

Newsletter date: Friday 12th September 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting week; albeit a very wet one! We began the week with the first of our fortnightly visits from Open the Book. Please do feel free to join us for these Family Collective Worship sessions from 10:25am-10:45am (enter via the school office) on the following alternate Mondays:

We were delighted to announce the launch of our brand-new website www.drwalkers.co.uk on Monday. Here you will find the latest information about the school including school news, photos, term dates, lunch menus, upcoming events information, SATs results and so much more. Please do take a look when you can and spread the word as there is also information about our upcoming open day for prospective parents.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers in the school for Together Tuesdays and Together Thursdays, please note that entrance to the school for the sessions will be **via the dole path**.

Some parents joined us for coffee and biscuits and met with Mr Julian Dutnall, and ourselves to discuss what we already do well and how we can make your child's experience at Dr Walker's even better, which was followed by Meet the Teacher sessions where teachers were able to share lots of exciting information with you about upcoming events as we link with the other Mid-Essex schools in LIFE Education Trust.

Year 6 Parents and Carers

The new secondary school admission round **opens today, Friday, 12 September 2025**, to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All the application information is available on the admissions website link above.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)



**GOD
LOVES A
CHEERFUL
GIVER**
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Lord,
Teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship

Autumn 2025

Monday 15th September

Monday 29th September

Monday 13th October

Half- Term

Monday 3rd November

Monday 17th November

Monday 1st December

Monday 15th December

26th Sept—Macmillan coffee morning (Info to follow)

8th Oct —Individual and sibling photos

10th Oct—Hello Yellow Day (Info to follow)

16th Oct—EYFS/Yr 1 ‘People Who Help Us Day’ (Info to follow)

20th Oct – Year 5 Parents – Secondary School application DEADLINE

22nd Oct—Parents Evening

Harvest Festival at church (date tbc)

24th Oct—Last Day of Autumn 1

3rd Nov—First Day of Autumn 2

11th Nov—Open morning for New EYFS 11am

12th Nov—Year 1/Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

1st Dec—INSET Day – School closed for children

16th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (am)

16th Dec—KS2 Christmas Production (pm)

11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

9th Dec—Whole school go to watch Panto

Christmas service at church (date tbc)

19th Dec—Last Day of Autumn 2

5th Jan—INSET Day – School closed for children

6th Jan—First Day of Spring 1

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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 01.09	WC 08.09	WC 15.09	WC 22.09	WC 29.09	WC 06.11	WC 13.11	WC 20.11
Willow	93%	94%						
Sycamore	94%	94%						
Maple	82%	95%						
Whole School	91%	95%						

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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.

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School

Open Day

11th November

11am

Join us to take a tour and see our school in action.

- Small friendly, community school with a family feel
- Christian values and regular worship
- SIAMS Good School
- Excellent SATS results 2025
- Large Outdoor Space
- Modern facilities and IT equipment

Dr Walker's is proud to be part of the LIFE Education Trust who strive to build great learning communities which unleash creativity and champion optimism, in a spirit of compassion.

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“The way in which all the staff team work closely together, living out the Christian values of the school, means that pupils thrive and succeed.”
SIAMS

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