



PARENT BULLETIN

Issue: 11 Week Commencing: 11/09/2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our families. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and had the chance to spend some quality time together.

It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and energy. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with learning, growth and plenty of memorable moments.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Here's to a happy and successful term ahead!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Chadia

Menu Week Commencing: 11/09/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option 1	Tomato & Basil Pasta GLUTEN (WHEAT) & MILK	Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato with 5-Bean Chilli SULPHITES & MILK	Jerk Chicken SULPHITES	Fish Fingers FISH & GLUTEN (WHEAT)
Option 2	Vegetable & Chickpea Curry	Lemon & Herb Halloumi MILK	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo FISH	Jerk Butternut Squash & Chickpea SULPHITES	Sweetcorn Fritters
Sides	Garlic & Olive Oil Wholemeal Focaccia GLUTEN (WHEAT)	Roast Potatoes	Included in Main	Rice & Peas	Skin on Chips

IMPORTANT: Free School Meal Update

The Government has introduced changes to **Free School Meals** eligibility for 2026/27, meaning more families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify.

We strongly encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to apply, even if you have previously applied and were not eligible.

Families earning **under £7,400 per year** may also be entitled to additional support, including supermarket vouchers during school holidays and the Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Please remember that the **Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meals** scheme continues to provide free school meals for primary-aged pupils in Waltham Forest throughout the 2026/27 academic year.

Applying is quick, confidential and online. You will need your National Insurance number and Universal Credit details.

Apply here:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

Please apply even if your child already receives a free meal at school, as registering your eligibility may provide access to additional support.

UNIFORM POLICY

Nursery - Year 11

Branded Items:
Red Polo shirt
Grey Sweatshirt

Non-Branded Items:
Grey trousers/skirt
Grey/Red Cardigan
Red Summer Dress

P.E. KIT
T-Shirt (any colour)
Tracksuit bottoms/shorts (any colour)
Trainers/Pimsoles (black)
P.E. bag

Please note we no longer hold uniform stock at school. All uniform purchases need to be made through Speed Stitch. Details are below:

Address:

Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre
Clifford Road
Walthamstow
E17 4SX

Contact Details:

T: 0208 531 4800
E: schoolshop@speedstitch.co.uk

To view the items available please scan the QR code:



Highams Park

Branded Items:
Black blazer with emblem
Tie (also available from Highams Park School Reception)

Non-Branded Items:
White shirt/blouse
Grey skirt/trousers
Grey jumper

All items are available to purchase from [Speed Stitch!](#) They also deliver!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE:

Weekly whole school attendance: **90%**

If your child will be absent from school you must report it to us by **9:30am** each day.

You can do this by calling the school office on 0208 523 4833, or leaving a message on the absence line.
Thank you.

[Attendance Expectations](#)

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term:

3rd September - 17th December 2026**Half Term:** 26th - 30th October**Christmas Holidays:** 18th Dec - 5th Jan**INSET Days:** 1st & 2nd September 2026

Spring Term:

5th January - 24th March 2027**Half Term:** 15th - 19th February**Easter Holidays:** 25th March - 9th April**INSET Days:** 4th January 2027

Summer Term:

12th April - 20th July 2027**Half Term:** 28th May - 4th June**Bank Holidays:** 3rd May & 31st May**Summer Holidays:** 21st July - 2nd Sept**INSET Days:** 28th May & 25th June 2027

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS:

Meet the Teacher/Macmillan Coffee Morning:**Primary:** Tuesday 22nd September 9:30-11am**Secondary:** Tuesday 29th September 9:30-11am**Stubbers:** Weds 23rd-Fri 25th September**Kensington Palace:** Friday 2nd October**Parent Information Session:** Thurs 15th October

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

. If you have any outstanding balances for meals/clubs on Arbor from last year, please make payment as soon as possible.

. For Year 6 pupils in Waltham Forest who transitioned to Year 7 this year and were in receipt of The Mayor of London's Free School Meal Scheme, you will now have to pay for school meals, unless you qualify for Free School Meals.

ANNUAL REVIEWS:

An annual review is a meeting to look at your child's Educational, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) and make sure the support & outcomes remain relevant. The review is person-centred and gives families, schools and professionals the opportunity to discuss progress, identify any changes needed and plan next steps.

For further information on the annual review process, what is involved, transitions, early reviews, local authority decisions and preparing for the annual review please follow the link to [Waltham Forests SEND Local Offer](#) or visit your local authorities website.

USEFUL LINKS:

[Arbor](#)
[Arbor Help Centre](#)
[School Cloud](#)
[Speed Stitch](#)
[School Website](#)
[Free School Meals](#)
[Uniform Policy](#)

Have a lovely weekend! 😊