



# Field Junior School

Autumn Term  
11th September 2026

Welcome back to what has been a wonderful first full week back at Field Junior School! It's been lovely to see all the children settling back into their routines so quickly, and I must say the energy around school has been fantastic. The children have been eager to share all about their summer adventures, and it's clear they've had some brilliant times away from school.

I'd particularly like to take a moment to celebrate our Year 3 children who have made the transition from infant school. They have settled in remarkably well, and it's been a pleasure to see them growing in confidence as they navigate their new environment. The whole team has worked hard to make this transition as smooth as possible, and the children are a credit to themselves.

This week we were treated to a wonderful assembly led by Miss Timms and Miss O'Brien, who shared fascinating insights into Germany with the children. These assemblies are such a valuable way to broaden our children's understanding of the wider world, and I'm sure many of them went home full of interesting facts to share with their families.

As we move forward into the coming weeks, there are some really exciting things to look forward to. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children have two fantastic trips lined up. Year 6 will be experiencing a Victorian Day on 11th November, which promises to be an immersive and educational experience. Following this, Year 5 will be heading to Milton Keynes to visit Hazard Alley on 30th November. An email with full details of both trips has been shared with families, so do take the time to read through all the information provided.

Next week, our Year 3 children will be participating in a STEM workshop where they'll be learning all about light and dark. This is a wonderful hands-on opportunity for them to develop their understanding through practical, engaging activities. Then on Thursday 17th, our Year 5 children will be beginning their swimming lessons.

I'd like to remind parents and carers about our playground equipment policy. In the mornings and after school, please ensure your child is not taking out any play equipment. This is an important health and safety measure we have in place. The play equipment is reserved for use during lunch times and school-organised activities, and we appreciate your support in helping us keep our children safe. I'd also like to remind you that children are not to wear hoop earrings or necklaces—stud earrings are fine. Please feel free to speak to myself if you have any questions around this.

Please save the date for an online parent session being delivered by the 2 Johns, which will focus on online safety. This session will take place on 15th October from 7pm–9pm, and a link will be sent out closer to the time.

A Happy Rosh Hashanah to all of our families celebrating the Jewish New Year this weekend!

## Upcoming School Trips

•Year 5 Hazard Alley Monday 30th November  
Voluntary Contribution Per Child : £22.79



•Year 6 Victorian Day Tuesday 10th November  
Voluntary Contribution Per Child : £15.50



## Field Junior School will feature on Hertfordshire's MIX 92.6 Breakfast Show on Monday 14th September 2026

As part of their MIX 92.6 Daily Breakfast Show feature 'The Random School Selector', they will be giving a big shout-out to all the pupils and staff from Field Junior School at around **08:20am** on Monday 14th September 2026.

MIX 92.6 is available on FM, DAB+, smart speaker, and online  
Please do tune in and listen out!



## **On Universal Credit? Your Child Could Get Free School Meals**

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) has changed. All parents/carers **who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals**, regardless of the amount received.

Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made using the following link: [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

**There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving Free School Meals to re-apply**

Even if your child does not currently take a school meal regularly, I would still encourage you to apply. Not only will your child have access to a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime when they need it, but there is an additional benefit to the school as well. When families access Free School Meals, the school may receive additional funding to support our pupils further. This funding helps us to provide enhanced learning experiences and support for all children in our care.

If you would like a paper copy of the application form please contact the school office.

**School will inform you of the outcome.**

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact the school office where we will be more than happy to help.





We would love to encourage the children to spend a few minutes regularly on **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**. Just **3–5 minutes of practice, little and often**, can make a big difference to their recall and confidence.

Here is a quick guide to the games we recommend:

- 🎸 **Garage – the best place to start!** This is our main recommendation for regular practice. The questions are personalised to the child, focusing on the multiplication facts they need to practise most. It helps to build accuracy and fluency.
- 🎵 **Jamming – great for building confidence** There is **no timer**, so children can take their time and concentrate on getting the answers correct. They can also choose which times tables they want to practise. This is particularly useful if a child finds timed games stressful.
- 🎧 **Studio – for children who are becoming confident** This focuses on questions up to  $12 \times 12$  and helps children develop their speed and recall. Their **Rock Status** is based on their performance in Studio, so it is a good game to work towards once they are secure with their tables.
- 🎧 **Soundcheck – useful for Year 4 children** This is designed to be similar to the **Multiplication Tables Check**, with 25 multiplication questions and a time limit. It is useful preparation for the check, but we would recommend building confidence through Garage first.

#### Make TTRS work for your child

There are lots of settings that can make the experience more comfortable and personal:

- Click your child's **avatar** → **Settings**.
  - You can **hide the timer** if they find it distracting or stressful.
  - Try **Declutter mode** to simplify what appears on screen.
- You can change the **colour scheme and font size**, including a dyslexia-friendly font.
  - Children can turn off **music and sound effects** if they find them distracting.
- Questions can be **read aloud**, and on a desktop/laptop children can use their **voice to answer**.  
If they don't want to appear on a leaderboard, they can select **“Hide me”** in Settings.

#### Our top tip ★

Don't worry about how many coins your child earns or how fast they are at first. **Accuracy and confidence come first, speed will follow.** A few minutes of regular practice is much more valuable than one long session. You can also look at **Stats** → **Fluency** to see which facts your child knows well and which ones they might need to practise more.  
Most importantly, keep it fun and celebrate their progress! 🎸

We create regular tournaments in school that are celebrated in our Thursday assembly.



**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:**

**4WH 99.4%**

**All other classes' attendance this week:**

**3C 95.3%**

**4T 94.5%**

**5W 93.8%**

**3H 92.2%**

**5OB 91.3%**

**6K 89.7%**

**6S 87.2%**

**Well done to all - Great attendance figures this week !**

## Field Junior Birthdays



Field Junior would like to wish Happy Birthday to the following children:

**Sami 6S, Aaliyah 4WH, Aditya 4WH, Mackenzie 3C**



**Year 3** Thursdays and Fridays

**Year 4** Tuesdays and Fridays

**Year 5** Wednesdays and Thursday Swimming

**Year 6** Mondays & Thursday

### Absences/Illness

Please can we remind all parents to call the school office each morning to report your child absent.

Press 1 to leave a message on the school answer phone **before 09:00 am.**

If arriving to school late, please can we ask that you record your child's name, class and reason for lateness in the book located in the reception area.

Thank you.



### School Dinners

**School menu w/c 14.09.2026 is week 3**

Please make sure your child's dinner account is always in credit. Dinners must be paid in advance.



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 £3.60 per meal (£18 per 5 day school week)

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**Thursday 17th September** Year 5 Swimming Starts

**Friday 25th September** Year 4 Meet The Teacher 3:30pm

(more information to follow)

**Monday 28th September** Year 5 Meet The Teacher 3:30pm (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 30th September** Year 6 Meet The Teacher 3:30pm (more information to follow)

**Tuesday 10th November** Year 6 Victorian Day

**Monday 30th November** Year 5 Hazard Alley

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **MONDAYS:**

#### **SUPER STAR SPORTS**

#### **BOXING CLUB**

Dates: 07.09.2026 ~ 30.11.2026

Times 3:30 PM ~ 4:30PM

Book via link:

[Field Junior School](#) | [Pebble](#)

### **ALL STARZ DANCE ACADEMY**

#### **STREET DANCE**

Monday After School Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Dates: 07.09.2026—14.12.2026

Book via link:

[Login](#) | [Moonglow Dance Academy - Portal](#)

### **TUESDAYS:**

#### **SUPER STAR SPORT**

#### **FOOTBALL**

Dates: 08.09.2026 ~ 08.12.2026

Times 3:30 PM ~ 4:30PM

Book via link:

[Field Junior School](#) | [Pebble](#)

### **WEDNESDAYS:**

#### **SUPER STAR SPORT**

#### **DODGEBALL**

Dates: 09.09.2026 – 09.12.2026

Times 3:30 PM ~ 4:30PM

Book via link:

[Field Junior School](#) | [Pebble](#)

### **THURSDAYS:**

#### **ROBOLABX**

Dates: 10.09.2026—17.12.2026

Times 3:30pm—4:30pm

**Booking options—Book per session or full term**

Book via link:

[Field Junior School Autumn 26 Robotics After School Club](#) | [Pebble](#)

### **FRIDAYS :**

#### **DRONE CLUB**

Dates 11.09.2026—11.12.2026

Times 3:30pm—4:30pm

**Book per session or full term via link—**

[Field Junior School Autumn 26 Drone After School Club](#) | [Pebble](#)

## **WRAP AROUND**

### **MONDAY—FRIDAY**

#### **SUPER STAR SPORT**

#### **WRAP AROUND CLUB**

Times 3:30 PM ~ 6.00PM

Book via link:

[Field Junior School Wraparound](#) | [Pebble](#)

### **Autumn Term** **Courses for Parents**

Many external professionals offer parents the opportunity to access online parenting courses. Here are just a few examples that are listed on our school website from reliable sources.

New Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops, Healthy Lifestyle Support Workshops, Sibling Struggles Workshops, Responding to Anger Workshops, Talking Dads Workshops, Talking Additional Needs Workshops and many, many more.

Please click on the link to access the website page where you will find all the external professionals links to their courses they have to offer.

**[Field Junior School » SEND](#)**

**Free**  
**School**  
**Meals**  
Are you entitled?

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, visit [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#), to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals.

Applications take 5 minutes to complete.

Alternatively, please contact the school office where we can apply on your behalf.