



Newsletter

FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

13.09.2024

This week, we had our first celebration assembly, where we shared the children's achievements. If your child achieves something outside of school, we would love to hear from you. After the first full week back, we are pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classrooms. Year 3 have been amazing at finding their feet in their new school. I am sure some of you may have questions about the expectations of each new year group, homework, etc. We will be holding informal meetings in each year group for parents, where the teachers will share any useful information and this will be a chance for you to ask questions. Please note - these are not individual meetings for parents but more of a general Q&A session. These are straight after school, in the classrooms on: Monday 23rd for Year 6, Tuesday 24th for Year 4, Thursday 26th for Year 5 and Monday 30th for Year 3.

We have had quite a lot of lost property and have tried to find owners of uniform - PLEASE make sure ALL items of your child's clothing have their names in.



MORNING ARRIVAL

School starts 8.50am

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

Late arrivals, after 9am, 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.



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



After school reading groups

Some children in years 4 and 5 have received letters this week about attending after school reading groups. Please check your child's bag for these. The groups are invitation only and will be running from next week until half term, when they will be reviewed. Thank you for the ongoing support with your children's learning and progress.



Year 5 Swimming starts on Thursday, 19.09.2024 – email sent 11.09.2024. Please pay on Arbor or send in cash in a clearly marked envelope.



Year 6 Watford Central Library visit

Wednesday, 25 Sept. 2024 – email sent 10.09.2024 – please make sure your child brings their library card.



Year 6 Height & Weight NHS visit

Tuesday, 12.11.2024 – email sent on 11.09.2024. You have 2 weeks to opt out if you wish.



SCHOOL DINNERS

School menu w/c 09.09.2024 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).

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.



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

In the last week and a half, the children have had the opportunity to nominate themselves to become our School Parliament representatives, including writing a speech for their classmates to hear. The children then read these speeches to their classmates, who voted democratically for their new School Parliament leaders. Today, in assembly, our new School Parliament representatives very bravely stood up to introduce themselves and some changes they will be trying to action in the school year ahead.

The children who have been voted as School Parliament representatives for 2024-2025 are:

3M: Aamina and Ivan

3W: Florence and Luay

4C: Beatrix and Rayyan

4H: Boris and Rumaisa

5T: Marmala and Ronnie

5W: Leo and Trisha

6K: Idil and Samy

6O: Jagoda and Kiaan

We are very proud of all of the children who bravely read their speeches to their classes and look forward to seeing what the new School Parliament representatives do this year!



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:

4H – 98.6%

4C – 98.5%

5T – 97.6%



Class winners are - 3W, 4C and 6O

(Year 5 have now been set up on their new classes)

More tournaments have been set up. Please encourage your children to play along and practise their timestables.



Birthdays next week:

Boris yr 4, Nubaid yr 3, Mariyam yr 5

We wish you joy, happiness and lots of cake!

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.

WHATS ON:

Watford Town Centre Wellbeing Day takes place on Saturday 14 September between 10am and 2pm across The Parade, and includes a variety of stalls, activities and guests themed around the emergency services, first aid, fitness and mental health.

[Watford Town Centre Wellbeing Day - Watford Town Centre](#)

Get ready to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Watford's history as **Heritage Open Days** returns from 6 - 15 September 2024

[Celebrate Watford's history and heritage with Heritage Open Days 2024 - www.watford.gov.uk](#)

This annual event celebrates our cultural heritage by opening the doors of some of the town's most cherished landmarks and historical sites. Whether you're a history enthusiast or a curious visitor, there's something for everyone to explore.

- **Watford - What's Your Story? Creative Writing Workshop (14 September, 10am - 3pm)** Unleash your creativity with a free writing workshop at Watford Central Library. Led by David Elliott, a member of Watford Writers, this workshop invites participants to capture their memories or create new stories set in Watford. Pre-booking required via the following link: [Watford - What's Your Story? \(heritageopendays.org.uk\)](#)
- **St Mary's Church (14 September, 10am to 2pm)** Visit one of Watford's oldest churches, St Mary's Church, situated in the heart of the town. This historic site has been central to the community's heritage and is open for exploration without the need for pre-booking.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

MONDAYS:

SUPER STAR SPORT

DODGBEBALL 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/Cplzxxz17C1WUriFa8>

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>

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