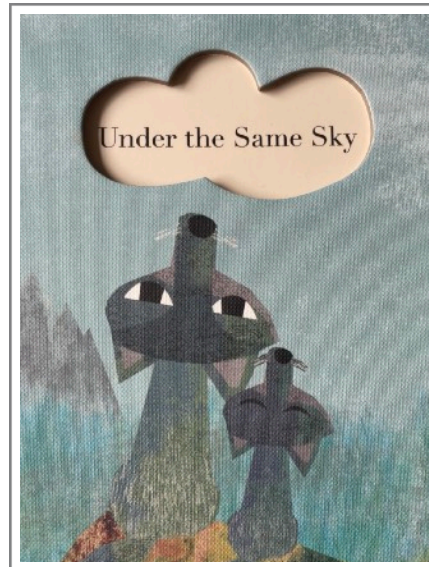
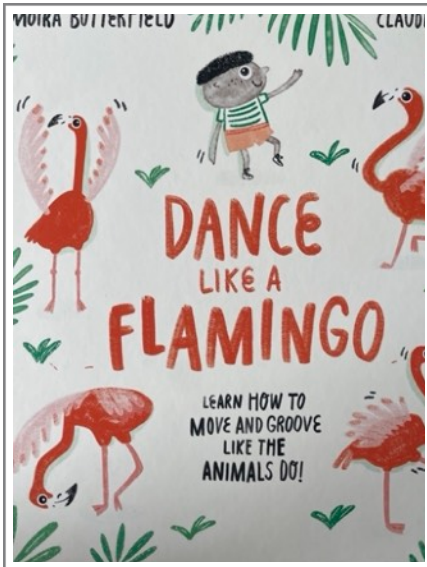


Walthamstow Montessori School

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 'Dance like a flamingo' by Moira Butterfield, donated by Rosa's family. And 'Under the Same Sky' by Britta Teckentrup, donated by Otis' family who love this book. Thank you all so much.

How it all began.

WMS opened in 2001 in a building within the grounds of St Michael's Church in Northcote Road, Walthamstow. It was also the church where Miss Lorna's parents were married almost 60 years ago, and where her great-grandparents married in 1904.

Miss Lorna quickly turned the building into a wonderful first home for WMS, but the school had already outgrown it from the day it opened. The search for a new building began immediately.

One day, while visiting a friend whose garden backed onto Penrhyn Hall, Miss Lorna looked over the fence and asked what the building was used for. The very next day, she went to St John's Church to ask if WMS could use it. Tony Bishop, a lovely man and the vicar at the time, was incredibly supportive. This wonderful photograph taken outside St John's Church in 1950 is of Miss Lorna's mother as a bridesmaid for her aunt and uncle.

WMS moved there in 2002, with wonderfully helpful parents helping transport the furniture and equipment from the previous building.



Butterflies.

The children have enjoyed watching their caterpillars grow and transform into butterflies.

They are now fully grown and we look forward to releasing the last of them into the garden this week.

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HALF TERM

Don't forget that school will **close for the Half-Term break** this Friday, the 22nd May, at 17.45. School will **resume** on Monday 1st June at 8am.

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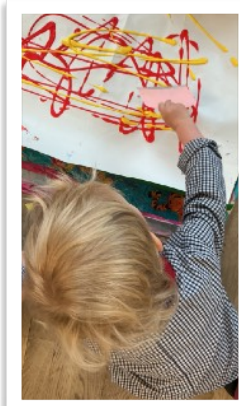
We are in need of spare underwear for the children who have unexpected accidents. If you have spare children's knickers, pants and socks, please think about us!

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FRONT AREA

We are pleased that the front area at Penrhyn is closer to being finished. We also have a new bench for you to sit on and we will be planting new flowers in our pots this week!





Last week at WMS.

Acorn Class continued learning about a caterpillar's life cycle through painting activities and completing their minibeast display board. In Grace and Courtesy, they practised putting their work away.

Seedlings Class explored the life cycle of a plant and planted cherry tomato seeds; they created minibeasts using clay and loose parts.

Elm Class learned about butterflies' body parts, patterns and sizes, measuring butterflies with rulers. They also explored the life cycle of a frog, practised number writing, made caterpillars, served their own snacks, and enjoyed reading 'Dear Zoo' with puppets.

Oak Class watched their butterflies emerge. They created collages using rectangles, enjoyed imaginative minibeast play and built Big Ben with blocks. They also discussed their upcoming trip while preparing to summarise their minibeast survey.

At Children's House Brookcroft, the children released their butterflies in the garden. They learned about the symmetry of their wings and the names of their body parts. They created rectangle collages and they explored new musical instruments and their minibeast activities in the new Sycamore Classroom.

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



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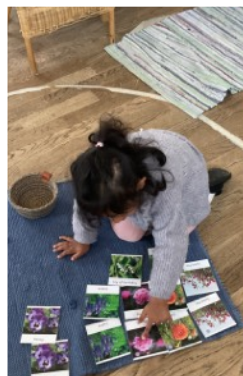
Here are all the important details you need:

To contact the office, dial: **020 8523 2968** Or email: **office@walthamstowmontessori.com**

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram too and look out for regular posts of what we are doing. (**[@walthamstowmontessori](https://www.instagram.com/walthamstowmontessori)**)

Download a 'Wow Moment' form here!

Find our Books of the Week here! Need to contact us?



Books of the Week.

This week, Oak and Elm classes, as well as Acorn and Seedlings classes, will be reading 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins.

Children's House Brookcroft will read 'The Little Cockroach' by Susie Violet.



Walthamstow At Trail.

The community art exhibition will run this year from the 5th-14th June 2026.

There will be over 200 artists showcasing their work. Visitors will follow a free trail map around the neighbourhood, engaging directly with artists in their studios and taking part in hands-on activities designed for all ages and backgrounds. It is free to attend, with a few optional paid workshops too. [Find out more here.](#)

Bee Friendly Walk to School Week.

Don't forget to walk to school this week if you can and to go for family walks locally.