



Dr Walker's C of E Primary School 2025 - 2026 Brochure



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Our School

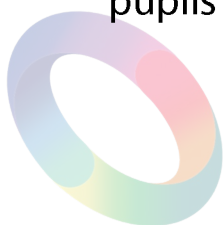
Dr Walker's is a half-form entry school situated in the picturesque village of Fyfield. We work closely with St Nicholas' Church and uphold a strong Christian ethos in all we do. Our core Christian Values of Courageous Optimism, Heartfelt Compassion and Boundless Creativity underpin the children's learning experience.

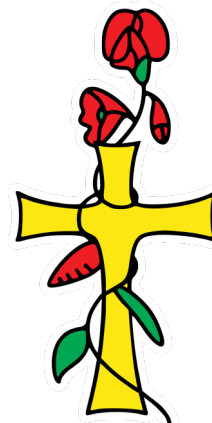
Although we are a small school, the children and staff make the school a happy and vibrant place to learn and achieve in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to ensure success for all. We proud to be part of the LIFE Education Trust, who strive to support their schools and ensure that "everyone flourishes".

Our Curriculum is broad and balanced and tailored to meet the needs of all our learners. The school is over 355 years old and has continued to hold a special place in the heart of the community since 1670. We are committed to ensuring that our children receive the best quality education that underpins our school moto: ***'Although your beginning was small, your future will flourish indeed'***. (Job 8:7)

The school is named after the founder, Dr Anthony Walker. Who supported a free school for the poor children of the parish, (whatever their denomination) using rents from property and half an acre of land he owned in Fyfield, as well as 56 acres of farmland in High Ongar. When Dr Walker died, he left several settlements to the parish of Fyfield, which are detailed on what must be one of the most memorable of Essex's charity boards on display in St Nicholas' Church.

The Dr Walker School Foundation (an independent charitable organisation which manages Dr Walker's Trust) continues to provide Bibles to Year 6 pupils when they leave Dr Walker's School.





Our Curriculum

Mission and Beliefs

At LIFE Education Trust, our **Mission** is to “***build great learning communities***”

As with all our work, our **Beliefs** are evident in our curriculum. They are:

Courageous Optimism:

It takes courage to hope for a better future. We champion a ‘can do’ attitude and encourage our pupils and staff to tackle challenges with resilience and perseverance as they reach for ambitious targets.

Boundless Creativity:

Through captivating discoveries in the classroom and eye-opening adventures in the outside world, we give pupils freedom and promote varied learning experiences which stimulate innovation and develop adaptability.

Heartfelt Compassion:

We show love and respect to each member of our community as we nurture a powerful collective spirit. In humility we embrace difference and individuality, show forgiveness when necessary and are united by compassion..





Curriculum Principles:

The curriculum is the **foundation** for what happens in each of our schools. It is not just about what is taught in lessons and nor is it simply about subject content. Each school has a curriculum which is driven by our LIFE mission and beliefs and built upon **eight** key principles which ensure that **all** our pupils, regardless of their backgrounds:

1. Learn valuable **knowledge**
2. Are taught the **skills to read** well
3. Experience, understand and value **creativity**
4. Acquire vital **cultural capital**
5. Understand and maintain good **physical health** and **mental wellbeing**
6. Develop the **skills** to be **lifelong learners**
7. Are fully prepared to carry out their roles as **valued citizens** in all aspects of life in **Modern Britain** having developed an **understanding of themselves and others**

Achieve excellent outcomes in national tests and examinations

Across our diverse range of schools, there will be differing curriculum content based upon pupils' age and local context, but all adhere to the principles outlined above. Our schools collaborate with one another, particularly within the same phase, to learn from one another, build upon best practice and ensure consistency of experience and high standards for all pupils in LIFE schools.





Our School Uniform

Winter uniform:

White shirt (NOT polo shirt)

A purple and gold striped tie (clipped or traditional)

Charcoal grey trousers

Tartan kilt

Purple V-neck jumper, with or without the school logo

Purple cardigan, with or without the school logo

Grey socks/grey tights

Black leather-type shoes (not trainers)

Summer uniform:

White shirt (NOT polo shirt) purple and gold striped tie

Purple and white checked dress or playsuit

Charcoal grey shorts, trousers

White socks with the summer dress

Grey socks (if not wearing a summer dress)

Black leather-type shoes (not trainers)

PE kit:

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms

Black or white t-shirt, with or without the school logo

Black sweatshirt, with or without the school logo

Plimsolls or trainers (plain, where possible)





Purchasing Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

All logoed uniform is available from School Trends or Ciel School Uniform

Alternatively, preloved uniform is available from our PTA—Friends Of Dr Walker's - drwalkers24@gmail.com

Please note that uniform is non-gender specific.

P.E. Days:

Children receive 2 hours of Physical Education a week.

On these days, children are required to attend school in their PE Kit. PE days will be advised at the start of each academic year.

Jewellery: Jewellery is limited to wearing a wrist watch and one small gold or silver stud per ear. Only one set of earrings should be worn. Friendship bracelets and Smart watches are not permitted. School badges, e.g. Prefect badges, can be worn on the school uniform. Jewellery will need to be removed before PE and clubs.

Make-Up: No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

Hair: Long hair needs to be tied back. Please note this applies to boys and girls.

Hats: Please provide a sunhat in hot sunny weather.

Sunscreen: Please apply to your child during hot weather before school.

Head Wear: Religious items such as hijabs, should only be worn by those of that faith and be purple, white or black





The School Week

Early Adopter Breakfast Club

Dr Walker's CE (VC) Primary School is an early adopter school, participating in the government's free breakfast club program. This program provides a free, nutritious breakfast for all children who attend our school that follow the School Food Standards, before the school day begins at 8:30am.

The **Free** 30-minute breakfast club will help ensure children start every day ready to learn, and in turn will improve behaviour, attendance and attainment.

For parents/carers, free breakfast clubs mean help with childcare at the start of the school day – at no extra costs. It means that those parents can drop their children off half an hour earlier – helping them get into work, giving them up to 95 additional hours back to juggle busy mornings, and saving working families up to **£450 a year**.

The Breakfast club runs daily from 8:00am – 8:30am.

Day	Time
Monday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Tuesday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Wednesday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Thursday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Friday	08.30am to 3pm

Important: Please inform the office if your child is being collected by a friend or relative not known to the staff.





Our School Meals

We cook high quality school dinners on site. They are delicious, healthy, home cooked and comply with the latest nutrition guide-lines.

EYFS and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Children receive Government funded Free School Meals.

The cost of a school dinner for Key stage two children is £2.45. School meals are paid by a cashless online system. We have a “No Nuts” policy at Dr Walkers Church of England Primary School.

Children moving from year 2 to Year 3

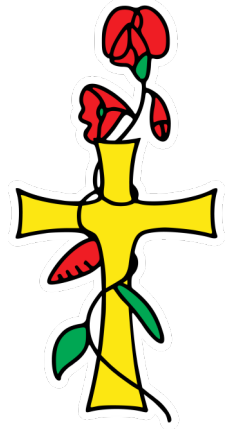
For children moving from year 2 to 3 in September, you should make an application for free school meals from 1 August, selecting the school the child will be attending. Please do not apply earlier than this date.

Children moving from year 6 to Year 7

For children moving from year 6 to 7 in September, you should make an application for free school meals from 1 August, selecting the school the child will be attending. Please do not apply earlier than this date.

Please visit Essex County Council to find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals





Admission Arrangements

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We follow the Admissions policy agreed with Essex County Council which states:

Children living in the priority area at the time of application and determination will be allocated a place at the school, providing the application is received by the closing date. In the event of over subscription, any remaining places will be allocated on the following criteria in the order given:

- Looked After Children
- Children with a sibling attending the school
- Remaining applications
- In the event of oversubscription withing any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above.

Early Years Admission—Spring and Summer born children are admitted in Autumn, full time. These admissions are dealt with by Essex County Council.

Mid-Year Applications

All mid-year applications are dealt with by the school. If there are spaces in the year group an offer will be made. For more information, please email admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk





Attendance Information

Government regulations require schools to keep a detailed record of pupil absence and to distinguish between authorised and unauthorised absences. For this reason, it is important that you phone the school office by 9am to notify the school on the first day of absence. In the case of medical or dental appointment evidence must be supplied to the school office. If a child's absence falls below 95% you will receive a letter from the Head of School inviting you to discuss the reason for the absences and to see if the school can help support your child.

A leave of absence form can be requested for extenuating circumstances; however, the school are unable to authorise absence for a family holiday.

Arrangements for Parents/Carers to visit School

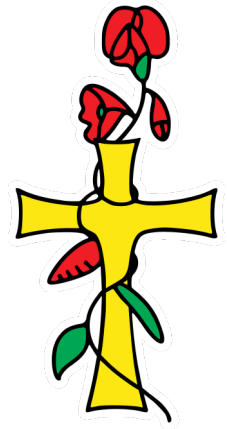
New parents/carers are welcome to make an appointment to see the school and speak with the Head of school or the Executive Headteacher. You are very welcome to our open days. Please make an appointment with the school office if you need to see your class teacher or a member of staff at any other time.

Our School Organisation

Classes in our school are grouped as follows:

Class Name	Year Groups
Willow	EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2
Sycamore	Year 3 / Year 4
Maple	Year 5 / Year 6





SEND Information

The schools SEND policy is based on The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. The SENDCo, class teacher and external agencies will help identify and assess the special needs of individual children. We will use all the available resources available to the school, in order to meet the needs of every child and will attempt to make full use of external facilities where appropriate. The school's SEND Policy is updated annually and has regard for the Education Act 1993 and the Code of Practice on Special Needs.

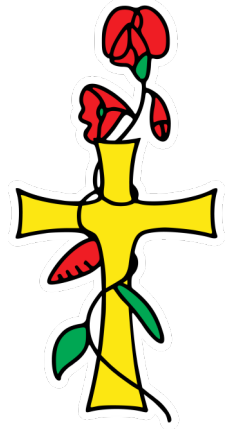
Homework

Homework is provided for all children. The children are expected to read, and to practise spellings and learn number bonds and rapid recall of times tables. Class teachers will allocate tasks weekly via online learning platforms to consolidate class learning.

Collective Worship

As we are a Church of England School, Christian Distinctiveness is evident in our vision and values. Parents have a right to withdraw their children from the daily act of worship, should they feel it is inappropriate for them. Parents also the opportunity to withdraw their child from RE lessons.





Clubs

A range of clubs have been made available including Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Handbell Ringing, Arts and Crafts, Lego and Board Games and Gardening Club. The clubs change on a termly basis, and are paid for via our online payment system.

Communication with Parents/Carers

We regularly communicate with parents electronically. When children join the school, we will ask parents for email addresses and telephone numbers, so we can send emails and make phone calls. Please follow us on Facebook, X and BlueSky to see our weekly updates.

Facebook: DrWalkerCofE

X: DrWalkersSchool

BlueSky: @drwalkers.lifeeducationtrust.com

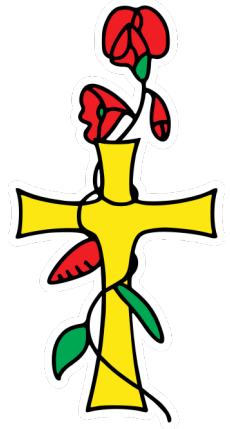
Complaints Procedure

The school places great emphasis on a home school partnership and hopes that all problems will be dealt with speedily by informal means. The first person to consult is the child's teacher and then the Head of School, if the teacher is unable to rectify your concern, followed by the Executive Head.

FODW

The school has a very supportive Fundraising PTA,, Friends of Dr Walker's. Should you wish to find out more information on how to become involved, please contact drwalkers24@gmail.com





Our Links Within the Community

We have close links within the community. As a church school, we work closely with St Nicholas' Church in Fyfield. We are dedicated to introducing projects that will support our local church and our local environment.

The community are invited to school events and we make all our events public through our website and weekly newsletter. Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and Year 6 Leaver's services are held at St Nicholas' Church, or the school hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

SATs Results

For more information regarding our SATs results, please see the school website.

