

Welcome to Summer Term

Welcome back for an exciting Summer term. I hope you have all had a happy and peaceful break. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school with such enthusiasm. Let's hope the warmer weather comes to stay soon.

This week I have noticed that some children have not been wearing the correct shoes or trousers. I would like to take this opportunity to politely remind you that children should be wearing their full school uniform. School shoes should be:

- black; if not shoes, black trainers which are buckled, laced (if they can tie them on their own) or velcro fastened - **no brightly coloured logos, stripes, soles or laces or flashing lights.**
- school trousers should be grey, not black.

Mr Jeffery

Attendance 25th March - 28th 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	99.1%
Year 2	Sassafras	97.5%
Year 3	Hazel	98.7%
Year 4	Hawthorn	96.7%
Year 6	Olive	96.6%



During the above period our overall school attendance was **95.6%**.

Good Attendance & Punctuality Matter

Good school attendance is very important. Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning.

There are 365 days in a year, 190 days are for children to attend school. This leaves 175 non-school days for families to: spend time together, visit the extended family, see friends, go shopping, attend routine appointments etc.

Here are some facts about school attendance:

There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results. Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work which can affect their future prospects.

Absence in a school year

10 days = 95%
19 days = 90%
29 days = 85%
38 days = 80%

Young children find it very hard to get back into their friendship groups after a period of absence.

The Government set 96% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for all pupils.

A 2 week absence each year in primary school adds up to missing 14 weeks of teaching time - this will have a negative impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills.

Think again before you consider taking a 'Leave of Absence'.

80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96.5%	92.5%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE Best chance of SUCCESS	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE Harder to make good progress	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT Less chance of success	Persistent Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN Serious concern Possible Court Action!

Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.

Punctuality: Good punctuality is also very important and a great start to your child's day. Here are some tips you might find helpful:

1. Set a limit on your child's gadget use - Try setting a gadget curfew at least two hours before bed, the earlier in the evening, the better.
2. Make sure their uniform, book bag and packed lunch (if applicable) are ready the night before.
3. Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready properly.
4. Leave home with enough time to walk to school.
5. If driving or travelling by bus, allow sufficient time for any unexpected traffic delays.

Nursery's Newest Member



Introducing the newest member of our Nursery family: **Ruffle Rabbit!** At only 12 weeks old, she's already loved by us all.

The children have been thrilled to welcome her! They have lent a hand in setting up her hutch and showered her with lots of cuddles!



Year 1 Home Sweet Home Topic

To start off Year 1's new topic 'home sweet home' with a bang, the children had a walk around Chingford Mount to find different points of interest: Chingford Mosque, St Edmund's church, Sainsbury's and Memorial park to name a few!

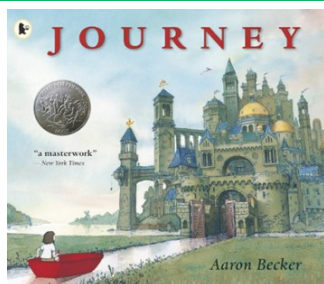
The children had lots of fun and enjoyed playing in Memorial park's playground after their hard work.

Year 1 Teachers



Whole School Writing Project Presentations

This term, we started a project inspired by the picture book, "Journey" written by Aaron Becker. This captivating tale follows a child who uses a magical pencil to explore enchanting new worlds, sparking imagination and creativity along the way.



Over the Easter holidays your children were creating amazing things inspired by "Journey."

Whether it was an image, a model, a piece of writing, a poem, or even a piece of role play, the possibilities were endless. Don't worry, there is still time to get involved over the weekend and bring in something creative next week!

To celebrate all the children's work, we will be hosting a special event on **Friday 26th April from 8:00 am to 8:40 am**. All families are invited to join us in the shiny hall to share their projects and witness the imaginative wonders that have been crafted by our students and their loved ones. It promises to be a morning filled with inspiration, laughter and community spirit.

We hope you will join us on this exciting journey as we celebrate the power of imagination and creativity together.

Mr Barker
Literacy Co-ordinator

Photographer Needed

Are you a budding photographer?

Can you lend your skills to our school for free?



We are currently in the process of updating our school website and we need some fresh new photos.

If you are able to help, please email the Office Manager, Mrs Dasilva at:
chaselanepri@clpwalham.org.uk

Elm Class Swimming Lessons

Elm class children will continue with their swimming lessons next week.

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.



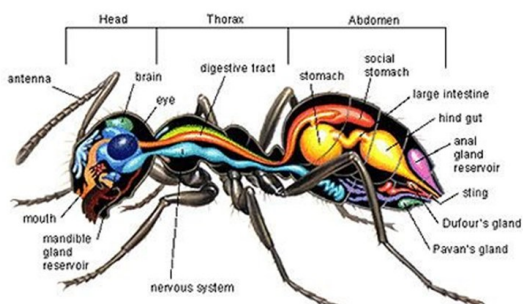
Children should remember to bring a £1 coin for the lockers.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Fun Fact

Did you know that ants don't have lungs?

Yes, it's true, ants do not have lungs. They breathe instead through small holes called spiracles, which are located along the sides of their abdomen and the thorax.

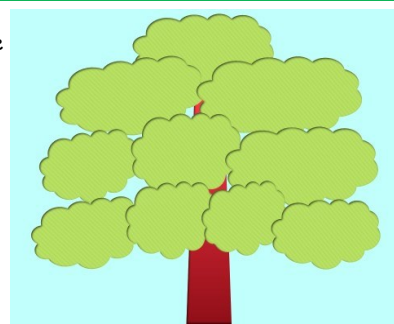


Year 3 Heritage Project

Over the Easter holidays, Year 3 were tasked to create some projects that showcased their heritage, family and the diverse places that their family came from.

This week, we have seen some excellent pieces brought in by the children. We have learnt a lot about other cultures and traditions and been taught interesting facts about other countries.

Well done Year 3!



Year 4 Ancient Greece Topic

Year 4 have started learning about Ancient Greece! To introduce the topic we engaged in a fun art lesson where we designed and created a collage of an Ancient Greek symbol. We used tissue paper to collage, overlap and add lots of colour to our art work!

Year 4 Teachers



Edshed News

Exciting news! **Beech Class** shines bright as the 23rd nationwide in spelling on Edshed! This achievement reflects their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to our brilliant students!
#BeechClassSuccess
#EdshedTop23

Leagues			
Spelling Sheet			Maths Sheet
Beech	School	School Groups	World Groups
Name			Group Score ↓
21.	S.E.A. Whitehouse Primary School, England		272,405,494
22.	Year 5, Barton Moss Primary School, England		271,215,113
23.	Beech, Chase Lane Primary School, England		264,427,107
24.	3D, Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School, England		261,733,827
25.	LARCH, Orle Academy West London, England		261,717,304
26.	JMM, Godolphin Junior Academy, England		254,237,933
27.	Year 5 Spelling group, Holme Valley Primary School, England		253,084,134
28.	Wolf, Springhead Park Primary School, England		251,075,489
29.	Year SW, East Ward Community Primary School, England		246,723,841
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Sign of the Week

This week's sign of the week is 'Summer'. Click the link below to see how to make the sign for summer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMCtck0HdUA>

Let's hope the summer sunshine starts shining through soon!



Waltham Forest Residents News

Click the link to view the latest Waltham Forest Residents news:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/39577a8>

Joke of the Week

Q. Why do ducks make good detectives?

A. They always quack the case.



Dates for the Diary Summer Term

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

Summer Term 1 - 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 22nd April	9.30am - 12pm Reception height & weight checks
Thursday 25th April	9.15am - 10.00am Nursery intake meeting in the shiny hall
Thursday 25th April	6pm - 8pm Police presentation for Year 6 parents/carers in the shiny hall
Friday 26th April	8.00am - 8.40am Whole school writing project presentations - shiny hall
Friday 26th April	2.30pm - 3.30pm School nurse drop-in (by pre-booked appointment)
Monday 29th April - Friday 10th May	Sequoia class swimming lessons
Friday 10th May	PTA Year 2 & 3 Disco (details to follow)
Friday 17th May	Year 1 Trip to Walthamstow (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 - 3.15pm Parents Forum meeting - meeting room

Whitsun Half-Term Break Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Summer Term 2 - 2024

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July 2024

Friday 7th June 2024	PTA Whole school pyjama day (details to follow)
Friday 7th June 2024	Aspen class trip to Science Museum (details to follow)
Friday 14th June 2024	Oak class trip to Science Museum (details to follow)
Monday 17th June -Friday 28th June	Beech class swimming lessons
Friday 21st June	Year 6 Junior Citizenship trip (details to follow)
Friday 28th June 2024	Olive class trip to Science Museum (details to follow)
Friday 28th June 2024	Year 1 trip to Willow Farm (details to follow)
Sunday 7th July	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of term - school will close 1 hour earlier than usual for summer holidays

Week 2 Summer Term Lunch Menu w/c 22/04/2024

ALLERGEN FRIENDLY MONDAY (FDA)

CHOOSE FROM

Jollof Rice ☹
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans ☹
Beef Bolognese

SIDES

Pasta ☹☹

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn ☹
Fresh Carrots ☹
Salad Selection ☹
Homemade Bread ☹

DESSERTS

Melon Medley ☹
Fresh Fruit Salad ☹
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ☹

Milk ☹☹ will be available after lunch.

SAVE THE PLANET TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Power Burger ☹ in a Bun ☹
Sizzling Stir Fry with Noodles ☹☹
Creamy Mac n Cheese ☹

SIDES

Jacket Wedges ☹☹

UNLIMITED

Fresh Seasonal Broccoli ☹
Mixed Vegetables ☹
Salad Selection ☹
Homemade Bread ☹

DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracknel ☹ & Custard ☹☹
Organic Fruit Yogurt ☹ with Seasonal Fresh Fruit ☹
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ☹

ALLERGEN FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY (FDA)

CHOOSE FROM

Spicy Tomato & Pepper Pasta ☹☹
Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry ☹
Roasted Lemon & Garlic Chicken

SIDES

Roasted New Potatoes ☹
Mixed Rice ☹

UNLIMITED

Garden Peas ☹
Roasted Cauliflower Florets ☹
Salad Selection ☹
Homemade Bread ☹

DESSERTS

St Clements Jelly ☹
Fresh Fruit Salad ☹
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ☹

Milk ☹☹ will be available after lunch.

FOREST ECO RANGER THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Smokey Jackfruit Jambalaya ☹☹
Cheese or Egg Salad Baguette ☹
Jacket Potato ☹ with Baked Beans ☹☹ or Cheese ☹

SIDES

Potato Salad ☹☹

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn ☹
Spring Greens ☹
Salad Selection ☹
Homemade Bread ☹

DESSERTS

Apple Crumble ☹☹ & Custard ☹☹
Organic Fruit Yogurt ☹ with Seasonal Fresh Fruit ☹
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ☹

FUN FACT FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Savoury Filled Samosa ☹
MSC Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet ☹☹ / MSC Fish Fingers ☹ served with a Lemon Slice
Herby Chicken ☹☹

SIDES

Oven Baked Chips ☹☹

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans ☹
Green Beans ☹
Salad Selection ☹
Homemade Bread ☹

DESSERTS

Homemade Shortbread Biscuit with Wedge of Fresh Orange ☹☹ and Milk ☹☹
Organic Fruit Yogurt ☹ with Seasonal Fresh Fruit ☹
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ☹

SAVE OUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY

South Chingford Community Library (SCCL)

265 Chingford Mount Rd

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME

Saturday 20th of April 2024

12pm-3pm

- Remote control Tournament
- Fun & Games for children
- Raffles
- Music
- Face Painting
- Cake sale
- Guess the sweet jar
- Crafting Sale
- Knitting Sale
- Tombola

ENTRY £1 PER ADULT

COMPLEMENTARY TEA & COFFEE

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Beezee FAMILIES

**We're here to help your family
make healthy habits fun**

Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

Date: 1st May 2024 **Time:** 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Venue: Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP

Or you can enrol in our Academy!



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Sign up for your
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Our programmes are for children above a healthy weight, see our website for more information.

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Kiran Support Services - Free Confidential Immigration Advice for South Asian Women Drop-in Surgery

With Pankhuri Mehndiratta

Lea Bridge Library, Welcome Hub, Lea Bridge Rd, E17 7HU

Tuesdays 12.30pm - 5pm

Starting 4th March 2024



WALTHAM FOREST

WELCOME HUB

WELLBEING, CONNECTION, SUPPORT

MIGRANT COMMUNITY DROP-IN

Friendly informal sessions supporting with:

- Finding the right support for you and your family
- Form-filling
- English classes
- Volunteering opportunities
- Information about local services, eg health and education
- Support and advice on work, benefits and accessing accommodation

This is a free drop-in session. There's no need to book.

This session is supported by multilingual volunteers of migrant backgrounds

Every Thursday, 2pm-4pm

Welcome Hub
Lea Bridge Library
Lea Bridge Road, E10 7HU



Can you help?
Become a volunteer!
bit.ly/welcomevolunteers



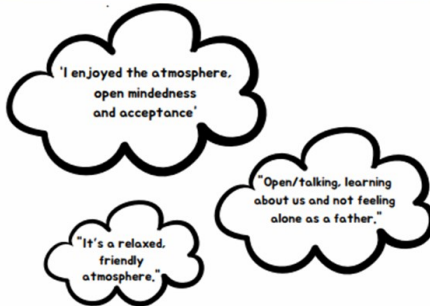
Baby and Us

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

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FAMILY HUBS



EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Ever feel like parenting is just too much?

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities
classes are here to help

Sessions are supervised by professional facilitators, and activities are led by trained EPEC parent group volunteers.
All volunteers are also parents who have enjoyed the EPEC sessions so much that they now wish to share their experiences with others
EPEC sessions are relaxed and informal.
You learn how to deal with tricky situations and keep cool when your children are having a meltdown

The Free Being a Parent course is running across
Waltham Forest



Speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course:
Phone: 07799913026 Web: bit.ly/EPECBAP
Email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk

Best Start
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WALTHAM FOREST
FAMILY HUBS



A great start for babies and young children

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent in the early years. That's where HENRY comes in.

The HENRY programme is free to join and helps you give your child the best possible start in life.



"This programme changed my life."

www.henry.org.uk

About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.



The HENRY Healthy Families: Right from the Start programme is running locally. Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips it provides for young families.

Research shows that the key ingredients to ensuring babies and young children have a healthy start in life are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 weeks and provides everything you need to help get your little one off to a great start.

Weekly sessions

Each week helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

Week 1 - Decide what changes you want to make and set your own goals

Week 2 - How to juggle life with young children so you all get what you need

Week 3 - How to respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands

Week 4 - Positive mealtime tips for a happy family - reducing mealtime stress for everyone

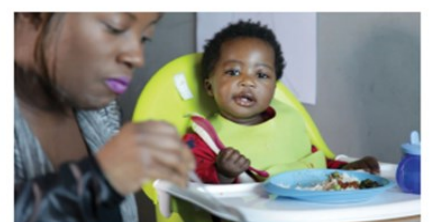
Week 5 - Ideas for active play to help children learn, develop and stay happy

Week 6 - Food groups, food labels, portion sizes for under 5s, first foods, and snack swaps

Week 7 - Understanding and managing your child's behaviour for a happier home

Week 8 - Celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."



For more information about HENRY go to:

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