

Dear Parents and Carers,

December is upon us! There is a flurry of activities happening in the background at Dr Walker's in the build-up to Christmas, with many events for the final weeks of Autumn term and 2025 – so, please check your emails and MCAS for further information.

The Elves have made their return to the classrooms, so please ask your children about their antics!

Over the weekend, some children attended the Ongar Christmas Festival. They were also able to perform some songs that had been rehearsed with Mrs How during our lunchtime singing club. Please have a look at our socials to see the amazing photos and videos supplied by parents.

A reminder that if you have not yet done so, we are requesting that the voluntary contribution of **£6.70** for our upcoming Aladdin Pantomime Trip be paid via MCAS as soon as possible. As a school, we work hard to provide enriching experiences for the children, and this trip is one we are very excited about. However, we must make you aware that the trip cannot go ahead unless we receive enough voluntary contributions to cover the overall cost. Please also note that we have heavily subsidised this event to reduce the cost to parents and carers.

Please note the earlier finish time of the Christmas Disco on 17th December (3:20pm to **4:45pm**) – this was decided by FODW who are running the event.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Tuesday 9th Dec—Whole school trip - Aladdin Panto
Thursday 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11th Dec – Christingle Competition (deadline 10th December)
Thursday 11th Dec – Christmas Service 9:30am – St Nicholas' Church

Have a lovely weekend.

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

OUR THEME: COMPASSION

This week we have been looking at: The Gift of Gold at Christmas.

Home school values – explore the value at home.

Click the link [here](#)

Lord,

During this season of feasting and joy, remind us of those who are experiencing hardship—the hungry, the sick, the lonely, and those far from home. Help us to see them through your eyes, with love and understanding.

Amen.



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

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship

Autumn 2025 – 10:25am

Monday 15th December

9th Dec—Whole school trip - Aladdin Panto
11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
11th Dec – Christmas Service 9:30am
11th Dec – Christingle Competition (deadline 10th December)

16th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:15am
16th Dec—KS2 Christmas Production 10:45am
17th Dec – Christmas Disco 3:20 – **4.45pm**

19th Dec—Last Day of Autumn 2

5th Jan—INSET Day – School closed for children

6th Jan—First Day of Spring 1

Essex Police: Stay connected with Essex Police and the work going on in our area with [Dispatch](#), their free weekly e-newsletter





National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 07.11	WC 14.11	WC 21.11	WC 28.11	WC 01.12	WC 12.12	WC 19.12
Willow	92%	93%	92%	93%	93%		
Sycamore	92%	92%	92%	91%	91%		
Maple	90%	90%	91%	91%	91%		
Whole School	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%		

Christmas Tree

Dr Walker's are reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and have created a cross inspired Christmas tree.



Bauble Competition

FODW organised the Christmas Bauble Competition and the winner was chosen at the Ongar Christmas Festival.

Well done Amelia (Yr 6) for the detailed Match Girl's Christmas!



Ongar Christmas Festival

Children participated in the Ongar Christmas Festival and performed songs rehearsed at our Lunchtime Singing Club!



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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)**



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