

Newsletter date: Friday 10th July 2026

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Collective Worship Inclusive - Invitational – Inspiring
This term's theme: RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are now **only 6 school days left** in the academic year. There are many scheduled events, so please keep a close eye out for reminder emails. You can also find a full list of key dates to the right-hand side of this newsletter.

Tuesday saw children – including our new Reception cohort – meet their new teachers!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Heather Mitchell, Mr Alfred Poyser and Miss Bryony Mapes to our team. I am sure you will join us in giving them all a very warm welcome to the Dr Walker's community.

At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to two valued members of staff. Mr Niall Robinson has made a significant contribution to Dr Walker's during his short time with us. Following a successful interview process, he has been appointed Head of School at Margaretting CE Primary School. Although we will miss him greatly, we are pleased that he will remain within the LIFE Education Trust, and we look forward to seeing him at future Trust and Mid-Essex events.

We also say farewell to Miss Lauren Seeley, who has been a valued member of our staff for the past four years. Miss Seeley will also remain within LIFE Education Trust as she begins an exciting new role at Sheering CE Primary School in September. We thank both Mr Robinson and Miss Seeley for their dedication and commitment to our school and wish them every success and happiness in their new roles.

Wednesday was a flurry of excitement for the LIFE Celebration Event held at Frances Bardsley Academy. The evening was all about recognising the phenomenal work, dedication, and deep commitment of our Year 5 LIFE Ambassadors. We could not be prouder of our amazing children! We also honoured children who truly live and breathe our core school values every single day. Further awards were presented for recognition for Attainment and Achievement. The energy was absolutely electric! Dr Walker's performed beautiful traditional bellringing, non-stop dancing and last-minute Bare Necessities singing! There were several other remarkable acts from other LIFE schools and it was a pure joy to be part of wider community spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this event so magical. Our children continue to inspire us every day!

Have truly amazing weekend.

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: RESPECT
This week we have been looking at:
Treating others with respect

Home school values – explore the value at home.
Click the link [here](#)

Father God,
Open our eyes to value and
appreciate all people.
Help us to recognise what
we have in common
and respect what makes
each of us unique.
Amen

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

Job 8:7

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

13th July – International Week
13th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service – St Nicholas' Church **9:15am**
13th July – 10:30am Yr6 Head Prefects Skreens
15th July – Sports afternoon (from 1pm)
16th July – Year 6 only treat
20th July – Year 6 Memories Assembly for Year 6 Parents Only (am)

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

Dates for 2026-2027

Tues 1st September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Wed 2nd September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thurs 3rd September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Fri 4th September – INSET CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Mon 7th Sept – Children back to school

Wed 9th Sept – Parents meet the class teacher (3:20pm – 3:50pm)
Wed 9th Sept – Parent Homework Forum (2:30pm)
Mon 14th Sept – Homework commences
Thurs 17th Sept – Topic Overviews to parents
Fri 25th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning
WC 28th Sept – Individual and sibling photographs
Mon 5th Oct – Year 6 Mock SATs Week
Fri 9th Oct – Hello Yellow Day
Wed 14th Oct – EYFS People Who Help us Day (MPS)
Mon 19th Oct – Harvest Festival (tbc)
Mon 19th Oct – Parents' Evening
26th – 30th Oct – Half Term
Wed 11th Nov – Remembrance Day Service (tbc)
Tues 1st Dec – Christmas Event at Chelmsford Cathedral
Thurs 3rd Dec – Chelmsford Panto (whole school)
Tues 8th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thurs 10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 14th Dec – Autumn Report sent to Parents
Fri 16th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 01.06	WC 08.06	WC 15.06	WC 22.06	WC 29.06	WC 06.07	WC 13.07
Willow	88%	88%	88%	87%	87%	87%	
Sycamore	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	
Maple	92%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	
Whole School	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	

The effect of of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 178 days. That leaves 187 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No absence	9 days absence	11 days absence	18 days absence	27 days absence	36 days absence
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress	

FBA LIFE Celebrations



Please check out our official [Instagram](#) page for photos and videos of the event!

Allergens

Please remember that we are a nut and orange free school. Thank you for keeping members of our school community safe!



Communications

To help us respond to your queries and individual concerns that you may have as quickly as possible, please continue to use admin@fyfieldrwalkers.essex.sch.uk for all email communications.

- The office team will distribute messages directly to Mrs Dean, Mrs Taylor, and the teaching staff as needed.
- We ask that you do not email staff members on their personal or individual accounts.
- We greatly appreciate your support in using the central admin address to keep communications streamlined.

