



Newsletter

FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

27.09.2024

It was great to see so many parents/carers at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. Thank you all for coming. Year 3 parents/carers Meet the Teacher is on Monday, the 30th September straight after school- the teachers will invite you into the classroom once they have seen all of their pupils to their adults safely.

This week, the children in year 6 visited Central Library in Watford.

On Thursday 26th September, Miss Timms held an assembly to celebrate the European Day of Languages. This day celebrates the rich cultural heritage of our continent and also the diversity of languages and cultures that we have in our school. Each year, a competition is set that reflects different cultures and the love of learning languages. This year, the competition is to create a poster, illustrating the theme of 'Languages for Peace'. This can be symbols, quotes and artwork to convey messages of unity. Children can use any media but must be hand drawn. The deadline will be Thursday 10th October. We look forward to seeing all of your entries!

Riddle: What's black and white and read all over?*

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, 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.

WEATHER

We seem to have had a rapid change in the weather this week and things have turned a little soggy! 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.



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

Dates for your diary:



Essential Safeguarding training for all

Online, Wednesday, 9th October at 8pm via Zoom - link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166804187>

Email sent 26.09.24 with instruction how to log and more details.

YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOU

A New Course Written & Presented by 'The 2 Johns'



The New Course will Include:-

The Power of Influencers

The Impact of the Internet on Mental Health

Child Exploitation as young as **KS1**

How Gangs utilise the internet

Online Challenges & Safeguarding Children

The 2 Johns Communication model

This is a certified CPD Course

Year 3 visit to St Mary's Church

Monday, 30th September 2024 - the children will be walking up to St Mary's Church in town as part of their RE learning. Please ensure they have appropriate footwear and coats for the weather. Lunches will be as usual.



Year 6 Victorian Day in the Annexe

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! Email sent

18.09.2024.



Year 6 Height & Weight NHS visit

Tuesday, 12th Nov 2024 - email sent on 11.09.2024. You have until 25th November to opt out if you wish.



Year 5 Hazard Alley Safety Centre

Thursday, 14.11.2024 - cost per child £15.50 please pay on Arbor. Children to bring packed lunch in a disposable bag or children can pre-order a cold lunch option from their teacher the day before. Email sent 18.09.2024.



SCHOOL DINNERS

School menu w/c 30.09.2024 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).

*Newspaper

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.



Badgers were the house winners again this week

Year 6 won against Year 5

Year 4 won against Year 3

Class winners are:

4C

5W

6K

3W



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:

5T & 5W 98.5%

3M 98.1%

6K 97.8%

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Mahir Kapoor (year-3, 3W class) has passed his grade 1 ABRSM exam. Well done Mahir for all of your hard work!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply. You can do it online using the following link: [hertfordshire.gov.uk How Can We Help?](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/How-Can-We-Help/)

Children in year 3 or older might be entitled to [extra help](#). **Parents/Carers of children, who are already getting Free School Meals do not need to do anything - no need to reapply.**



Birthdays next week:

Inaaya yr5, Jamal yr4 and Magisha yr 6

We wish you joy, happiness and lots of cake!

WHATS ON: Tales of the River Wild play Join Groundwork East to get outside and learn more about Watford's rich heritage and history. Suitable for 8yrs and under with their parents/guardians.



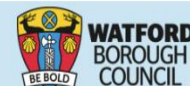
Take part in **FREE** arts/crafts and other activities. Suitable for 8yrs and under with their parents/guardians.

- **When-**
22nd and 24th October 2024
- **Where-**
Oxhey Activity Park,
Watford
- **Book-**
Scan the QR code or type
in the web link ->



<https://shorturl.at/zMpl5>

e: emily.evans@groundwork.org.uk
w: www.rivercolnewatford.co.uk



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.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

SUPER STAR SPORT

ACTIVITY CAMP

PARTY DAY | MULTI SPORTS | HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT | ARTS & CRAFT | PUMPKIN CARVING

Watford Field Infant & Nursery
Neal Street, WD18 0WF

Mon, 28th Oct - Fri, 1st Nov

Full Day: 8:45AM - 3:30PM
8:30AM Early Drop Off Available

Half Day: 8:45AM - 1PM / 12PM - 3:30PM

£22.50 PER DAY | £13 HALF DAY | £98 FULL WEEK

SCAN HERE

To Book:
Visit www.superstarsportnwl.com
& click 'Book Now'
For more information Call 07719 056 542

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))

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

MONDAYS:

SUPER STAR SPORT

DODGEBE 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/Cplzxx17C1WUriFa8>

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



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