

Message from the Head teacher:

Welcome Back from Half-Term!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It's been wonderful to see all our learners back, full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

We're excited to continue exploring our exciting Space Theme, which will inspire creativity and curiosity throughout the rest of the term. There are lots of exciting activities and lessons planned, and we can't wait to see our learners' imaginations soar. A huge thank you to our Hornbeam team, who have continued to work incredibly hard to plan and prepare for this second half of the Spring term.

Next week, we'll also be celebrating World Book Day, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading. We have some fun activities lined up, so please make sure to check the communications for more details.

Wishing everyone a productive and enjoyable term ahead!



Samantha Chaplin

Deputy Headteacher

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You tube link for - [Give](#)

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SCHOOL CALENDAR



6th March 25 Coffee Morning at Brookfield House

6th March 25 World Book Day

This Week's Top Attendance

Whole School Attendance

(Average this year)

87.0%

Attendance Congratulations

Classes with above 90% attendance

(WM) Hawking – 96.3%

(WM) Fotheringham – 95.8%

(WM) Fox – 95.7%

(WM) Charles – 93.8%

(BH) Ruby – 93.2%

(WM) Pearson – 92.1%

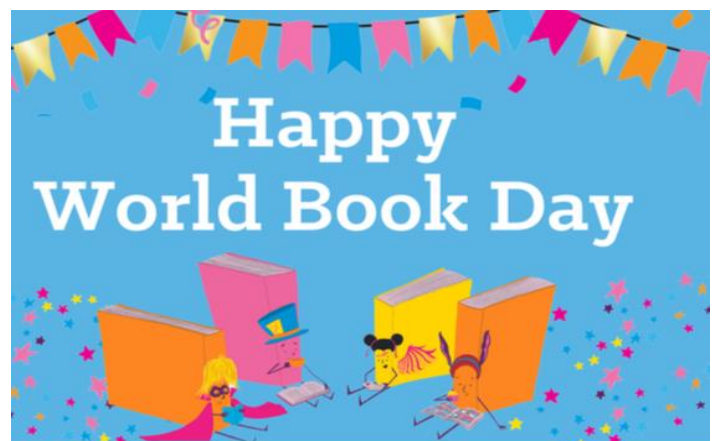
(BH) Red – 92.0%

(BH) Rose – 90.4%

(WM) Mandela – 90.3%

(WM) Goldberg - 90.2%

(WM) Capaldi - 90.0%



Learning @ BH – Navy Class

Although Spring 1 was a relatively short half term, it was packed with lots of exciting activities. The overall theme was "Space" and learners in Navy class enjoyed space related fiction in Literacy. In "Understanding the World" they were introduced to planets, stars and space travel and they made papier mâché astronaut helmets in art lessons.



Some of our learners started working towards their certificate in rebound and everyone enjoyed weekly visits by the dance teacher. Additionally, in January we explored different Chinese New Year celebrations and learners made tasty spring rolls. We had more Food Technology fun in February, baking and decorating Valentine's Day biscuits!

Learning @ WM – Last day of term

As we wrapped up another incredible term, our school came together for a day filled with excitement, celebration, and community spirit. The last day of term was a huge success, with students, staff, and parents all playing a part in making it a memorable event.

The highlight of the day was our bake sale, where students and staff showcased their baking talents. Parents joined in the fun, not only supporting the event but also purchasing delicious treats. It was fantastic to see our Post-16 students taking on real-world roles, acting as employees, handling transactions, and selling baked goods to their peers, staff, and visitors—gaining valuable work experience along the way.

In the afternoon, the celebrations continued with a school disco, where students had the opportunity to let loose, dance, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. The energy was high, and the joy was contagious! To bring everyone together, we encouraged all staff and students to wear red, adding a vibrant and unified feel to the occasion.



A huge thank you to everyone who participated, from those who baked to those who supported and joined in the fun. It was a fantastic way to end the term, and we look forward to even more celebrations in the future!

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World Book Day – 6th March 2025

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 6th March.

Learners, at both Brookfield House and William Morris, are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters and share their favourite stories. We encourage you to use clothing items and props that you already have at home to make your characters come to life.



Alternatively, learners can wear pyjamas instead! Teachers will be visiting classes, and prizes will be given for the best costume! Learners will be engaging in a range of book themed celebrations throughout the school day to immerse themselves in the world of stories.

Great News! Breakfast club will be back!

As some of you may have heard on the news the Government are introducing breakfast clubs in the UK from September 2025! However, we at William Morris could not wait that long, and as part of a pilot for the government, we are 1 of 750 schools in England who will be welcoming back our much-loved breakfast club. We are the only Special School in Waltham Forest to be chosen to start the club early! We are working behind the scenes to get it all ready for its official launch on the 22nd of April. So keep an eye out as some exciting posters with more details will be out soon!

Sunita Bhamra

Deputy Headteacher

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Coffee Morning @ BH 6th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to invite you all to our first Toys and Clothes bank, coffee morning!

Brookfield House School 09:30-11:00 on the 6th of March 2025.

Please bring any pre-loved clothes, (Adults and children's sizes).

Grab a coffee and a biscuit and maybe even a pair of jeans and a top!

See you there,

Charlee Nelson

Family support worker/Attendance Welfare officer



Win a week of free-swimming lessons



Please see attached link for further information

[More information](#)

Some Kind of Hack Space

'Some Kind of Hack Space'

A space for autonomous creative exploration with technology

For neurodiverse young people age 14-25

What is 'Some Kind of Hack Space'?

Some Kind of Hack Space is a project space for neurodiverse young people to experiment, test out creative ideas, and meet up.

A relaxed supportive environment in which neurodiverse young people can explore their own creative ideas supported by regular staff and visiting creative practitioners with expertise in neurodivergent conditions and youth work.

Visiting artists, designers and scientists will bring a variety of creative workshops and activities to each session.

You can bring your own projects to get on with. You might for example want to code, edit film, animate, draw, knit, write music...just let us know what you're thinking of doing in the sign-up form. You will have access to some equipment, computers and drawing materials.

Artists and technicians are available to assist you with your projects if you need them. They have lots of skills they can share with you including coding and electronics, making music, animation, filmmaking, using a camera, fabric construction and mathematical origami! **Please follow link below for more information**

[For more information](#)

Where is it?

- Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton, London, E10 6EQ

Other Stuff

- It's free
- Parents, carers and siblings are welcome to come along and support you, join in the activities, have a cuppa with other parents in the foyer, or drop you off for the day. Whatever suits you.
- We will have some snacks, but do bring your own food and drinks

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As you may already be aware, Lime Trust has been running its own **Teacher Training programme** with Ambition Institute from September 2024. If you are considering training to be a primary teacher and would like to join our September 2025 cohort.

If you are ready to apply and meet the eligibility requirements, please use the following link: <https://www2.ambition.org.uk/l/330231/2023-06-20/twm4v>

For any additional information, please email traintoteach@limetrust.org or contact Michaela Philpot on 020 4548 1732.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Could you also make sure that your child's name is labelled clearly on the clothing.

Thank you for your support.

Link to: [My Clothing](#)

Excellent Trustpilot

Welcome to MyClothing

We're the UK's largest provider of embroidered school uniform. Search our database of over 7,500 schools.

SEND Specialist Practitioner Drop-in Clinics –

10th March – 9.30 -11.00 @ WM 2.00-3.30 @ BH

Please call school office to book a 15-minute appointment

Waltham Forest
0-19 School Health

SEND Specialist Practitioner Drop-in Clinics

We offer public health interventions, confidential support and advice for your child around (but not limited to)...

- Healthy eating and lifestyles
- Hygiene
- Weight
- Dental health
- Healthy sleep
- Immunisations
- Toileting
- Behaviours
- Puberty
- Emotional and Wellbeing
- Drugs alcohol and smoking
- Sexual health and relationships
- ...or just a chat

Drop-in clinics during the school year

- One per half term
- Usually on a Monday
- Time: 9.30am-11am or 2pm - 3.30pm

How to contact us
Email: thgpcg.WF0-19sendspecialistservice@nhs.net
Call Single Point of Access (SPA): 0300 033 6200
Email SPA: thgpcg.wf0-19spa1@nhs.net

If we cannot help, we will find someone who can.
We also refer and signpost to specialist services.

Website: www.gpcaregroup.org | Social media: @THGPCareGroup

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SEND Parent Navigator Service

Understanding . Information . Support

Feeling confused?

Overwhelmed?

Alone?



If your child or young person...

- is autistic
- is waiting for an assessment
- or might be autistic

Referral Form



bit.ly/WFSENDHELP

We can help you...

- Understand your child's needs and next steps
- Navigate forms and assessments
- Find the right services and support for both you and your child
- Feel more confident and connected in your journey



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