

# Field Junior School

#### Autumn Term 17th October 2025

First, a warm celebration to all our families marking Diwali! Today was a vibrant day as our children came to school in the most beautiful, colourful clothing. It was truly wonderful to see such joy and cultural pride.

On Monday, our children took part in a Beatbox workshop! This was to kick start our celebrations for Black History Month, bringing music and cultural learning to life in a dynamic way.

Our Year 5 children shared their amazing artwork with the rest of the school in Thursday's celebration assembly. They created stain glass windows based on the works of the artists Gaudi and Beatriz Milhazes, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills.

I do need to make an important request regarding our reading books. We are currently running very low on Cream books, despite purchasing some during the summer term. Could I kindly ask parents to help their child have a thorough look at home and return any library or reading books they might find? Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

For our Year 6 families, I have a couple of key updates:

Regarding the residential trip, thank you to those who have already paid their deposit. For those choosing to pay the deposit instalments, the second payment is due by Monday 3rd November.

Secondary school applications are approaching their closing date on Friday 31st October. Hertfordshire County Council recommends completing applications by Friday 24th October. This allows time to resolve any potential queries before the final deadline.

#### RoboLabX is Coming to Field Junior School!

We are pleased to announce that Field Junior School is partnering with RoboLabX, a leading provider of robotics and coding workshops that help children explore technology through hands on learning.

RoboLabX sessions give children the chance to design, build and code their own creations, helping to develop creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills in a fun and engaging way.

- ProboLabX will be at Field Junior School (school annex)
- Every Thursday after school, 3.30pm 4.30pm

Spaces are limited, so we encourage parents to secure a spot early.

Find out more and book your child's space here: Field Junior School | Sign Up

We're thrilled to bring this opportunity to our school community and can't wait to see what our young innovators create!

More information, including session details and booking instructions, can be found on the flyer attached to the newsletter.

#### **Upcoming School Trips**

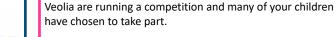
 Year 5 Hazard Alley Thursday 6th November. Cost Per Child:
 £19.50 Voluntary Contribution



Year 6 Ragged School Museum.
 Tuesday 11th November. Cost
 Per Child: £14.50 Voluntary
 Contribution.



If you have yet to give consent for your child to attend please do so via your child's Arbor account.



Veolia would like the children to create a creative, engaging poster that encourages Watford to recycle and recycle in the right way. The posters should educate people on recycling correctly such as only recycling packaging that can be recycled, rinsing out food cartons, squashing down cardboard boxes and plastic bottles. The children can research other ways to be a good recycler.

**Veolia Recycle Week Competition** 

Veolia will pick a winner from each key stage and post pictures on screens around Watford and on Watford social media.

The deadline for this is Monday 20th. Any entries after this date will not be entered. Please hand all posters to Miss O'Brien on Monday.





### **Secondary Transfer 2025**

A guide for parents and carers of children applying to secondary school for 2026

## What happens when?

1 September 2025	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 2025	Deadline for applications
2 December 2025	<ul> <li>Last date to:         <ul> <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> </li> <li>Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.</li> </ul>
30 January 2026	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
2 March 2026	Allocation Day. School places are offered.



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 3H 100%

All other classes attendance this week:

6S 98.9% 4T 97.6% 5W 97.5%

5OB 95.6% 3C 95.2%

6K 94.6%

4P 94.1%

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



## Timetable Rockstar results are in

This weeks winners are

**6K** 

**50** - but it was a close competition right up to the end

**4T** 

**3C** 

Badgers were house winners with hares coming second.

More tournaments have been set up so please encourage your children to play for their team.

## Field Junior Birthdays



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

Karam 3H, Aayat 4P



Year 3 Thursday & Friday
Year 4 Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5 Tuesday & Thursday Swimming
Year 6 Monday & Thursday

## **Autumn Term**

Friday 17th October Diwali Non Uniform Day

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October Half Term

Thursday 6th November YR 5 Hazard Alley Trip

Tuesday 11th November YR 6 Ragged School Museum Trip

**Tuesday 18th November** Individual School Pictures

Wednesday 19th November Year 6 Height and Weight

Friday 5th December Occasional Day—School Closed

Thursday 18th December Whole School Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December Last day before Christmas Break (1:30pm finish)

## **Spring Term**

Monday 5th January Inset Day School Closed

Tuesday 6th January Children back to school

Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February Spring Half Term

Friday 27th March Last day before the Easter Break (1:30PM finish)



#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **MONDAYS**:

## SUPER STAR SPORTS GYMNASTICS CLUB

Dates: 08.09.2025 ~ 08.12.2025 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: 18.09.2025 – 09.12.2025 Book via link:

Login | Moonglow Dance Academy - Portal

#### **TUESDAYS**:

SUPER STAR SPORT FOOTBALL

Dates: 09.09.2025 ~ 09.12.2025 Times 3:30 PM ~ 4:30PM Book via link:

Field Junior School | Pebble

## **WEDNESDAYS:**

SUPER STAR SPORT CRICKET CLUB

Dates: 10.09.2025 – 10.12.2025 Times 3:30 PM ~ 4:30PM Book via link:

Field Junior School | Pebble

## MONDAY—FRIDAY

SUPER STAR SPORT WRAP AROUND CLUB

Dates: 05.09.2025 – 18.12.2025 Times 3:30 PM ~ 6.00PM Book via link:

Field Junior School Wraparound | Pebble

## Tennis By Sam at Field Juniors



You can now secure your child a space for the Autumn Term.

Tuesday's 12:20pm- 1pm

8th September - 8th December 2025

All ages £7 a session paid termly

<u>Clubspark / Croxley Tennis Club - Juniors / Coaching /</u> <u>Course</u>

# 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

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

more.



### Free school meals

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, click on the Free School Meal picture, to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals.

Applications take 5 minutes to complete.

Alternatively, call Mrs Conroy who can apply on your behalf.