



PARENT BULLETIN

Issue: 13 Week Commencing: 28/09/2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at school. Our vaccinations took place this week, and we were very proud of how well the children managed these.

We also had pupils heading off on their residential trip to Stubbers, where they had a fantastic opportunity to take part in new activities, challenge themselves and make some wonderful memories with their friends. A big thank you to all the staff who helped make the trip such a positive experience.

Finally, we have sent out a letter regarding Parent Governor nominations today. If you are interested in putting yourself forward, please ensure your completed nomination form is submitted by 9:00am on Friday 2nd October.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Chadla

Menu Week Commencing: 28/09/2026

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.

EXTERNAL EVENTS:

. Look UK & British Blind Sport are hosting a free online session, via Zoom, for parents of visually impaired children to support them get involved in sport.

'Beyond the Sidelines: Building Sports Confidence & Inclusion'

Wednesday 14th October 7-8pm

Please click [here](#) for more information and to register your free place

. St John's College are holding an Open Day on Thursday 22nd October at 11am & 2pm.

If you would like to attend, please email andriannanicolaou@johnsrcschool.co.uk

. Sight Village London - Exhibition for blind/low vision families: Tues 27th Oct 9:30-3:30 & Weds 28th October 9am-3pm

ILEC Conference Centre, 47 Lillie Road, SW6 1UD

. BeeZee Families in Waltham Forest are holding a FREE Healthy Lifestyle programme which runs across 12 weeks. If you are interested, or would like more information about this, please click the link below:

<https://wlf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/>

UNIFORM POLICY

Nursery - Year 11

Branded Items:
Red Polo shirt
Grey Sweatshirt

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

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

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!

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:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE:

Weekly whole school attendance: **88%**

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:

Secondary: Tuesday 29th September 9:30-11am

Kensington Palace: Friday 2nd October

Parent Information Session: Leavers 2027 - Next

Steps: Thurs 15th October

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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 last year, you will now have to pay for school meals, unless you qualify for Free School Meals.

Parent Governor Nominations -

Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

We are seeking one parent to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor and we invite you to apply if you are interested. Governors are key members of our team and help to ensure that our pupils receive a high-quality education and that we continually develop and improve as a school.

Please check the eligibility criteria in 'Appendix A' on the letter before you apply.

To apply please click [here](#) to complete the form

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! 😊