

## Ealing Council School Travel Academic Year Calendar 2024-2025

Last updated: August 2024

### September

#### [European Mobility Week](#)

Date: 16 - 22 September 2024

Start the term as you mean to go on by participating in European Mobility Week. This year's theme is shared spaces and how they can be improved with less pollution and noise, and made safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Record your participation using the [European Mobility Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

#### [New Travel Champions Workshop](#)

Date: 23 September 2024

9.30am to 1pm

Join us at Perceval House to learn all about how to embed active travel within your school community. We will talk you through the TfL Travel for Life programme, and help you plan a year of engaging activities so your valuable time is being used effectively and efficiently. This workshop is suitable for all newcomers to TfL Travel for Life. Book your place here [New Travel Champion Workshop](#)

Use this link to record your attendance as a TfL Story [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#) and amend title to LBE STARS training for New Champions.

#### [National Fitness Day](#)

Date: tbc September 2024

Switch on the children to the health benefits of active travel. By walking or wheeling to school they can get a substantial amount of their daily exercise in. Use this activity card [Health benefits of active travel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to record your participation, amending the title to Health and Fitness benefits of Active Travel.

#### [World Car Free Day](#)

Date: 22 September 2024

Leave the cars parked and make your street a hub of fun.

[London Play Streets](#), [World Car Free Day | Cycling UK](#) and [Living Streets](#) have ideas and resources.

Use the [World Car Free Day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card to record your activities.

#### [Cycle to School Week](#)

Date: 23 – 27 September 2024

Get pedalling with the Bikeability Trust's Cycle to School Week. Make a pledge via [Cycle to School Week - Bikeability](#) and they will send you a resource pack. Record your involvement using [Bike Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and change the title to Cycle To School Week. Suggested additional activities could be a Biker's Breakfast, a Golden Lock and a Bling Your Bike competition – all of which can be uploaded to TfL as stories.



## October

### [International Walk to School Month](#)

Date: October 2024

Join in a global celebration of walking to school.

[International Walk to School Month | Living Streets](#) has the details.

Use [Walk to School Month - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to make your engagement count.

### Ealing Autumn Active Travel Challenge

Date: October 2024

Our 10-day active travel campaign returns. Bookmarks and stickers will be dispatched to participating schools, along with resources for a competition to design the bookmark for the 2025 Challenge, with great prizes up for grabs. Please contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) for more information. Use [Other travel competition - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Autumn Active Travel Challenge.

### [Experienced Travel Champions Workshop](#)

Date: 7 October 2024

Time 9.30am -1.00pm

This in-person workshop at Perceval House is for School Travel Champions who've been in the role for more than one academic year, and are working towards Silver or Gold accreditation. You will learn how to make events count, and run a successful Consultation activity. Visit [Experienced Travel Champion Workshop](#) to book your place. You can record your attendance as a TfL activity using [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#), changing the title to LBE training for Experienced Champions.

### Explorers Fun Day

Date: 17 October 2024

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm

Greenford Hall is the venue for this year's Fun Day celebrating the incredible work of Ealing's TfL Explorers. Expect Terri the Tiger and a range of activities to inspire you and your students over the coming year. Details will be emailed to the participating schools. Record your attendance using the [Public transport for school trips - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#) activity cards.

### [New Travel Champions Workshop](#)

Date: 22 October 2024

Time 9.30am -1.00pm

Join us at Perceval House if you're new to the School Travel Champion role or need a reminder, and a better understanding of the benefits of TfL Travel for Life. We will provide information on what you need to do to develop or maintain your school's accreditation status. Click [here](#) to book your place.

Use [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#) to record your attendance as a TfL story.

### [Half Term](#)

Date: 28 October 2024 – 1 November 2024

## November

[COP29](#) (UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Azerbaijan)

Date: 11 – 22 November 2024

As world leaders gather in Azerbaijan to discuss climate change, why not promote and explore the environmental benefits of active travel. You could have a Giant Walk or put up an Active Travel Tree for pupils to record how they travelled to school. Resources are available on our [Ealing Grid for Learning | Ealing Grid for Learning \(egfl.org.uk\)](#) pages. Upload activities using the [Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) card and change the title to COP 29 Climate Change Event.

Be Bright Be Seen

Date: November 2024

Promote being visible after the clocks change on 27 October, and it becomes darker on the way to and from school. Use Travel for Life activity cards [Be bright be seen](#) and/or [Brighten your bag](#)

Road Safety body Think! also has some useful resources [Explore education resources – THINK!](#)

Road Safety Week

Date: 17 November - 23 November 2024

Road Safety charity Brake's annual campaign focuses on road crash victims this year with the poignant statement: "After the crash, Every road victim counts". More than 1700 people die on UK roads, and another 30,000 receive serious, life-threatening injuries, their stats show. Sign up here [Road Safety Week 2024 | Brake](#) to show your solidarity and receive free resources. Use this activity to record your engagement [Road Safety Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

[World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#)

Date: tbc November 2024

This annual event remembers the victims of road traffic accidents. Mark your participation using activity card [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and retitle to World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims Event

## December

Festive/Santa Stroll

Date: Any day in December 2024

Keep the active travel momentum going with a festive giant walk. Use the [Other walking activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card and amend the title to Winter Walk/Santa Stroll as appropriate. Or you could organise an Enormous Walking Bus to encourage families to walk to school [Walking bus - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

Active Travel December

Date: Every school day in December 2024

Look out for our special active travel-themed song, to be shared with schools across England, to start assemblies in December, maybe even writing your own lyrics for extra verses. The calendar will be updated once the resources are ready. Use the [Working with other schools - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card and change the title to Active Travel December.

[Christmas Holidays](#)

Date: 23 December 2024 – 03 January 2024

## January 2025

### Winter Walk

Date: Any day in January 2024

It's cold outside but a winter stroll on a crisp day can still be good for the body and mind, with plenty to see before Spring returns. You could organise an Enormous Walking Bus to encourage families to walk to school. Use this [Walking bus - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk) activity card and amend the title to Winter Walk.

### [New Travel Champions Workshop](#)

Date: 16 January 2024

Time: 9.30am to 1pm

Join us at Perceval House if you are new to the role or would like a refresher. This workshop will give you the information you need to encourage active and sustainable travel in a manageable and effective way, and achieve, maintain or improve your TfL Travel for Life (STARS) Accreditation status. [Click here to register](#)

## February

### Valentines Day 'Love your heart' active travel day

Date: 14 February 2024

Organise events and an assembly to promote the health benefits of active travel. This date is in half term so why not do something before the break. Use the activity card [Health benefits of active travel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk)

### [Half Term](#)

Date: 17 February – 21 February 2025

Half-term cycling courses are available in the borough. Contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) to find out more.

## March

### March in March

Date: March 2025

A month to promote walking and observe the first signs of spring. The [Walk to School Month - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk) activity card can be used, along with its suggested activities. Amend the title to March in March. Also remind families of the local Park and Stride areas by promoting your school's Active Travel Map [Active travel maps | Ealing Grid for Learning \(egfl.org.uk\)](#) in the newsletter or on your website.

### [World Book Day](#)

Date: 6 March 2025

Why not promote books about active travel? For a list of recommended active-travel themed titles including Chris Hoy's children's book series [Flying Fergus](#) and Quentin Blake's [Mrs Armitage on Wheels](#) contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) or on [EGFL](#) Use [Other curriculum activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk) and amend the title to World Book Day.

### [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025](#)

Date: tbc March 2025

Be a contender in this national event where schools aim to record the most active travel journeys in one week. [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025](#) has all the details and resources to engage pupils. We have also produced an event guide [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel](#) on EGFL. To upload your story use activity card [The Big Walk and Wheel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk)

## March (Cont.)

### [British Science Week 2025](#)

Date: 7 March – 16 March 2025

Why not do a lesson on gears and ratios in relation to a bicycle? Try these lesson plans:

- [Riding uphill](#)
- [Pulling a piano uphill using bicycles](#)

Use [Other curriculum activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to British Science Week

### [Beep Beep! Day | Brake](#) (EYFS)

Date: 19 March 2025, but can be held any day

Road safety charity Brake has produced a resource to teach young children about road safety, and educate parents and carers about how to keep them safe when out and about.

Use [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Beep Beep Day

## April

### [Easter Holidays](#)

Date: 7 April – 21 April 2025

### [Earth Day 2025 - Earth Day](#)

Date: 22 April 2025

Teach the children about air quality or have a Car-free Day.

[Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) – Amend the title to Earth Day – Clean Air

[World Car Free Day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

## May

### [Bank Holiday](#)

Date: 5 May 2025

### **Walk To School Week 2025**

Date: tbc May

A five-day challenge organised by the charity Living Streets which aims to improve the walking environment as well as get more people engaging in active travel. A range of resources will be available, including stickers and wallcharts, to encourage classes to get strolling, scooting and wheeling over the week.

[Register for Walk to School Week 2025 \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](#) TfL Travel for Life also has the activity card [Walk to School Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to make your participation count towards accreditation.

### **[The Ford RideLondon-Essex 100-mile Challenge in Schools](#)**

Date: tbc May 2025

As amateur and professional cyclists hit the roads of London and Essex, schools are likely to be encouraged again to challenge their pupils to ride 100 miles over 5 days. The miles can be clocked up in school or on the school run. Check [New Ford RideLondon-Essex schools initiative](#) for details.

Participation can be recorded as a TfL Travel for Life activity using [Ford RideLondon \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

## May (Cont.)

### [Green Transport Week](#)

Date: 20 – 27 June 2025

Join in the annual celebration of sustainable transport, highlighting the environmental impact of how you travel. Why not have a Walk to School Day? Use activity card [Green Transport Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### [Half Term](#)

Date: 26 May – 30 May 2025

To find out about half term cycle training courses get in touch on [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk)

## June

### Hands Up Survey

You should carry out your pupil and staff survey this half term and add the data to Tfl Travel for Life [Hands-up surveys - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) has guidance.

### [World Environment Day](#)

Date: 5 June 2025

Use the event in Korea – with a focus on ending plastic pollution – as an opportunity to promote and explore the benefits of active and sustainable transport. You could have an assembly or have a competition to design a bicycle scooter of the future. Possible activity cards are [Other travel competition - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) or [Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and change the title to World Environment Day/Challenge.

### [Bike Week](#)

Date: tbc June 2025

Get on board the campaign group Cycling UK's centrepiece week. A Bikers' Breakfast, a visit from Dr Bike, or even a cycle to school day for both staff and pupils are among the suggested activities. [Bike Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) is the activity card with links to resources.

### [Brake Kids walk](#)

Date: 11 June 2025

The annual event organised by the charity Brake, to increase awareness of road safety and the benefits of walking.

Use this activity card [Brake's Kids Walk - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### [Go Green for Clean Air Day](#)

Date: tbc June 2025

[Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

Amend title to Go Green For Clean Air Day

### [London Climate Action Week 2025](#)

Date: tbc June 2025

Show your support for Europe's largest climate festival by promoting active travel and ways to improve air quality. A range of relevant [TfL Travel for Life](#) activities could be engaged with, and recorded as part of your accreditation.

## July

### [Last day of term](#)

Date: 25 July 2025

Summer holiday cycle training courses

Date: TBC

To find out more, get in touch on [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk)

## Activities for any month of the year

### [Beep Beep! Days | Brake](#) (EYFS)

Date: Any

Use [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Beep Beep Day