



School Newsletter

14th October 2025



Messages

Breakfast and After-School Club Booking

The booking for next half-term goes live at 10am on Tuesday (21st October). Just to highlight that After School Club finishes on Wednesday 17th December (there will be no After School Club on Thursday 18th due to the Winter Fair or on Friday 19th December). Activity clubs run for 5 weeks after the half-term break and will finish on the week of 1st to 4th December). There are no activity clubs on the last two weeks of term (apart from the Friday clubs of chess and KS1 multisport which run until the 12th). There is also no After School Club on Friday 28th November due to a staff INSET day.

Cycle Training - new session added

Further to my last newsletter, we can now offer Bikeability Level 1&2 training for children in Year 5 and 6. This is for children who are already able to ride a bike and who have not done this before. This will take place in the week 1st to 5th December. 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](#).

When to keep your child off school

The DFE and NHS have asked schools to share the following guidance to parents for when it is necessary to keep children off school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

New Educational Psychologists join the WTW team

We are delighted to welcome two new Child and Educational Psychologists to the WTW SEND and Wellbeing Team. Dr Lisa Sheridan & Dr Bengi Biskin are Educational and Child Psychologists at Lambeth Educational Psychology Service. They will both be taking over the work that Jen had done previously and we thank Jen for all the support she offered us over the years. For more information about Lisa and Bengi, please see page 4. The dates that they are available this term for parent 1:1 meetings (again, please see page 4 about this) are:

- Thursday 16th October
- Thursday 23rd October
- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 20th November
- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 18th December

Nut-free school

A reminder that all schools must be completely nut-free. This means that children must not bring in any food containing nuts in packed lunches or have snacks that contain nuts in their bags for after school.

Dates for the Diary: Autumn Term

<p>Oct</p>	<p>Mon 13th - Fri 17th: Parent Conference Meetings, 3:45-5:45pm</p> <p>Thurs 16th: Y3 pedestrian safety training - please return the permission slip if you have not already done so.</p> <p>Fri 17th: Y2 (Ana) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 21st: Reception Vision Screening</p> <p>Thurs 23rd - Fri 24th: KS2 beginners <i>Learn to Ride</i> bike training</p> <p>Thurs 23rd: Wellbeing Ambassadors out pm with Catherine, working alongside ambassadors from other local schools</p> <p>Fri 24th: Y1 (Peter) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 24th: Y2 (both) trip to Windsor Castle</p> <p>Fri 24th: End of half-term. School finishes at normal time and after school club as normal.</p>	<p>Nov</p>	<p>Fri 21st: Y5 (Joanne) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 25th: Y1 (Aimee) trip to Transport Museum</p> <p>Wed 26th: Y5 to evening performance of Lion King</p> <p>Fri 28th: INSET Day (school closed)</p>
<p>Nov</p>	<p>Mon 3rd: Back to school</p> <p>Tues 4th: Y6 (Connor) to Imperial War Museum</p> <p>Thurs 6th: Y6 (Tilly) to Imperial War Museum</p> <p>Fri 7th: Y4 (both) trip to V&A Museum</p> <p>Fri 7th: Y1 (Aimee) Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 10th: Flu vaccination. This is the session that they had to reschedule after not coming last week.</p> <p>Wed 12th: Y4 Shifa to National Maritime Museum</p> <p>Fri 14th: Y5 (Steph) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 14th: Curriculum Day</p> <p>Mon 17th: Y2 (Simon) to National Portrait Gallery</p> <p>Mon 17th: Year 4 Davina to National Maritime Museum</p> <p>Wed 19th: Year 6 Tilly joining Met Police for Junior Roadwatch</p> <p>Thurs 20th: Year 6 Connor joining Met Police for Junior Roadwatch</p>	<p>Dec</p>	<p>Mon 1st-Fri 5th: Y5&6 Level 1 and 2 cycle training</p> <p>Tues 2nd: Y1 (Peter) trip to Transport Museum</p> <p>Tues 2nd: Creative support session for parents (see last page of newsletter)</p> <p>Mon 8th: Y2 (Ana) to National Portrait Gallery</p> <p>Tues 9th: KS2 Winter Disco, 5-7pm</p> <p>Thurs 11th: EYFS Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Fri 12th: KS1 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm</p> <p>Fri 12th: Junior Citizens trip for Year 6</p> <p>Mon 15th: Y6 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Tues 16th: Y5 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Wed 17th: Y4 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Thurs 18th: Y3 Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Thurs 18th: PTFA Winter Fair, 3:30-5pm</p> <p>Fri 19th: End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm. No after school club.</p>
		<p>Jan</p>	<p>Mon 5th: Children return to school</p> <p>Wed 7th: Year 5 going to see performance of A Christmas Carol at Old Vic (2pm)</p>
<p>Parent helpers for trips needed</p> <p>We have a great team of parents who help on trips but could do with increasing the number we have. If this is something you think you could do, please complete this Google Form:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoll-eiHFIOghNrK-bf4LivTMnksa1B3Xu690Hq7tJGaS5itA/viewform?usp=header</p>			

Pupil Leaders at WTW

We have a number of newly elected or appointed Pupil Leaders. In addition to this, each week two children from each KS2 class are lunch hall monitors and they are responsible for laying the table for their class and then tidying up at the end.



Year 2: Athena and Ale
Year 3: Darryl and Stella
Year 4: Pepa and Aiko
Year 5: Maya and Kabir
Year 6: Pablo and Eliza

The **School Council** meet fortnightly with Tilly and/or Andrew to make suggestions for school events and how we can further improve our school. This term they are organising a KS2 Winter Disco as well as a food fundraiser for a local food bank. Further details to follow.



Raphy (Y5) Chrisiana (Y6)
Eve (Y5) Natalia (Y6)
Rosie (Y5) Denys (Y6)
Oscar (Y5) Saffiyah (Y6)
Lanta (Y5) Sylvie (Y6)
Thea (Y5)
Moth (Y5)

The **Wellbeing Ambassadors** help in the playground to ensure that children are happy and have someone to talk to or play with. They also help sort any minor conflicts that may happen and help direct children to adults where needed. The Ambassadors are also helping Catherine and the school to achieve the Rights Respecting School award.



Valentina H (Year 3)
Ariya (Year 3)
Amelia (Year 4)
Joshua O (Year 4)
Jacobi (Year 5)
Rani (Year 5)
Ada (Year 6)
Kira (Year 6)

The **Eco Ambassadors** are working with Aimee to make Walnut Tree Walk a more eco-friendly school environment and to encourage everyone to help with this.



Bella (Year 5)
Malik (Year 5)
Isaiah (Year 5)
Zodwa (Year 5)

The playground helpers support Billy to ensure that the playground equipment is being used correctly and being stored away neatly.

Who to go to if you have concerns about your child

General questions or concerns

We have a number of people who you can go to with any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. **Your first port of call will normally be your child's class teacher**, but Andrew, Sue and Connor are always available if you would like to speak to one of them. Connor is the member of the Senior Leadership Team responsible for the Early Years, and Sue for KS1/KS2.

Special Educational Needs

Catherine is the SENDCo and her role is to coordinate the provision at Walnut Tree Walk for any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Connor oversees inclusion across the school so you can also approach him regarding any specific needs.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

We have a number of professionals in the school who support children's emotional wellbeing and mental health, as well as offering support to parents. It would normally be the case that the school would identify children or parents to be supported; however, parents can also ask for support by speaking to Andrew. Please be aware that although we have an extensive range of provision, we have to prioritise according to the level of need or concerns.

Our Child and Educational Psychologists - Dr Lisa Sheridan & Dr Bengi Biskin

Lisa and Bengi are Educational and Child Psychologists at Lambeth Educational Psychology Service and are linked to Walnut Tree Walk Primary School. Educational and Child Psychologists (or 'EP's) use psychology to help understand how children learn, develop, and experience the world. They work with children and young people who may be experiencing difficulties with learning, behaviour, or emotional wellbeing. Their role is to support schools and parents in understanding and meeting the needs of pupils, to help create positive outcomes. This might involve observing children in school, meeting with staff and families, and sometimes working directly with children. They also offer advice on strategies and interventions and contribute to planning support that is tailored to each child's unique strengths and needs.

They are offering 30-minute consultation drops-in for parents, providing a welcoming space to talk through any concerns or questions, whether related to learning, behaviour, or emotional wellbeing, or any other aspects of your child's development. These sessions are informal, supportive and collaborative and aim to help parents feel heard and guided. If this is a service that you ever feel you need, please come and speak to Andrew or Catherine and if this is the appropriate support, we will set up a meeting for you. The first available date is this Thursday so please get in touch if you need support and would like a meeting this week.

Gardener Chalmers

Gardner Chalmers continues to work in school two days a week as a Drama Therapist, working with a number of children who we feel benefit from his sessions.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Our Mental Health Support Team provide early intervention on mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, such as mild to moderate anxiety. These Mental Health Practitioners, overseen by the NHS, work directly with parents to support children with emerging and developing needs. A typical program of support will consist of 8 sessions which will identify any problems or triggers for your child and then teach you techniques and strategies to support their emotional development. If you are interested in accessing this service, please come and see Connor or email connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk.

PTFA Update

We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help on the day of the Winter Fair. If you'd like to arrange buddying up on a stall that is absolutely fine and often done. You are very welcome to manage a stall with a group of parent-friends so you can balance childcare and volunteering. We're also grateful for anyone who can help ad hoc on the day but may not be in a position to commit in advance.

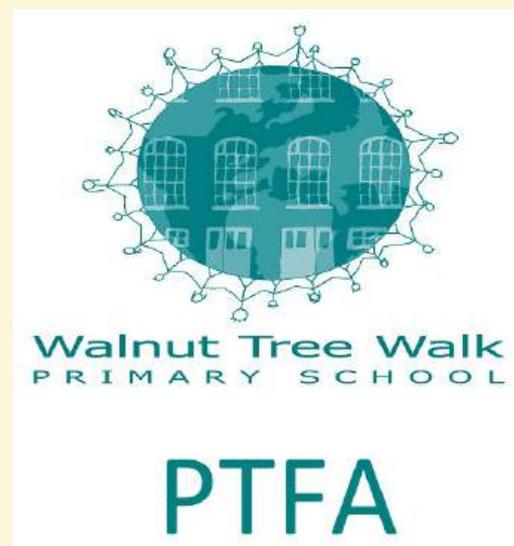
Any time you can give, no matter how long, is gratefully appreciated!

Please let Sharon Smart know if you can help or message the PTFA WhatsApp (see QR code at the bottom to join).

But there are other ways you can help too:

- sourcing raffle prizes - if your workplace or a company you know could offer vouchers/gifts/experiences
- selling raffle tickets - as we get nearer the fair parents help selling raffle tickets at drop off and pick-up (you don't have to do both in one day). We'll put a call out nearer the date.
- in the run up to the Fair it is helpful if anyone has some time during the day to help Sharon Hall with labelling raffle tickets. Anyone can pop in to the office to see if she needs a hand.
- if you have a gazebo you'd be willing to lend for the event please let us know.
- we're hoping to sell mince pies and tea/coffee in the hour between drop off and the Christmas Class Assemblies. If you are able to help set up and sell please let us know. (You will be finished in time to watch your child's show.) A call out for volunteers to follow.

This year we are raising funds to purchase more musical instruments for the children to borrow and take home to practise. The PTFA have already raised £3000 towards this which the school are currently using to purchase more keyboards and guitars.



PTFA Update

THURSDAY 18TH
DECEMBER

3.30PM –
5PM

WALNUT TREE WALK PTFA

WINTER FAIR

FESTIVE FOOD + DRINK

TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | CRAFTS | MUSIC | STALLS

ENTRANCE FITZALAN STREET SE11 6DS

raising money for school keyboards + guitars

**FREE
ENTRY**

**PLEASE
BRING LOTS OF CHANGE**

This year the PTFA are wanting to try something new and exciting to raise funds - all money raised will go towards buying new keyboards and guitars. The PTFA will make a wonderful WTW tea towel for the Summer fundraiser.

WTW PTFA Winter Fund Raising Cook Book

On the back of the success of International Day last week we would love to compile a recipe book celebrating all the wonderful nationalities that make up our School community.

The WTW PTFA are going to collate these recipes and make a recipe book to sell to help raise money to go towards buying keyboards and guitars for the music provision.

- Price TBC.

- Your child's or families favorite dish
- Write the ingredients and a brief method
- Illustrate your recipe with a black + white drawing
- Make sure to include:

The dish name, child's name, child's year group

- Use the template provided as a guide
- Deadline to submit Monday 10th November
- Submit finished recipes to reception or email to fayejarnold@gmail.com
- Use half term to design your recipe with your child.
- Share your delicious family recipe with the whole school community.

Examples:



APPLE AND QUINCE PUDDING

50g butter
200g brown sugar
2 tablespoons golden syrup
50g SE flour
1 egg
4 apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1 quince, peeled and grated

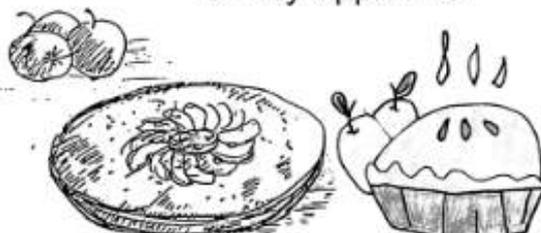
Put together butter and sugar. Add beaten egg, syrup then quince, most of the apple and five eighths the flour. Put the mixture into an 8 inch greased dish or cake tin. Arrange remaining slices of apple on top and sprinkle liberally with brown sugar. Bake at Gas Mark 5, 175° F for approximately 45 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

NB: When quince are not available, substitute a few raisins, half a cupful of mixed spice or just use apples.



Dish Name:

Yummy Apple Pie



By: *Jo Browne* Class: *5 Joanne*

Ingredients:

1kg	Bramley apples	1 mixing bowl
140g	Golden caster sugar	1 baking or pie dish
½ tsp	Cinnamon	
½ tsp	Nutmeg	
3 tbsps	Flour	
1 tsp	Lemon Juice	
2 Roll	Pre made short crust pastry	
1	Small egg	

Method:

- Peel, core, and slice the apples about 5mm thick, place them in the bowl.
- Combine the sugar, lemon juice, with the apple slices.
- Combine the flour, nutmeg, and cinnamon and add to the apples.
- Line the pie dish with one roll of short crusty pastry.
- Allow the pastry to fall over the edges slightly.
- Drain the apples of any juices and then lay all of them on top of the pastry.
- Place the second layer of pastry over the apple filling and gently press down.
- Use a knife to cut four slits in the center of the pastry for the steam to escape.
- Trim and crimp the edges, then brush the top of the pie with the beaten egg.
- Bake for 40-45 mins at 180c until golden brown.
- Remove and let it sit for 5-10 mins.
- Eat with cream or natural yogurt.

Safer Renting

Advice for private sector tenants* in Southwark and Lambeth

We can help with free advice, including:

1. Harassment by your landlord
2. Eviction
3. Rent increases

Please get in touch to see if we can help:



Or email us at: lambethproject@ch1889.org

Interpreting services available

*Tenants in social housing or temporary accommodation are not eligible

www.ch1889.org

Charity number: 265103

Company number: 1050006

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Support for WTWV Parents

SEND Taster Day

**Tulse Hill Adventure Playground
SW2 2EY**

October 18th

10am - 2pm

Ages 8 - 16

*A day for parents to come along with their
SEND young person to experience our
Adventure Playground and learn more about
the activities we offer.*

**For more information email:
youth@high-trees.org**

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Support for WTW Parents

Creative Support Sessions

Discover exciting opportunities for further training and education.
With Gemma and Charlene.

Included: Refreshments and an Art Activity.
Take some time to reflect on your desires!

Some of the key areas we will address include:

- 1. Applications:** Get help completing training and learning applications.
- 2. Referrals:** Learn about resources and networks for valuable opportunities.
- 3. Identifying Courses:** Explore courses that align with your goals and interest. Huge choice through GLA Skills Learning.
- 4. Barriers to Learning:** Address obstacles in pursuing education or training.
- 5. Personalised Support:** Receive tailored advice and support with our Community Connector.



We'd love for you to join us - There is a course suited for everyone!
Come to as many sessions as you like. Just turn up!

WHERE: Walnut Tree Walk Primary, London SE11 6DS

WHEN: 9 am - 11 am on 2nd December 2025

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For more information please email:
community@art4space.co.uk

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If you are interested, please complete the GLA registration form in advance:

<https://form.jotform.com/252522479612357>

By registering, parents will receive tailored information and access to:

- Free local courses and qualifications
- Employment and job-readiness schemes
- Guidance with CV writing and employment applications
- Community-based support and learning pathways

The Creative Support Session is designed as a welcoming introduction but registration unlocks the wider year-long opportunities available to you.