



# School Newsletter

28th February 2024



## Dates for your Diary

February	<p><b>Wed 28th:</b> Y4 to Kew Gardens</p> <p><b>Thurs 29th:</b> Y3 road safety training</p>
March	<p><b>Wed 6th:</b> Y1 and 2 Road Safety theatre show in school</p> <p><b>Fri 8th:</b> Y3 Class Assembly (Sue and Catherine)</p> <p><b>Tues 12th:</b> Y5 and 6 Road Safety theatre show in school</p> <p><b>Tues 12th:</b> Y3 Jewish Museum workshop in school</p> <p><b>Thurs 14th:</b> Y1 (Peter) to Natural History Museum</p> <p><b>Fri 15th:</b> Y1 (Elio) to Natural History Museum</p> <p><b>Fri 15th:</b> Year 5 Class Assembly</p> <p><b>18th-22nd March: Spring Term Parent Conference Meetings. Your child's teacher will be in contact nearer the time to arrange these meetings</b></p> <p><b>Tues 19th:</b> Y5 to Horniman Museum</p> <p><b>Mon 25th:</b> Year 2 singing at Lambeth Music Festival</p> <p><b>Tues 26th and Wed 27th:</b> Group of Y3 and 4 children doing cycle training</p> <p><b>Wed 27th:</b> Y2 scooter safety training</p> <p><b>Thurs 28th:</b> End of term, finishing at 3:30pm. No after school club on this day.</p>
April	<p><b>Mon 15th:</b> Children return to school</p>

## Messages

### New Parent Governor

I am delighted to announce that Lilla has been elected by the parents as our new parent governor. A big thank you to Enada and Manuela for also running in this election. Lilla will officially start as governor at the end of April.

### Cycle training

We are excited to be working again with Cycle Confident to offer Year 3 and 4 children basic Level 1 Cycle Training. Please click on the link below for more information about the course and to provide consent for your child to participate.

### Course Details & Booking

For more detailed information about this training click [here](#). This will take place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March.

### Return in September

In September the children will return on Wednesday 4th September (new Reception children on Thursday 5th). The full term dates for the year will be shared once finalised but I know some parents wanted to make plans for the summer.

### Lateness

A reminder that children must arrive at school between 8:45 and 8:55am. Quite a few children are arriving after this time, meaning they are missing the start of their first lessons. We appreciate your support with this.

## Meet the Governors...

We have a very well established and experienced Governing Body at Walnut Tree Walk. The role of the governing body is to provide strategic management, and to act as a "critical friend", supporting the work of the headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and other staff. Our current governing body is made up of the Headteacher and the following people:



**Martin Bailey**  
**Chair of Governors**

Martin has been a co-opted governor since 2019. Martin lives in Kennington close to the school and works in local government. He is also a local councillor.



**Alison Powell**  
**Vice Chair**

Alison became a parent governor in 2020 and is now a co-opted governor. Alison works in higher education at the London School of Economics.



**Wilf Thomas-Smith**

Wilf has been a governor at WTW for over 15 years, and was Chair for 11 years. Both his children attended the school and he was originally a parent governor before becoming co-opted.



**Lilla Rebellato**

Lilla is our newly appointed parent governor. Lilla's son, Ethan, is in Year 3. Lilla is an experienced secondary school English and Drama teacher



**Anna Semmens**

Anna has been a governor since 2017 and is our Local Authority governor. Anna was previously a governor at a Lambeth secondary school. Anna works at the Royal College of Nursing.



**Lawrence Lewis-Ackah**

Lawrence joined the governing body in 2023. Lawrence works in the technology sector and also volunteers at Alford House youth club.



**Catherine Thompson**

Catherine is the elected staff member of the governing body.

Catherine has been a governor since 2017. Catherine is the Year 3 teacher as well as the SENDCo in the school.



**Louise Whitley**

Louise became a parent governor in 2021. Louise's children are Jack in Year 6, Zara in Year 3, and Juno in Nursery. Louise works at the House of Commons and is a trustee at Lollard Street Adventure Playground



# World Book Day

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. During the day we will celebrate the children's reading successes and remind them of this year's message 'Read Your Way'. We will be doing lots of activities linked to books including the text the children are reading together as a class this term, as well as the older children reading with the younger children.

On the day each child will receive a World Book Day £1 token to be redeemed at a retailer of your choice.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

# READ YOUR WAY!

UNLEASH YOUR READING SUPERPOWER...

TAKE BOOKS HOME TO READ

LISTEN TO BOOKS BEING READ ALOUD (OR LISTEN TO AUDIOBOOKS)

CHOOSE THE BOOKS YOU WANT TO READ


ASK FOR IDEAS ON WHAT TO READ NEXT

MAKE TIME TO READ

FIND WAYS TO MAKE READING FUN!

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As part of this, children can come to school dressed as a book character if they wish to do so but please do not feel any pressure to go out and buy costumes. There are lots of ideas online for easy things that can be made without needing to spend money. But as always, please be as creative as you would like to be.



## Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

*Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements*



### Historic Dance Workshops **£5**

Saturday 2nd March at 12noon and 3pm  
Montgomery Hall, SE11 5SW

Step back in time and learn dances from 18th and 19th Vauxhall!

Led by a world-renowned historic dance expert, you'll learn dances like the Minuet, the Cotillon and the Galop. You'll be accompanied by musicians from the Vauxhall Band - a group dedicated to performing the music of that era on period instruments. Suitable for everyone aged 8+, no previous dance experience is necessary. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (18+) with whom they will dance. Adults may come with their chosen dance partner or alone; we will find suitable dance partners for those that need one on arrival. We encourage you to dress up in historic costume, but this is not obligatory!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/classical-vauxhall-historic-dance-workshops-tickets-763430259457?aff=oddttdcreator>

### Paddlesport sessions at The Pirate Castle **FREE**

Sundays, 2pm to 3.30pm, from 4 February until 27 October 2024 (including school holidays)

Max 16 spaces available per session, pre-booking essential.

The Pirate Castle, Gilbey's Wharf, Oval Road, London, NW1 7EA.

These sessions are targeted at young **Londoners aged 8 to 17** who meet Go! London's eligibility criteria. Email [info@thepiratecastle.org](mailto:info@thepiratecastle.org) or call 020 7267 6605 for more information and to book.

### British Museum: Making Mosaics **FREE**

Every Saturday 2 March - 25 May 10am -4pm

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square FREE, drop in (Age 5+)

Bring your family on a journey to explore colourful Roman mosaics and design a magnificent mosaic inspired by objects from the Museum in this free, drop-in event.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/events/making-mosaics-rome>

### National Maritime Museum -**FREE**

Every day, booking necessary (10.00-16.00)

Maritime Museum, Romney Rd, Greenwich, London SE10 9NF

AHOY Children's Gallery each session lasts 45 mins For children under 7 £3 weekends & holidays (FREE on weekdays).

Discover Sundays: Come and explore the Museum's collection through hands on creative activities Term time Sundays | 11am - 1pm | 2pm - 4pm Each Sunday join in with family activities and explore the National Maritime Museum's collection.

Start a fantastic journey together led by an artist facilitator, who will introduce you to objects, people, histories and cultures represented within the Museum's collection.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum>

### Young V&A **FREE**

Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9PA

**Sound Explorers:** Children aged 0-2 and their guardians. Mini Museum, Play Gallery

Friday, 23 February 2024 - Friday, 22 March 2024

**Meet the Designer in the Shed:** Families, Under 26, Schools, Teachers

Take a peek into a busy design studio, and discover Clara Chu's design process and placement project in 'The Shed'.

11.00 - 16.00 Thursdays and Saturdays until 23rd March 2024

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/young>

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