



Newsletter

FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



18.10.2024

The school had a visit on Tuesday and Wednesday this week from Ofsted. We hope you had a chance to meet the inspector. We would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and all of the children for being open and confident in speaking to the inspector. We will be able to share the results with you in a few weeks when they are published.

After a very busy week, Mrs Thomas (nee Miss Coombs) is heading off on her maternity leave today! She says that she will miss the Field community greatly while she is away but looks forward to coming back soon to introduce her little one to all- she will update us in the next few weeks and we will share the news of baby's arrival.

On Wednesday of next week, we have an African Drumming workshop coming into school- all children will participate as part of our recognition of Black History Month.

Riddle: I am always running, but never get tired or hot. What am I?*

See if you can guess and find the answer in the newsletter.



MORNING ARRIVAL

School starts at 8.50am

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

Late arrivals 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.**

WEATHER

Please ensure your child is coming to school with an appropriate jacket or coat as we will get the children out for fresh air where there are breaks in the weather and it is possible. If you can't get a winter coat, please do come in and have a chat or grab Miss Brooks, Mrs Connell or Mrs Thomas on the playground.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



Tuesday 22nd October Year 6 Victorian Day

Tuesday, 22nd October 2024 – cost per child £12.50 please pay on Arbor. Children to wear Victorian costumes; remember that Victorian children wore school uniform too so please do not spend lots of money on buying something special! **5 days to the event, please give permission and pay/contribute Arbor.** Reminder email sent 15.10.2024.

Year 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER 2025 – Deadline for applications 31st October

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admission
HCC recommend parents to complete application by Friday 25th October so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of deadline.



Year 6 Height & Weight NHS visit

Tuesday, 12th Nov 2024 – email sent on 11.09.2024.



Thursday 14th Nov Year 5 Hazard Alley Safety Centre

Thursday, 14th Nov 2024 – cost per child £15.50 please pay on Arbor. Please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/h2tALwDWTY> to let us know your child's choice for the packed lunch option, whether it is home packed lunch or cold option from school. Email sent 03.10.2024.

Monday 4th November Non-uniform day

On Monday 4th November, we will be having a non-uniform day to celebrate Diwali! Please send your child in their own clothes- the brighter and more colourful, the better!

Thursday 7th November Individual Photos

Children's individual photos will be taken on this day.



P.E days

Year 3 Wednesdays & Thursdays

Year 4 Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Year 5 Tuesdays P.E & Thursdays swimming - £3 per session. Many thanks to all parents/carers, who have already paid.

Year 6 Mondays & Fridays



SCHOOL DINNERS

School menu w/c 21.10.2024 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 a school dinner is **£3.35** per meal (**£16.75** per 5-day school week).

*The refrigerator.

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



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:

5W – 97.4%

Following closely behind:

5T – 97.1%, 6K – 96.3%



The winners are:

Year 6 beat year 5

Year 4 beat year 3

3W beat 3M

4C beat 4H - however - we can see that one child in 4C are carrying the rest of the class

5T beat 5W - Well done 5T - back in the game

6O beat 6K

Hares were the overall winners - beating badgers right at the last minute. Badgers and Otters drew. Squirrels? Where are you?



Birthdays next week:

Jayden S (6K), Zaakir (6O'B), Aayat (3M), Omar (5W), Riyad (3W)

Half term & First Week Back Birthdays:

Sorosh (4H), Zainab(4C), Jewel (4C), Tilly (6k), Jess (3M), Samuel (3M), Samson (6O'B), Alp (4C), Amelia (6O'B), Anirudh (4C)

We wish you joy, happiness and lots of cake!

HERTS INCLUSIVE THEATRE



Watford Children's Theatre group, for ages 5-12, running at The Pump House. Happening every Monday evening, 4:45pm-6pm, during term time, this group is a great place for children to make friends, develop their theatre skills and feel welcomed and accepted, no matter their additional needs. Children are welcome to come for a free taster to see if it is something they will enjoy.

[Watford Children's Theatre 5-12 | Pebble \(bookpebble.co.uk\)](http://Watford Children's Theatre 5-12 | Pebble (bookpebble.co.uk))

******NEW CLUB******
STARTING 5TH NOV –
BOOK NOW

SUPER STAR SPORT
BOXING CLUB
Watford Fields Junior School
Watford Field Rd, Watford WD18 0AZ

Get ready to rumble with Super Star Sport's Boxing Club, led by an experienced coach! Have a blast with shadow boxing, padwork, and footwork drills. All equipment is provided (bring your own gloves if you like!). It's a fun and active way for primary school children to build skills and confidence!

5th Nov - 10th Dec
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30PM
For Year 3-6
£35.40 for 6 weeks

ALL Super Star Sport Clubs are:

- ★ FUN, SAFE and ENGAGING
- ★ A good way to promote exercise
- ★ A good way to encourage problem solving
- ★ A good way to promote team work
- ★ Run by enhanced DBS enthusiastic coaches
- ★ Fully insured

To find out more about our clubs:

please email us at operations@superstarsportnwl.com
or visit our website at www.superstarsport.co.uk

North West London - Super Star Sport

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

MONDAYS:

SUPER STAR SPORT

DODGBE BALL 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>

FUNDRAISING



**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**

Shop at Asda and every time you scan your Asda Rewards card, Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop to a primary school of your choice! Download the Asda Rewards app today, opt in to Cashpot for Schools, and Asda will do the rest. You've got until the 30th November to donate*.

Stationery Shop – children can bring in small change for stationery items.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a **free** donation for Field Junior School - Watford? There are over 8,000 brands ready to give them a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up:

[Field Junior School - Watford Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

See if you can beat the staff members' donations!!

Thank you to all of you that have signed up (77 members of the school community so far!!) Remember to access your shopping page from the Easyfundraising app to raise money for school funds).

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