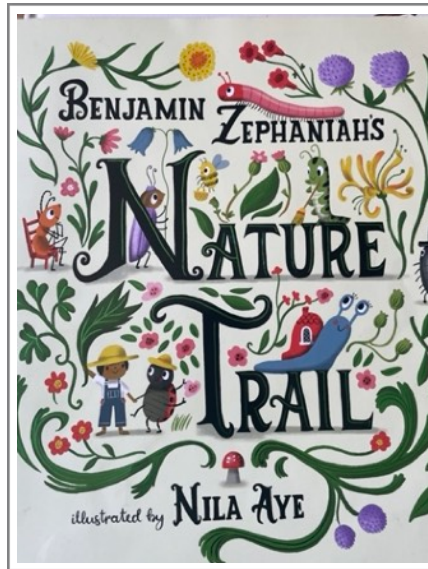
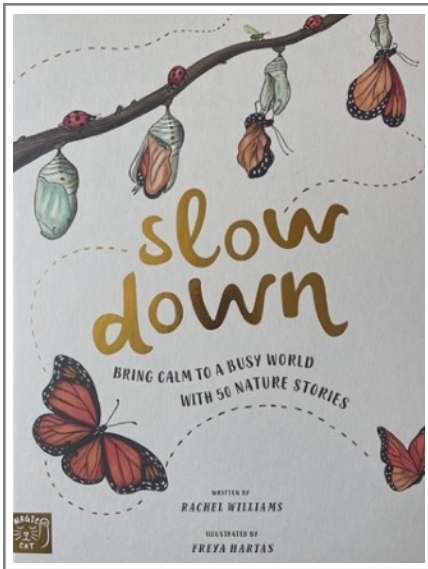


# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Our Weekly News



### Book Donations.

Many of you kindly donated new books to celebrate the school's 25th birthday. Every week, we plan to feature two of them in the newsletter.

This week, we are reading 'Slow Down' by Rachel Williams, donated by Audrey's family and 'Nature Trail' by Nila Aye, donated by Arden's family. Thank you so much.

## Our new book boxes.

Have you spotted them? We have two new book boxes at the front of our Children's House Penrhyn building.

We would love WMS families to begin using them as a way to share and discover books. We have put 20 or so in there to start things off and invite you to donate any spare books you may have at home; they do not need to be new! You are also very welcome of course to take a book from the boxes. All we ask in return is that you replace it with another book.

We hope this will be a lovely way to promote a joy for reading and add to the community aspect of our school.

You may have noticed that one of our boxes is awaiting a repair and we hope to have this fixed very soon!



### Illnesses.

Please may we remind all families to inform the school if their child has chickenpox or any other contagious illness. This helps protect others, especially those who are vulnerable or have underlying conditions. It is important the school is notified promptly and it may be that in some cases we have to notify Ofsted and the Health Protection Team. [You can find out more by viewing our policy here.](#)

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### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Children's House Penrhyn:  
Wednesday 6th May

Children's House  
Brookcroft:  
Thursday 14th May

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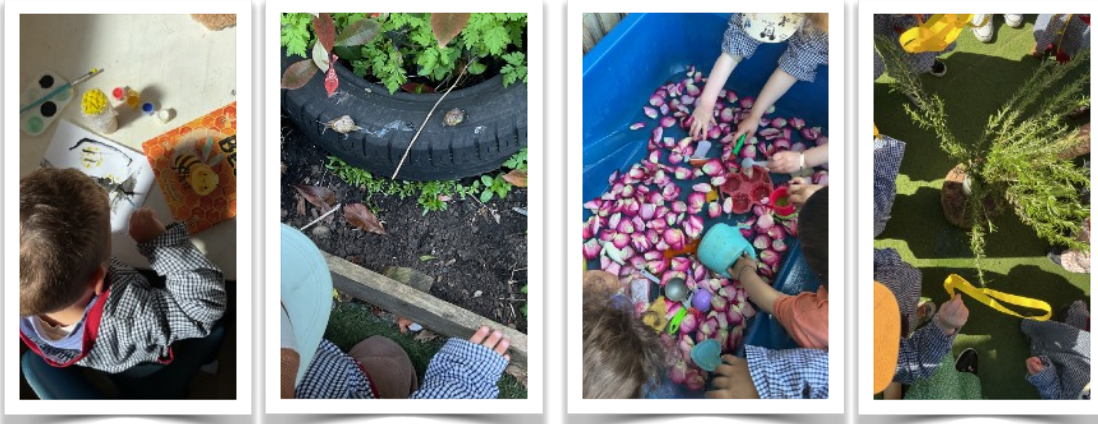
### SUN HAT

As the weather warms up, we hope to continue seeing the sunshine and enjoying the garden! Please ensure your child always has a sun hat at school, which is named.

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### HALF TERM

WMS will be closing for half-term on Friday, the 22nd May. School will resume on Monday 1st June. Find our latest [Term Dates](#) and [Diary Dates](#) [here](#).



**Last week at WMS.**

We continued our topic on minibeasts. Seedlings Class enjoyed a minibeast hunt in the garden and found several types. The children also took an interest in a book about bees and created their own using paintbrushes to add the stripes.

Acorn Class enjoyed learning about spiders. They loved the sunny weather and the water, sand and muddy activities throughout the week. On the 1st of May, they danced around rosemary branches holding coloured ribbons.

Oak Class took part in a crawl race, moving like spiders, and began comparing the life cycle of different minibeasts. They used circle shapes to make their own too. They also spoke about teamwork and recycling, creating their own classroom recycling box.

Elm Class made spiders using circular sponges and black paint before drawing on all the legs. They also carefully practised tracing lines, developing their hand-eye coordination and pencil grip further.

At Children's House Brookscroft, the children explored spiders and made their own, learning about their body parts and their habitats, and they enjoyed watching their caterpillars grow as they eat more every day.

Birthdays were celebrated with Montessori Birthday Walks, Flower Monitors cared for their flowers and Everywhere Bear's adventures were shared at circle time.



**Need to contact us?**

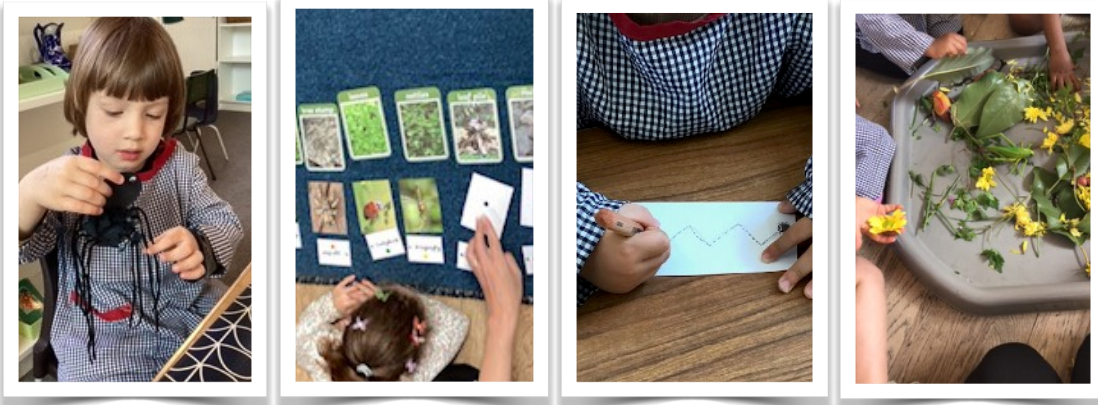
Here are all the important details you need:

To contact the office, dial: **020 8523 2968** Or email: **[office@walthamstowmontessori.com](mailto:office@walthamstowmontessori.com)**

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**Download a 'Wow Moment' form here!**

**Find our Books of the Week here!**  
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**Book of the Week.**

As we begin our topic on butterflies and their life cycle this week, we will all be reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

This charming, popular story follows a little caterpillar as he eats and grows before changing into a butterfly.



**End of Term Notice.**

If you have emailed us to let us know that your child will be leaving WMS at the end of the summer term, you should have received an acknowledgement email from the office. If you haven't yet had one, please let us know urgently.

