



# Newsletter

## FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



04.10.2024

Thank you to all Year 3 parents/carers, who managed to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Monday. We hope you found it informative. Year 3 children took a trip for RE class to St. Mary's Church in Watford on Monday. On Thursday, all the children enjoyed the "Oliver Twist" performance at school - an inspiring Dickensian story of an orphan boy based in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century London. We encourage all parents/carers to join the 2 Johns online evening workshop on Wednesday next week at 8pm. Children and staff will have the training on Tuesday at school, so you can discuss what they learned and have a better understanding of your role in safeguarding your children to dangers online by attending the online course yourselves.

Riddle: I will fill a room but take up no space. What am I?\*

See if you can guess and find the answer in the newsletter.



### MORNING ARRIVAL

#### School starts at 8.50am

Please make sure your child arrives at school before this time.

Late arrivals must sign in at reception.

If your child is absent, please leave a voice message on the answer phone on **each day** of the absence before 9am.

### WEATHER

Please ensure your child is coming to school with an appropriate jacket or coat as we will get the children out for fresh air where there are breaks in the weather and it is possible. If you can't get a winter coat, please do come in and have a chat or grab Miss Brooks, Mrs Connell or Mrs Thomas on the playground.

### HEALTH & SAFETY:

Please remember to drive carefully and park safely when dropping and collecting your children. Do not park or stop on the yellow zig zags. The school car park is **only** to be used by families who have asked for specific requirements.

### SAFEGUARDING:

If you are concerned about the safety of any child, we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead- Mrs Connell - please make contact through the school office or please ring Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Letters of interest for Year 6 Residential – **today is the deadline** for your response. Please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/cnu85K2ZjB>



### ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL


Online, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm via Zoom – link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166804187>

Email sent 26.09.24 with instruction how to log and more details.

## YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOU

A New Course Written & Presented by 'The 2 Johns'



- The New Course will Include:-
- The Power of Influencers
- The Impact of the Internet on Mental Health
- Child Exploitation as young as **KS1**
- How Gangs utilise the internet
- Online Challenges & Safeguarding Children
- The 2 Johns Communication model
- This is a certified CPD Course

### Year 6 Victorian Day in the Annexe



Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 – cost per child £12.50 please pay on Arbor. Children to wear Victorian costumes; remember that Victorian children wore school uniform too so please do not spend lots of money on buying something special! 17 days to the event, please sign up and pay on Arbor. Reminder email sent 04.10.2024.

### Year 6 Height & Weight NHS visit



Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 – email sent on 11.09.2024. You have until 25<sup>th</sup> November to opt out if you wish.

### Year 5 Hazard Alley Safety Centre



Thursday, 14.11.2024 – cost per child £15.50 please pay on Arbor. Please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/h2tALwDWTY> to let us know your child's choice for the packed lunch option, whether it is home packed lunch or cold option from school. Email sent 03.10.2024.



## P.E days

**Year 3** Wednesdays & Thursdays

**Year 4** Tuesdays & Wednesdays

**Year 5** Tuesdays P.E & Thursdays swimming - £3 per session. Many thanks to all parents/carers, who have already paid.

**Year 6** Mondays & Fridays

## UNIFORM

We have 4 girls' white polo shirts, size 13 years, donated. If you need them, please collect from the school office.



## SCHOOL DINNERS

School menu w/c 07.10.2024 is **week 3**. Please make sure your child's dinner account is always in credit. Dinners **must be paid in advance** by at least one week. Parents/carers are asked to keep track of their payments. Please do not wait for reminders from the office.

### Payment methods:

**Arbor** – please log on to your Arbor account.

**Cash** – send in cash in a clearly marked envelope (child's full name, class, amount, 'school dinners'). **Card** – to pay by card, please phone the school office.

The cost of a school dinner is **£3.35** per meal (**£16.75** per 5-day school week).

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# SECONDARY TRANSFER 2025

## What happens when?

2 September 2024	Online application system opens.
September and October	Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (Details available at <a href="http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory</a> )
<b>31 October 2024</b>	<b>Deadline for applications</b>
2 December 2024	Last date to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>submit reasons for making a late application and for that application to be considered 'on time'</li> <li>notify us of a change of address and for that address to be taken into account for allocation day</li> </ul> <b>Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.</b>
30 January 2025	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
<b>3 March 2025</b>	<b>Allocation Day.</b> School places are offered.

Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admission](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admission)

Email sent on 05.09.2024 with all the details and information leaflets.



Good attendance is vital for all children to support their learning and social development. Following government guidance, we have a duty to inform parents/carers if their child has had several absences from school. If your child's absence is 10% or more so that attendance is below 90%, they are classed as persistent absentee, and you are at risk of a breach notice and a fixed penalty notice.

This week's attendance award winners are:

5T 99.6%

4C 98.5%

4H 98.1%



The winning team this week are Otters with Badgers coming a very close second. If you are a squirrel, your team needs you!

The following classes won!

6O

3M

4C

5W

Please encourage your child to log in and practise times tables on TT Rock Stars at home.



*Birthdays next week:*

*Khalid Yr3, Florence Yr3, Jithin Yr4, Iga Yr5, Vithuraan Yr5, Aahan Yr5*

*We wish you joy, happiness and lots of cake!*



# MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Please see link for Herts Music Service [Music Lessons \(hertsmusicservice.org.uk\)](https://hertsmusicservice.org.uk) We recommend the music lessons if your child would like to learn to play an instrument. Mrs McCormack, our piano teacher, is offering a free tester session for your child before signing up. Please send email to [admin@fieldjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fieldjm.herts.sch.uk) to let us know if you are interested in the trial session. We will notify you of the time and date.

## HERTS INCLUSIVE THEATRE



Watford Children's Theatre group, for ages 5-12, running at The Pump House. Happening every Monday evening, 4:45pm-6pm, during term time, this group is a great place for children to make friends, develop their theatre skills and feel welcomed and accepted, no matter their additional needs. Children are welcome to come for a free taster to see if it is something they will enjoy.

[Watford Children's Theatre 5-12 | Pebble \(bookpebble.co.uk\)](https://bookpebble.co.uk)

## HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

**SUPER STAR SPORT**

# ACTIVITY CAMP

PARTY DAY | MULTI SPORTS | HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT | ARTS & CRAFT | PUMPKIN CARVING

**Watford Field Infant & Nursery**  
Neal Street, WD18 0WF

Mon, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

Full Day: 8:45AM - 3:30PM  
*8:30AM Early Drop Off Available*

Half Day: 8:45AM - 1PM / 12PM - 3:30PM

£98 FULL WEEK  
£22.50 PER DAY  
£13 HALF DAY

SCAN HERE

**To Book:**  
Visit [www.superstarsportnwl.com](http://www.superstarsportnwl.com)  
& click 'Book Now'  
For more information Call 07719 056 542

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

### MONDAYS:

#### SUPER STAR SPORT

#### DODGEBE BALL CLUB

Dates: 09.09.2024-09.12.2024

Book via link:

[North West London - Super Star Sport](#)

#### ALL STARZ DANCE ACADEMY

#### STREET DANCE

Monday After School Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Dates: 09.09.2024 – 16.12.2024

Book via link:

<https://forms.gle/Cplzxx17C1WUriFa8>

### TUESDAYS:

#### XTRA TIME

Tuesday Multi Sports:

Dates: 10.09.2024 – 17.12.2024

Book via link:

<https://form.jotform.com/241791744519364>

### WEDNESDAYS:

#### SUPER STAR SPORT

#### NINJA WARRIOR

Times: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Dates: 11.09.2024 – 11.12.2024

Book via link:

[North West London - Super Star Sport](#)

### THURSDAYS:

#### XTRA TIME

Thursday Football

Dates: 12.09.2024 – 19.12.2024

Book via link:

<https://form.jotform.com/241821787879374>

## WHATS ON:

Tales of the River Wild play Join Groundwork East to get outside and learn more about Watford's rich heritage and history. Suitable for 8yrs and under with their parents/guardians.



Take part in **FREE** arts/crafts and other activities. Suitable for 8yrs and under with their parents/guardians.

➤ **When-**  
22nd and 24th October 2024

➤ **Where-**  
Oxhey Activity Park,  
Watford

➤ **Book-**  
Scan the QR code or type  
in the web link ->



<https://shorturl.at/zMpl5>

e: [emily.evans@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:emily.evans@groundwork.org.uk)  
w: [www.rivercolnewatford.co.uk](http://www.rivercolnewatford.co.uk)



## FUNDRAISING



Shop at Asda and every time you scan your Asda Rewards card, Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop to a primary school of your choice! Download the Asda Rewards app today, opt in to Cashpot for Schools, and Asda will do the rest. You've got until the 30th November to donate\*.

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**Stationery Shop** – children can bring in small change for stationery items.

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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a **free** donation for Field Junior School - Watford? There are over 8,000 brands ready to give them a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up:

[Field Junior School - Watford Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

See if you can beat the staff members' donations!!

Thank you to all of you that have signed up (77 members of the school community so far!!) Remember to access your shopping page from the Easyfundraising app to raise money for school funds).

The dates below are the school closures for the academic year 2024-25

The Junior School and the Infant School have liaised closely to ensure as many dates as possible are the same, however, as both schools have part-time staff and differing training needs, we cannot coincide all dates to suit both schools' needs.

<b>Academic Year September 2024 to July 2025</b>		
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Inset Day	CLOSED
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	Inset Dat	CLOSED
<b>WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>PUPILS IN SCHOOL FOR THE START OF THE AUTUMN 2024 TERM</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Monday to Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Autumn Half Term	CLOSED
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Occasional Day	CLOSED
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Last day before Christmas break – school closes at 1.30pm</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Christmas and New Year break	CLOSED
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Inset Day	CLOSED
<b>TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>PUPILS IN SCHOOL FOR THE START OF THE SPRING 2025 TERM</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February to 21 <sup>st</sup> of February 2025	Spring Half Term	CLOSED
<b>Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Last day before Easter break – school closes at 1.30pm</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Easter break	CLOSED
<b>TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>PUPILS IN SCHOOL FOR THE START OF THE SUMMER 2025 TERM</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Early May Bank Holiday	CLOSED
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Spring bank holiday	CLOSED
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Summer Half Term	CLOSED
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Inset Day	CLOSED
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Inset Day	CLOSED
<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>Last Day of the Academic Year – School closes at 1.30pm</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER 2025 HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>