WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL INFANT AND NURSERY



Being Kind, Confident Minds, Ready for Life Long Learning

> NEWSLETTER Summer Term Issue 5 Friday 23rd May 2025



<u>Half term</u>

We have included in the newsletter information about what you can do during half term in Watford. Have a lovely half term and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 3rd June

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th—30th May — Half term

Monday 2nd June—Inset day school and nursery closed

Wednesday 4th June— Year one visit to Hertfordshire Zoo

Friday 6th June— Reception visit to Aldenham Country Park

Tuesday 10th June—Nursery visit from Ark Farm

Thursday 3rd July—Year two visit to Whipsnade Zoo

Tuesday 22nd July—Last day of term for Nursery

Wednesday 23rd July-Last day of term for

<u>Lateness</u>

Please ensure your child arrives at school for **8:40am**. The cloakroom doors shut promptly at **8:45am**. Unfortunately we have noticed an increase in the number of children who are arriving late to school. Mrs Selby is going to be monitoring lateness and will be contacting families where this is having a negative impact on children's learning

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 92.2 %

Target for all children: 96%

5 hours 16 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.40am (registration closes at 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

Sometimes as parents you need to be on the phone or talk to another adult about serious topics whilst your child or other people's children are nearby. Please be careful about the language you choose to say on the phone

or to other adults if any child is nearby. Some parents have been on their phones and using bad language whilst collecting their child from school. Not only could their own child hear the bad words, but so could others. Please remember, as parents, you are your child's first and life long teacher. The language you use in front of your child, is the language they will use to their peers. If your child has heard you say bad words, please tell them they are not to be repeated.



School trips

Please make sure you have filled out the forms sent home for the school trips. If you have not got a copy of the form please speak to the office.

This Week's Learnersaurus Awards							
Nursery	Danaya	Ayzal					
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Owls	Zaid						
Robins	Aria	Khadijah					
Squirrels	Rosie	Abdiya					
Foxes	Autumn	Caua					
Kingfishers	Lyla	Thea					
Otters	Bhavishya						

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Nursery

We have continued retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk we are trying really hard to remember the order of what happens. We have painted, collaged and drew pictures of beanstalks, and giants.



Year 1

This week in Year One, we've been working hard across all our subjects! In English, the children have been using their phonics knowledge to read both real and alien words with confidence. In Maths, we explored division by sharing objects into equal groups. Our History lessons took us back in time as we investigated why the Titanic sank. In Computing, we began looking at programming and how to give clear instructions to make things happen. In Science, we learned all about amphibians and their fascinating life cycles. On Thursday, we



had a fantastic celebration for earning all our marbles – the children enjoyed ice cream and a fun teddy bear party as a special reward!

Reception

This week we continued our garden topic, we have checked on our sunflowers. We read The Snail Trail and have looked closely at Snails. We have learnt about the art work of Henri Matisse and especially his piece The Snail. We have created our own snail art using spirals. In Maths we learned how to make teen numbers, using Numicon. In PE we continued with our dance unit on the theme of into the woods.



Year 2

This week in English we have worked very hard on our independent writing. We planned our own stories, wrote them and edited them. In Maths we have been revising strategies for multiplication and division calculations. We have been discussing which strategies are the most efficient. In Science we have revised the life cycle of a frog. We then created our habitat presentations ready to share with others. In DT we designed the cabs/bodies for our vehicles.



WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

- **Nursery** After half term we will be retelling Jack and the Beanstalk stories and in maths we will be practising to recognise the number of objects in a small group without physically counting each item. "Looking with our eyes to subitise, what do you see?"
- **Reception** After Half Term our Talk for Writing focus will be the story Farmer Duck. We will be introducing the theme of farms with our child initiated learning activities. We will be naming farm animals and we will be making farm models. In Maths we will be learning about teen numbers and also doubles.
- Year 1English- We will be exploring non-fiction textMaths- Looking at telling the timeTopic- Going on our trip to Hertfordshire Zoo!
- Year 2 English- We will be starting our new English unit and being introduced to our new model text. Maths- We are going to be revising mental calculation strategies. Topic- In Geography we will be learning about the weather patterns found in Jamaica. In Art we will be designing our sculptures and using pipe cleaners to practise making them. In PSHE we are learning about the different stages of our lives.

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 02nd June

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED		Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (V)	Battered Fish Fillet
GREEN		Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve)	Creamy Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (V)	Roasted Veg Lasagne (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
PURPLE		Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
BLUE		Cheese Spread Sandwich	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:

The beanstalk was very tall. Can you find things in your house that is taller than you and things in your house that is shorter than you? You may like to plant some seeds of your own too.

Reception:

What facts can you find out about one farm animal?



Year 1:

Two week challenge:

This week's challenge is to get creative and design your very own room from the Titanic using a shoebox! Imagine what it might have looked like inside one of the ship's rooms. Was it a grand first-class cabin, a cosy third-class room, or maybe part of the dining area or the engine room? Use materials you have at home – paper, fabric, cardboard, or small toys – to decorate the inside of the shoebox to show what your chosen room would have looked like.



Don't forget to label the key features and bring your creation into school by Friday 6th June to share with the class. We can't wait to see your Titanic designs!

Year 2:

Over the half term, can you use junk modelling to create an animal habitat? You could use an old shoe box or a cardboard box. Think about what your animal needs to survive, where its habitat is in the world etc. Bring these back in over half term for us to display!



Telephone Email (School Office) Email (Absence) **School Contact Details**

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





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HALF TERM

Join us this May half-term to take part in FREE nature play sessi ons Lear more about your local greenspace and nature through scavenger hunts. natural art and play. Booking is essential.

- > Date: Tuesday 27th May
- > Time: 10:00am-11.30am
- Location: Carpenter's Wood, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth
- > For children aged 2-9 years, siblings welcome.
- Children must be accompanied

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Parks and Open Spaces



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https://www.watford.gov.uk/directory/7/parks-open-spaces-andplaygrounds/category/13

https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/parks-and-leisure/parks-open-spaces

Explore Atria's FREE Jungle-Themed Craft Workshops This Half Term! atria User activities this May? Join us at Atria Watford for FREE jungle-themed craft workshops from Monday, 26th May to Friday, 30th May! No need to book, just turn up on the day!

Location: Charter Place near Puttshack Time: 11 AM - 4 PM daily What's On?

Monday: Animal Coin Banks - Bring your spare change to life! Decorate your very own jungle-themed ceramic money box using vibrant paint pens and sparkly gems. These adorable animal coin banks are the perfect place for kids to store their pocket money.

Tuesday: Jungle Hand Puppets - Let creativity take centre stage! Kids will love making their own jungle hand puppets with easy-to-use sewing kits. Featuring pre-cut feit pieces, a plastic needle, and wool, these puppets are perfect for imaginative play and storytelling.

Wednesday: Jungle Cookies - Get ready for a sweet and wild treat! Kids can unleash their creativity by decorating jungle-inspired cookies shaped like lions, zebras, and more. These delicious creations make the perfect snack or gift.

Thursday: Jungle Wooden Wind Chimes - Create a musical masterpiecel Kids will craft their own wind chimes featuring lively jungle creatures. Using paint pens, stickers, and gems, the/II design unique chimes that sing with every breeze.

Friday: King of the Jungle Crowns - It's time to rule the jungle! Kids will craft soft foam animal crowns, choosing from monkeys, hippos, and more. They'll decorate their crowns with vibrant colors and stickers, perfect for imaginative play.



Local Restaurants / Cafes within the Partnership area where kids can eat FREE or up to £1

Asda Cafés - Kids' meals are 60p throughout May 2025, including May half term week. Offer available in 205 stores nationwide.

Beefeater - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for free per paying adult.

Brewers Fayre - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for free with every adult breakfast purchased.

Burger King - One free King Jr. meal per adult burger meal ordered on the Burger King app. Available between 26th May and 1st June 2025 in selected restaurants only Las Iguanas - Kids under 12 eat free through the My Las Iguanas App.

TGI Fridays - Kids eat free, all day, every day, with any adult main meal for Stripes Rewards members. YO! Sushi - Up to three kids under 12 eat free all day with

an adult spending a minimum of £10. Available during local school holidays.

Please click on the following link for details of other out of area restaurants taking part.

https://www.madeformums.com/school-and-family/ kids-eat-free-may-half-term-2025/

