



**WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL
INFANT AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER**

**Being Kind, Confident Minds,
Ready for Life Long Learning
Autumn Term Issue 8
Friday 3rd November 2023**



**School Admissions for children starting
Nursery / Reception / Year 3 in September 2024**

If your child is currently in Nursery, you can now apply for a Reception place for them to start in September 2024. This is done online through Hertfordshire County Council’s website. If your child is in our Nursery you still need to apply as they **DO NOT** automatically get a place in our Reception class.

If your child is currently in Year 2 you need to apply for a place at a Junior school for September 2024. Children in Watford Field Infants **DO NOT** automatically get a place at Field Junior school, you need to apply for a place. As we are 'linked schools' this gives your child priority for a place providing you apply on time before the deadline of 15th January 2024.

Primary School allocation day is 16th April 2024 so you will find out which school your child has been offered then.

We have also opened applications for our Nursery for September 2024—you can apply for a place using the form on our website under About Us / Admissions. This is for children whose date of birth is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 10th November

Diwali Day—Non-uniform

Thursday 7th December

11am Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long
2.45pm Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long

Friday 8th December

9.30am Reception Christmas Play

Monday 11th December

2pm Year 2 Christmas Play

Tuesday 12th December

2pm Year 1 Christmas Play

Diwali Day - Friday 10th November

Next Friday we will be celebrating the festival of Diwali.

This will be a non uniform day and we’d love to see the children in brightly coloured clothes to mark the occasion.



This Week’s Learnersaurus Awards

Nursery	Asher	Zayd
Nursery	Alisia	
Owls	Dani	Sasha
Robins	Muzzamil	Nora
Squirrels	Rayan	Hareem
Foxes	Primula	Hashim
Kingfishers	Aleksandar	Teddy
Otters	Leo	Jannah

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 90.9 %

Target for all children: 96%

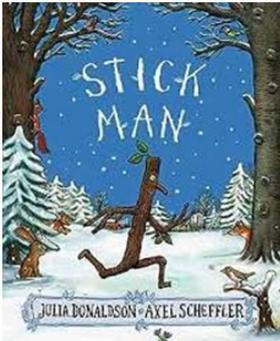
3 hours and 21 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.55am (doors open from 8.45am)

Nursery starts at 8.30am (morning / all day) or 12.30pm (afternoon) - please arrive on time as it's just as important for Nursery as School to be punctual!

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery</p> <p>This week we read the story Pumpkin Soup, the children have been exploring pumpkins. In maths we have been comparing objects by length. We have been using the words longer and shorter.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p> <p>This week the children have been talking about their holiday news and have focused on writing words/ sentences about our news using the sound mat. In Maths this week we have practised counting different objects by touching a small set of mixed objects one at a time and rehearsing the number names in the correct order.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p> <p>In English, we looked at the story 'Stick Man' and we learnt the text. In Maths, we used our knowledge of addition and subtraction to look at word problems. In PSHE, we thought how others can be similar to us. In R.E, we thought about the importance of light. In History, we thought about how our school used to be in the past. In D&T, we thought about where different fruits come from.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p> <p>In Maths, we have been learning about estimation and number magnitude. We placed numbers on a number line based on their values. We also learnt about adding benchmarks to a number line. In English, we found out all about our text 'The Flower' by John Light. We took part in a prediction lesson about the story and drew our own story maps to sequence the text. In History, we learnt all about Mary Seacole and how she changed nursing.</p> 

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

- Nursery** We will be focusing our learning on celebrating bonfire night and fireworks. We will be creating our own firework shapes and patterns using, paint, chalk, playdough and pens. In maths our focus will be using the words tall/taller and short/shorter to compare different objects by their height.
- Reception** Next week we will continuing with the story of Whatever Next, we will be acting it out and discussing the characters and writing about things we would want to take with us to the moon.
- Year 1** In History we will continue to examine Historical sources about the History of Watford Junior School and Watford Infants School.
In RE on Friday we will be having a Diwali day. In PSHE we will be looking at the differences between us in the class, like different hair colour, and different personalities. We will also be remembering Remembrance Day and we will make poppy pictures to share with the rest of the school.
- Year 2** Maths: We are going to be learning mental addition and subtraction strategies such as rebalancing.
English: We are going to be learning how to use a thesaurus to find synonyms (words that mean the same thing e.g. happy/cheerful/ecstatic).
Topic: In Geography, we are going to be learning about the Americas and the types of weather we might find there at this time of year.

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 6th November

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (v)	Fish Fingers
GREEN	Bean & Vegetable Grill (ve)	Mild Vegetable Curry (ve)	Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (v)	Beany Pasta Bake (ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
PURPLE	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Tomato Pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings
BLUE	Tuna Roll	Cream Cheese Sandwich (v)	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Roll (v)

HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Please spend time with your child to explore this week's challenge. The teachers will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every Friday.

Nursery:

Collect some sticks from outside or you can use other items like lego bricks or spoons. Can you put them in order from the shortest to the longest? Can you find something **longer** than the longest stick? Can you find something **shorter** than the shortest stick? You can always draw or take a picture and bring it into school to share.

Reception:

Go outside when it is dark, or look out of the window and talk about what you can see. Can you count the stars? Can you find the moon? Does the sky change from one night to the next?

Year 1:

Can you have a look at the first set of common exception words and have a go at spelling them? These are just for home and do not need to come back!

Year 2:

This week in school we celebrated Remembrance Day. As your homework this week, can you find out why we celebrate Remembrance day? You could make or design your own poppy too.



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*If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you **must** inform the school office by 9.30am explaining clearly the reason for the absence.*