



Field Junior School

Autumn Term
18th September 2026

Our Year 3 children have been having a marvellous time this week exploring light and dark through a hands-on workshop. They've had the opportunity to investigate light in ways that really captured their imagination. Working with a blackout tent and a variety of objects, they developed their understanding that light is essential for us to see and that darkness is simply the absence of light. Using mirrors and periscopes, the children were able to investigate how light travels.

Year 5 have also been busy this week with their own STEM workshop, which linked beautifully with their current science topic on materials. The children threw themselves into a range of exciting activities – they created lava lamps using water, oil and food colouring, mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to observe carbon dioxide being produced, and tested the hardness of different materials. Well done to Year 5 for working so well together.

Looking ahead, we have our meet the teacher sessions beginning next week, which are such a valuable opportunity for families to connect with their child's teacher. Year 3 will be meeting on Wednesday 23rd September, Year 4 on Friday 25th, Year 5 on Monday 28th, and Year 6 on Wednesday 30th. During these sessions, our Year 4 families will have the chance to find out more about the residential visit to Phasels Wood taking place in June, whilst our Year 6 families will learn about their residential to Woodrow in May. These trips are always highlights of the school year, and the teachers will be delighted to share more details with you. Please do keep an eye out for an email with further information about these sessions.

Could you please take a moment to check that your contact and emergency contact details are correct on Arbour? Have you recently moved house or changed your telephone number? If so, please update your details directly, or alternatively you can email the office and we'll update them for you.

Finally, we have some library visits coming up. Year 6K will be visiting our local library on Monday 12th October, with Year 6S visiting on Monday 19th. If your child has a library card, we would be grateful if they could bring it along with them. An email has been sent home with further details about these visits.



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

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.

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.



Superstar Sports are excited to introduce their new **Half Time Slot** at Field Junior School, providing families with an additional flexible childcare option.



Children can join them from **4:30pm–6:00pm** for just £8.50 per day following on from another external club provider (Dance, Robolabx or Drone Club).

They'll enjoy fun and engaging activities, including sports, arts and crafts, board games and more, alongside our experienced and DBS-checked staff.

Food is provided, and childcare vouchers are accepted.

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





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 12×12 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:

5OB 98.5%

All other classes' attendance this week:

4T and 4WH 98.1%

6K 96.1%

5W 95.8%

3H 93.5%

6S 92%

3C 91.5%

Well done to all - Great attendance figures this week !



Times Tables Rock Stars results are in:

This week we have been looking at how many children are logging on and practicing their timetables and division facts.

In year 3 - 3H had the most children logging on

In year 4 - 4T had the most children logging on

In year 5 - 5O won on points.

In year 6 - 6K had the most children logging on.

Well done year 6 - you had the most children logging on overall.

Field Junior Birthdays



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

Angela 4WH, Boris 6S, Eesa 3C, Nubaid 5OB, Blake 5OB, Anthony 5W



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 21.09.2026 is week 1

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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Wednesday 23rd September Year 3 Meet The Teacher

3:30pm

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

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.