

WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL INFANT AND NURSERY



Being Kind, Confident Minds,
Ready for Life Long Learning

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term Issue 3
Friday 24th January 2025



Chinese New Year Day

We would like to wish our families who celebrate Chinese New Year a joyous and prosperous new year.
We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday 31st January we will be learning about Chinese New Year in school and the children may wear non uniform on this day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st January—Chinese New Year Day
17th—21st February—Half Term
24th February—First day back
Thursday 3rd April—Last day of term for Nursery
Friday 4th April—Last day of term for school, finish at 1.10pm

School times

Please see the new school timings below:
8.40am - School Starts
8.45am—School gates close
3.10pm—School Finishes
Please note if you arrive after 8.45am you must come to the School Office to sign your child in as late.

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 91.7%
Target for all children: 96%

3 hours 22 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!

Safety Corner



Lots of children are now watching their favourite programmes through streaming, apps or You Tube and so therefore has access to unlimited number of films and programmes. We have had some children talk about 18 rated films and discussing 15 rated Netflix series, which is extremely worrying. Children imitate what they see through their play and we are seeing this during playtimes. At this age they are still processing what is real and what isn't and do not always understand the consequences of their actions. Please supervise what your child watches on any device and do not allow them to watch 18,15 or 12 age rated films or programmes.

Language of the month (January):

Hindi

Value of the month:

Perseverance







This Week's Learnersaurus Awards



Nursery	Ainam	Ashar
Nursery	Alfie	
Owls	Lucas	Giannis
Robins	Zachary	Yasmine
Squirrels	Harrison	Nour K
Foxes	Theo	Ella R
Kingfishers	Angela	Warris
Otters	Karam	Hashim

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery</p> <p>We have had lots of fun learning more about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we are really good at retelling the story. In maths we have been making repeating colour patterns. Can you make some at home?</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p> <p>We played with Arctic and Antarctic scenery, with penguins, polar bears and other creatures who live in the ice and snow. We looked at the life style of Inuit people and comparing it to ours. We made toy sleds for small world people to explore Polar Regions. We created wax resist winter paintings. We learnt about the great explorer Robert Falcon Scott. In Maths we have played the value matching game.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p> <p>In English we have been learning about adding suffixes to words (ing and ed). In Maths, we have been learning about think 10 to make solving calculations more efficient. In History we have explored sources that show the importance of Queen Elizabeth II.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p> <p>This week in English we learnt about subordinating conjunctions (because, if, that and when). We used them in sentences to help make our writing more interesting. In Maths we learnt about the written method for addition and worked through different examples to help us apply it. In DT we investigated vehicles and how they move using wheels and axles. We then labelled the parts of a car. In Science, we drew observations of our bean plants and measured how tall they were. We then sent them home to continue to observe!</p> 

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

- Nursery** We will continue to build upon the children's learning connected to the Three Bears and will be encouraging them to recall and sequence the events in the story. Next weekend is Lunar/Chinese New Year we will spend time finding out and beginning to learning more about this. Within our role play area we will have a Chinese Restaurant and take on a variety of roles like chefs, waiters and customers. We will even attempt to use chopsticks.
- Reception** Next week we will be finding out about penguins and we will be playing penguin games. We will be collecting penguin facts and writing a bout penguins. We will have fun making playdough penguins and black and white collages using a variety of textures. We will also be counting penguins and looking at 1 more and 1 less. We will be comparing different quantities and seeing which groups are larger and which are smaller.
- Year 1** English- We are going to be innovating our own version of a text
Maths- Continuing our learning about think 10
Topic- We will be planting in science
- Year 2** English- We are going to be planning and writing our class innovated version of Jack and the Beanstalk.
Maths- We are learning different methods and strategies to solve subtraction calculations.
Topic- In History we are learning about sources and whether they are reliable or not. In Art we are learning about different types of line. In Music we are going to be practising playing the recorder.

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 27th January

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Breaded Chicken Grill	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (V)	Battered Fish Fillet
GREEN	Margherita Wrap (V)	Veggie Sausage Bow Pasta (Ve)	Shepherdess Pie (Ve)	Egg Breakfast Muffin (V)	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
PURPLE	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
BLUE	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich (V)	Ham Roll	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:

This weekend is the RSPB National Bird watching weekend let's all join in. As a family you can simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park. If you would like you can register <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> to take part and record the number of birds you spot for one hour between 24 and 26 January 2025. It would be lovely if you can share your photos, tallies, pictures of the birds you spotted with your friends at school.

Reception:

Can you find out some Penguin facts to share with the class. Can you draw a penguin too !



Year 1:

Next week is Chinese New Year. Can you research the celebration? You might want to find out the animal of the year you were born?

Year 2:

It is Lunar New Year on the 29th of January 2025. Can you research the Lunar New year? How is it celebrated? Can you find out what zodiac animal the year 2025 is? What was the zodiac animal for the year you were born?

School Contact Details

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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.



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PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

For all parents/carers of children with SEND

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 10.00AM-11.30AM

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM 2
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

We will also be welcoming professionals from [Children and Young People's Mental Health Services \(CYPMHS\)](#). They will be happy to share valuable insights about their services and the support they provide to young people facing mental health challenges.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at

enquiries@dsplare9.org.uk