

Newsletter date: Friday 5th September 2025

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*“Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to welcome children and families old and new back to school on Wednesday, and even more so as we commence this new academic year embarking on our new and exciting journey as part of LIFE Education Trust family!

The children have been settling well into their new classes and routines and have been eager to begin their learning and tell us all about their summer adventures. As Dr Walker’s is now a part of LIFE Education Trust, we will be able to offer many more enrichment trips and experiences to the children across the terms and will share all the key dates with you ahead of time to ensure that you are well prepared.

We will be changing your child’s morning drop off point. **From Monday 8th September**, children will now enter the school **via the dole path** where they exit at the end of the day, allowing children direct access into their classes in the mornings. **The gates will open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am to allow for registration.** If your child attends our FREE Breakfast Club from 8am, they will still access the school via the main office.

Last year, parents made a request for us to consider alternatives for our well-attended, weekly Together Tuesdays, for those parents that work in the mornings. This year, we are also going to host weekly Together Thursdays! We look forward to welcoming family members to join us in class to read with the children.

Together Tuesdays 8:30am – 8:45am

Together Thursdays 3:00pm – 3:20pm

Parents have been invited to join us for coffee and biscuits between 2.15pm – 2:45pm on Tuesday 9th September. This will be a chance to start the year in true partnership with our parents and carers. We will share the school’s priorities for the year with you and talk about our plans and how we intend to transition into being a part of the LIFE Trust schools - particularly those in Mid Essex. More importantly we would like to hear from you about what we already do well and how we can make your child’s experience at Dr Walker’s even better!

Parents are also invited to Meet the Teacher on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 2:45pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Gracious God,
We come to you at the beginning of this academic year,
give us a new perspective to see persons, events, and
academic work as an invitation to develop the many gifts
you have given us to be used in service for others.
Amen



TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

9th Sept – Parent Meeting – All things Dr Walker’s
2:15pm

9th Sept – Meet the Teacher – 2:45pm

24th Oct – Break up for half term

3rd Nov – Children return to school

19th Dec – End of Term

6th Jan - Children return to school

13th Feb – Break up for half term

24th Feb - Children return to school

27th Mar – End of Term

13th Apr - Children return to school

22nd May – Break up for half term

1st June - Children return to school

**Monday 20th July: End of academic year –
1:00pm finish (after registration)**



Download **My Child at School** from the App Store for Apple users and on Google Play for all Android phone users. It is essential you have the app ready to use as soon as possible so as we send out log in information you are prepared.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

After School Clubs for September 2025 will be accessible on My Child at School for the new academic year. Please use this platform to sign your child/ren up for any clubs. *This will no longer be done through the school office.*

ScS Clubs

These will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays from September 2025 and will continue to be booked and paid for directly via ScS.

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Is my child too ill for school?

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School Governor

Are you interested in playing an important part in the quality of education at Dr Walker's Primary School? Would you like to work with other professionals to ensure the education we provide is of the best quality?

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about the education of our children and who, working with other school governors; monitor the quality of education, scrutinise the views of stakeholders, monitor information on pupil progress and attainment and monitor Safeguarding and SEND and progress towards school development priorities.

The Details:

- Governors are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve a term of 4 years.
- There are generally 6 meetings a year (during term time in the evenings) and one Saturday training day.

How to Apply:

If you are interested and would like to apply to become a Governor, please write a letter of no more than one side of A4 and attach your CV. Prospective Governors will be invited to meet with the Chair of Governors, the Executive Headteacher and a member of the Board of Trustees of LIFE Education Trust.

If you would like to know more about the role or the Local Governance Committee prior to applying, please contact the Trust Governance Professional by email to khardy@lifeeducationtrust.com





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Please note that the change to the INSET days.

Monday 8th June has changed to Monday 23rd February 2026.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates
 for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools -
 Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Inset Days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

Please note:
 The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.
 You are strongly advised to check with your child’s school before making any holiday or other commitments.

