



Walnut Tree Walk
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

21st May 2025



Dates for your Diary

<p>May</p>	<p>Thurs 22nd: Y2S to Hindu Temple</p> <p>Thurs 22nd: Reception (Chris) Class Assembly</p> <p>Thurs 22nd: End of half-term. School finishes at normal time. After-school club as normal</p>	<p>June (continued)</p>	<p>Fri 27th: Nursery Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 27th: Y3 London Zoo</p> <p>Mon 30th: Y4 visit to a Gurdwara</p>
<p>June</p>	<p>Mon 2nd: Children return to school</p> <p>Mon 2nd: Y6 to Buddhist Temple</p> <p>Thurs 5th: Car-free event on Fitzalan Street</p> <p>Fri 6th: Y3 Shuhana's Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 6th: Y5 to Science Museum</p> <p>Sun 8th - Wed 11th: Y6 School Journey to PGL</p> <p>Mon 9th: KS1 Sports Day 9:30am</p> <p>Fri 13th: Y3 Steph's Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 16th: KS2 Sports Day 9:30am</p> <p>Thurs 19th: Y5 Luke's Class Assembly</p> <p>Thurs 19th: Y1 beach trip</p> <p>Fri 20th: Y5 Tilly's Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 20th: Reception to Roots and Shoots</p> <p>Fri 20th: Y6 art trip in morning</p> <p>Mon 23rd: Reception Sports Day 9:30am</p>	<p>July</p>	<p>Thurs 3rd: Y5 Luke to Haberdashers for workshop</p> <p>Thurs 3rd: Reception (Sharon) to Vauxhall City Farm</p> <p>Fri 4th: Y1 (both) Class Assemblies</p> <p>Fri 4th: Fun Day 3:30pm-7pm</p> <p>Tues 8th: Y4 (Joanne) to Natural History Museum</p> <p>Thurs 10th: Y4 (Sue) to Natural History Museum</p> <p>Thurs 10th: Reception (Chris) to Vauxhall City Farm</p> <p>Fri 11th: Year 6 show at 7pm</p> <p>Tues 15th: Y2 (Simon) to Garden Museum</p> <p>Thurs 17th: Y2 (Ana) to Garden Museum</p> <p>Fri 18th: End of term. School ends at 1:45pm. No after-school club</p>
		<p>September</p>	<p>Wed 3rd: Years 1 to 6 return, plus children who are staying in our Nursery</p> <p>Thurs 4th: Reception 2025 children start</p>

Messages

Walnut Tree Walk Healthy Neighbourhood

Lambeth Council have come up with proposals for a Safer Neighbourhood in the area surrounding our school. A Healthy Neighbourhood is an area that has been redesigned to prevent through-traffic from passing through. This helps create conditions that are safe for walking, scooting, wheeling and cycling. This means removing traffic that is using the neighbourhood's residential streets as a cut-through. In a Healthy Neighbourhood, lower levels of vehicle traffic and lower speeds mean that our streets are safer, more enjoyable places where it is easier to walk, scoot, wheel and cycle. Drivers with exceptions will still have access. Please see the information on the next page with details about how you can share your views. The more parents who respond to this, the better.

If children are feeling a little under the weather...

If ever a child is unwell in school - and too unwell to remain at school - please be reassured that we will always call home to let you know they need collecting, if we feel that is needed. Whilst we understand why parents might want to reassure their children of this, please try to avoid saying this to the staff in front of the children as this can often then lead to children asking us to call home when it is not really necessary.

Term dates for next year

On page 4, you will find the term dates for next academic year.

Please note that our five INSET days (where the school is closed to children) are on:

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Friday 26th June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Fun Day

This year our Fun Day will be an extra special event to help celebrate 150 years of Walnut Tree Walk! We hope that you can join us between 3:30 and 7pm on Friday 4th July. Further details nearer the time.

Appropriate Clothing

We do not have a school uniform but it is important that children are dressed in clothing that is appropriate for practical and sometimes messy activities as well as being age appropriate.

Children must always be wearing footwear that is suitable for PE or physical activities so trainers are ideal. **No crocs or flip flops please.**

We do advise that parents write or sew their children's names on to their clothing as we have an enormous amount of lost property each term.

For Health and Safety reasons, please no jewellery, as accidents can happen. Smart watches such as Apple Watches or any watch that can send/receive messages or that can take photos are not allowed at any time. We do not allow the wearing of any type of makeup or nail varnish.

Reminder: Children in the park after school

As we enter the summer months, we know lots of you spend time over on the green after school. Unfortunately, we cannot let children and families back into school to use the toilets once they have left so please encourage your child to go before you leave the gate. I hope you understand that the reason for this is that the school continues to be a very busy place after 3:30pm! On Tuesday, we had nearly 250 children still on site after 3:30pm.

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Healthy Neighbourhood

Lambeth Council is proposing to transform the Walnut Tree Walk area into a Healthy Neighbourhood. It will make it safer for families to walk, cycle, scoot, and wheel — and we want your views!

Check out the proposed changes on the map below — including a new traffic filter at the junction of Fitzalan Street and Kennington Road (A23) to reduce road danger and improve air quality outside the school.



17 Have your say before 11 June!

➔ Scan the QR code or click here to take the survey:

<https://bit.ly/WTWproposal>

Term Dates 2025-26

Walnut Tree Walk Primary School School Term and Holiday Dates School Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025: 1st half

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 — Friday 24th October 2025

Please note that the New Reception children will start on Thursday the 4th September.

(Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 are Staff Inset Days)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th October 2025— Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Term 2025: 2nd half

Monday 3rd November 2025 —Friday 19th December 2025

(Friday 28th November Staff Inset Day)

(School will close at 1.45pm on Friday 19th December)

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22nd December 2025—Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026: 1st half

Monday 5th January 2026— Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term Holiday

Monday 16th February 2026— Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term 2026: 2nd half

Monday 23rd February 2026— Friday 27th March 2026

(School will close at 1.45pm on Friday 27th March)

Easter Holiday

Monday 30th March 2026 — Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026: 1st half

Monday 13th April 2026 — Friday 22nd May 2026

N.B. Monday 4th May BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th May 2026— Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2026: 2nd half

Monday 1st June 2026— Friday 17th July 2026

(Friday 26th June Staff Inset Day)

(Monday 20th July Staff Inset Day)

(school will close on Friday the 17th July at 1.45pm)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR THE CHILDREN START Monday 20th JULY 2026

What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Nursery

This term Nursery have been under the sea, exploring the ocean and learning all about different sea creatures. The children have done lots of sea counting and transformed into ocean and earth heroes by picking up litter in our play ocean areas and the school playground. With key words like pollution, sea creatures and ocean, the children now know the importance of looking after our land and ocean environments. Towards the end of term, nursery children had lots of fun creating their own salt dough collages inspired by our special book 'The Rainbow Fish'.



Reception

Reception have had a dramatic and exciting half term. We began by reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.' This inspired us to make our own Gingerbread men in class. We made one for Andrew but when we went to collect him from the oven, he had run away! We searched everywhere. Over the coming weeks, we received hampers from him telling us about all the different countries he is visiting on his travels. The children have learnt about France, Australia, South Africa and Brazil. What a lucky Gingerbread man! We ended our half term with two wonderful reception assemblies.



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 1

This term, Year 1 have really enjoyed their science unit on plants. They have been on a school trip to Kennington Park, where they identified wild and garden flowers, as well as identifying trees from their leaves. They have also planted their own bean seeds and observed their growth over the term. In writing, they have been reading *The Enormous Turnip*, and created their own vegetable stories based on this. In art, they have created balloon printing artwork based on the artist Anna Bateman.



Year 2

Firstly, Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 were treated to a surreally entertaining performance from a theatre company called Theatre Rites. Then, as part of our learning of Hinduism in RE, we explored the meaning behind yoga and its connection to ancient Hindu scriptures; so naturally we had to try it out in the classroom. Also, as part of the same unit of work in RE, we visited the beautiful BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in North London.



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 3

Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum for a workshop on Ancient Egypt. They explored real and replica artefacts, learning how archaeologists uncover the past. The children also discovered fascinating facts about their daily life, mummification and hieroglyphics. Year 3 participated in an interactive workshop delivered by the Jewish Museum. They learnt about Jewish festivals, traditions and daily life. The children enjoyed exploring artefacts, discussing Jewish culture and asking thoughtful questions. It was a hands-on learning experience that helped deepen their understanding of different faiths and communities.



Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have begun learning about 'Our Beautiful World' in Geography learning all about the main mountain ranges and rivers in the world and how they are formed. In Science, we have been discovering all the living things in the world and their habitats. We took part in an invertebrate hunt where we used a classification key to identify different insects. Furthermore, in Computing, Year 4 really enjoyed planning, recording, editing and presenting our very own podcasts.



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 5

This term, year 5 have enjoyed our new topic - Significant Lives, Significant Times. We have learned about Henry VIII and his six wives, which included a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace. We have also enjoyed reading our new class book, Cosmic, which inspired us to write instructions for making our own Space rockets.



Year 6

Year 6 worked incredibly hard for their SATs this half term and we were so proud of their efforts last week. As well as this, Year 6 conducted experiments related to Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. They investigated the effectiveness of different beak shapes when catching food. The children have enjoyed their cricket lessons in PE and have been taking part in competitive games over the last few weeks. They are looking forward to their PGL residential in a few weeks!



car-free bike event: 5th June

Bike Bonanza at Walnut Tree Walk School

THURSDAY 5 JUNE
3-5PM

Fitzalan Street will be closed to traffic for the whole day and the street will be used to celebrate everything cycle related and more!

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

BIKE MARKET

DR BIKE

TRY BEFORE YOU BIKE

VOUCHERS

BUBBLE BIKES

NATURE BASED ACTIVITES



Low Cost/ No Cost



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Brixton Chamber Orchestra - Ruskin Park - FREE

Brixton Chamber Orchestra (BCO) known for its bold performances and imaginative approach to live music, is proud to launch the Ruskin Park Music Trail on Sunday 25th April 2025 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

This free, family-friendly event invites audiences of all ages to experience Ruskin Park in a complete new way by turning the park into a playful, interactive journey of hidden live music, bringing orchestral music with a fresh twist.

Ruskin Park, Denmark Hill, SE5 9AW. Telephone number 020 7926 9000

<https://brixchamber.com/gigs/Ruskin-Park-Music-Trail>

Expressions of Us - Tate Britain - FREE

Celebrating Autism Through Art.

For families with a young person or child with autism

Family trip to Tate Britain

Wednesday 28th May 2025 11am - 3pm

Tate Britain, Millbank, SW1P 4RG

Come along for a day of art exploration

To book please email viraj4carers@gmail.com or call 07884 966276

Afterschool Club - Vauxhall City Farm- FREE

6 week programme for ages 8 - 12, every Thursday 4pm - 6pm.

From Thursday 5th June - Thursday 10th July

Vauxhall City Farm, 165 Tyers St, SE11 5HS

This fun club helps develop communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and confidence. This opportunity is for students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals and would benefit academically from this programme. For more information

and to sign up please email education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

Half Term Sports Club - FREE

Artizan Street Library, 1 Artizan Street, E1 7AF

Welcome to this exciting free event for children aged 8 - 16 years old!

10-am - 11am for 8 - 11 years old and 11am - 12pm for 12 - 16 years old.

At the Artizan Library (outside in the play cage), for a day filled with fun and games.

Let your kids unleash their energy and make new friends while participating in a variety of sports activities. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your

Children to stay active and have a blast during the Half Term.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-half-term-sports-club-for-children-aged-8-16-years-tickets>

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