

Newsletter date: Friday 2nd October 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another exciting week at Dr Walker’s! We've had a fantastic week of learning and opportunities. Thank you for the many non-perishables, Harvest Festival donations that we have been receiving, please continue to donate what you can!

Please note that the date for individual and sibling photographs has been moved from Wednesday, 8th October, to **Tuesday, 7th October**. This adjustment was made to prevent a conflict with scheduled PE lessons, eliminating the need for children to bring both their school uniform and PE kit on the same day.

A snippet of history was recently shared, which is vital to our school and its emblem. The flower entwined around the yellow cross holds its own historical significance. The "Fyfield Pea," or Tuberous Pea (*Lathyrus tuberosus*), that entwines the cross on our school logo was first discovered in Britain in Fyfield, Essex, in 1859 by Octavius Corder and identified by his botanist brother. Originally considered an abundant weed in the area, it is now much rarer due to intensive farming. The plant, native to southern Europe and western Asia, is believed to have been introduced to Britain, possibly from contaminated corn seed, and is still sought after by botanists.

We received some very sad news over the weekend, last Wednesday Revd Julia (Matching and Lavers vicar, who delivers our Open the Book sessions) realised she could no longer feel her baby moving and on Thursday the hospital confirmed that they could not detect a heartbeat.

On Saturday the news was announced to her congregations that baby Theo (from Theodore - gift of God) Baldwin (bold friend) BAKER was delivered on Saturday afternoon.

Whether you know Julia or not, please pray for her and Simon, and for her congregations who had all been so looking forward to the baby’s arrival in November.

Upcoming Dates and Events

TUESDAY 7th Oct —Individual and sibling photos

Friday 10th Oct—Hello Yellow Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Giving Gleefully

Is your generosity a source of genuine joy or a grudging obligation?

Giving should be a "cheerful" act, not a compulsion driven by the fear of man or a way to soothe your conscience.

Dear Lord,

In this time of sorrow and loss, we turn to you for strength and comfort. Please wrap your loving arms around Rev Julia and her family and grant them the peace that surpasses all understanding. Help them find solace in the memories of their loved one and guide them through this difficult journey of grief.

Amen

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship

Autumn 2025

Monday 13th October

Half-Term

Monday 3rd November

Monday 17th November

Monday 1st December

Monday 15th December

Tuesday 7th 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 17th October 2025

24th Oct—Last Day of Autumn 1

3rd Nov—First Day of Autumn 2

4th Nov – Year 5/Year 6 – Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day (info to follow)

11th Nov—Open morning for New EYFS 11am

14th Nov—Year 1/Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

21st Nov – Yr 3/Yr 4 Mayan Exploration Day (info to follow)

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 11th Dec 2025

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%	92%	93%	92%			
Sycamore	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%			
Maple	82%	95%	91%	90%	90%			
Whole School	91%	95%	92%	92%	91%			

All donations are still welcome!



On Friday 10th October 2025, we will be joining thousands of individuals, schools and communities across the country to raise money and show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, more than 1 in 4 young people have a probable mental health condition. Many aren't getting the help they need, when they need it.

Some don't even know where to turn, who to talk to, or if anyone else feels the same. But we can change this.

By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day (10 October), and donating what you can, you can show young people that they are not alone and that things can get better. Wear it loud. Wear it proud. Because we stand brighter, together. Please donate [here](#).



TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

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!

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.