



Newsletter

FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

06.09.2024

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to all families - we hope you all had a fantastic summer holidays. A special welcome to year 3 families, new to our school. The short first week was a good start of this Autumn Term and all children settled well in their school day routines.

Each half term, we learn about a country around the world. This half term, we will be learning about Spain!



MORNING ARRIVAL

School starts 8.50am

Please make sure to have your child at school before this time.

Late arrivals, after 9am, must sign in at reception.



P.E days

Year 3 Wednesdays & Thursdays

Year 4 Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Year 5 Tuesdays P.E & Thursdays swimming commencing 19 Sept.

Year 6 Mondays & Fridays

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – CHANGES

With the introduction of the new Department of Education (DfE) National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024. Per Parent, Per Child Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines. National Threshold: There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a **penalty notice must be considered** by all schools in England of **10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period**. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years. Email sent on 04.09.2024 with all the details and information. All absence from school needs to be requested in advance on the new 'Application from Leave from School during term time form'.



SCHOOL DINNERS

School menu w/c 09.09.2024 is **week 2**

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

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

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admission

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

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.

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