILY HUBS



WALTHAM FOREST Easter Holiday Fun

FREE ACTIVITIES THIS EASTER

FOR 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

THIS EASTER WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF FREE EXCITING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BOROUGH FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENJOY DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS. ALL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN

**TUESDAY 2 APRIL TO
FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024**

Waltham Forest

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

2nd APR - 12th APR

Handsworth Primary School
Handsworth Ave, Chingford, E4 9PJ

MON 8 th APR: OLYMPICS DAY!	TUES 9 th APR: EASTER FUN DAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wacky Races Throwing Challenges Fun Field Events Gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Egg Treasure Hunt Egg and Spoon Race Eggcellent Dodgeball Big team Baseball
WED 10 th APR: NINJA WARRIOR DAY	THUR 11 th APR: BOUNCY CASTLE DAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camouflage Timed Challenges Obstacle Courses Balance & Agility Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bouncy Fun Coach Challenge Games Creative Sports Castle Dodgeball
FRI 12 th APR: FOOTBALL & GYMNASICS DAY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi Sports Team Matches Super Skill School Penalty Shoot Outs 	

TUES 2nd APR: EASTER FUN DAY

- Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- Egg and Spoon Race
- Eggcellent Dodgeball
- Big team Rounders

WED 3rd APR: NINJA WARRIOR DAY

- Camouflage
- Timed Challenges
- Obstacle Courses
- Balance & Agility Training

THUR 4th APR: TOURNAMENT DAY!

- Kickball
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Benchball

Welcome to our Easter Sports Camp Schedule!
Each day you can expect a number of different themed sports, games & activities, as well as even more Easter themed activities!

To book:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk, click "Book Now"
**There is a 4.5% platform fee on every booking*

SCAN HERE

SIDEOUT EASTER BEACH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

8th-11th April 2024 10am - 3pm

Learn new skills, make new friends and have fun during the school holidays!

Beyond beach volleyball, kids will enjoy games, team-building activities and other exciting challenges on our sandy courts.

Ages: 8-16

Prices:

- 1 day £25
- 4 days £85

You can sign up for as many days you want, discount only applies if all 4 days booked.

Ive Farm Sports Ground
access via:
Ive Farm Close, E10 5HQ or Orient Way E10 5UE

Feel Good
ACCREDITED

Make memories, build friendships, and develop skills that will last a lifetime.

ENQUIRIES:
Email: info@sideout.co.uk
WhatsApp: 07845602196

SIGN UP HERE:

registration.sideout.co.uk