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*Friday 12th January 2024*

Thought for the week...



*'No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow'*

## Message to parents



*Many thanks for all the good wishes,  
cards and gifts that we received before  
the Christmas break; they were very  
much appreciated.*

*Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!*

## Staff changes



We are sad to be losing our Office Manager, Lynsey Baxter, who will be leaving at the end of January to take up a similar position in a secondary school.

Lynsey has made such a positive contribution to the school, both in her role as a school governor where she served as vice-chair and chair of the finance committee, and in her role as Office Manager.

Lynsey came to us from the corporate world and was able to bring her expertise to develop the systems and processes of the school office.

As well as being a professional and effective member of staff, she also brought warmth and a sense of humour that we will all miss!

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Lynsey, we have set up a collection on school gateway.



We are delighted that Vaishali Phatak will be taking over as Office Manager at the beginning of February. She arrived as Administrative Assistant in October and has been an asset to the office team.

We look forward to working with her in her new role.

If you are interested in applying for the Administrative Assistant role, please do so [here](#)

# Letter from His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman – received following the publication of our Ofsted inspection report.

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**Amanda Spielman**  
His Majesty's Chief Inspector

Our ref: 501726

*Dear Mrs. Singh*

I am writing to say how pleased I am that Nascot Wood Junior School has retained its outstanding judgement following its most recent Ofsted inspection.

The inspection framework sets a high bar for being judged outstanding, which makes it a challenging and exacting standard to achieve. I would therefore like to commend you and your team on your exceptional work. I hope that you and your whole school community are very proud.

I wish you every success in the months and years ahead.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

*Amanda Spielman*

**Amanda Spielman**  
His Majesty's Chief Inspector



## Visit to Warner Brothers studios



Year 6 visited the Warner Brothers Studios on Tuesday and had a wonderful time. Many children have reported that they particularly enjoyed taking part in a special sound effects workshop, learning about the art of foley. They were able to explore the exhibition, learn how quidditch was filmed, ride on the Hogwarts Express and visit Privet Drive.

Many thanks to our parent helpers who supported the year 6 team during the trip.











# Calling all would-be engineers


Our new STEM club inspires children in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through the construction of a different lego model each week.

Each session costs £12 and there are *four* places still available.

# AWESOME ENGINEERS


## AFTER SCHOOL LEGO® CLUB

Give your child a head-start in Maths and Science




SPRING TERM      OPEN TO KS2

- Each week your child builds a different LEGO® machine, seeing how it works and can be modified.
- All models and worksheets are directly linked to national curriculum STEM subjects.

**VENUE:**  **Nascot Junior School**  
**Nascot Wood Road - Watford - Hertfordshire**  
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 **Tuesday term time:**

- **Starts:** Tuesday 9th January
- **Ends:** Tuesday 26th March

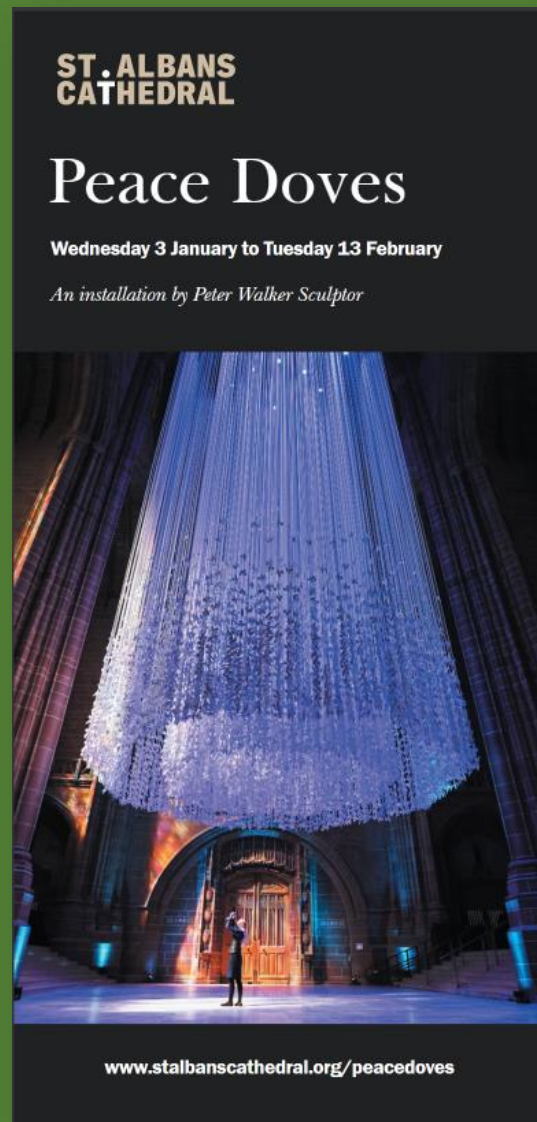
**Times:** 3:20pm – 4:20 pm  
**No Session:** Tuesday 20th February (Half Term)  
**£132.00 Full Term**  
Pre-booking essential see below.

To register interest or book email Ana on [ana@awesome-engineers.com](mailto:ana@awesome-engineers.com)  
[www.awesome-engineers.com](http://www.awesome-engineers.com) for more information

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# Peace installation

This installation by Peter Walker is available to view in the ancient building of St Albans Cathedral until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. It focusses on hope for peace across the world. Below is a link to the brochure.



[https://issuu.com/stalbanscathedral/docs/peace\\_doves\\_brochure\\_final\\_pages?fr=xKAE9\\_zU1NQ](https://issuu.com/stalbanscathedral/docs/peace_doves_brochure_final_pages?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)

## Stars of the week 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The following children were nominated by their Class Teachers to be the star of the week before the Christmas break. Congratulations to them all!



Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Tanush	<i>For your confidence in Singer of The Year. You had a hard job being the first person to sing, especially as you are also in Year 3. Well done, you should be very proud of yourself.</i>
Willow	Jasmine	<i>For going above and beyond what is expected. Jasmine you always impress me with the way you take your learning home and discuss and practise it with your family. Well done. Keep up the good work.</i>
Oak	Arsila	<i>For being such a conscientious and hard working student this term. Well done Arsila!</i>
Elm	Kristina	<i>For working really hard at her maths and for excellent effort in drafting and writing her Santa Trap.</i>
Beech	Rayen	<i>For his consistent hard work and curiosity and for brightening up the classroom with his smile.</i>
Rowan	Fareeda	<i>For making a fantastic Icosahedron during Maths.</i>
Poplar	Millie	<i>For always having a positive attitude towards her learning. Millie literally 'beams' in our lessons and she is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Millie!</i>



## Stars of the week 12th January 2024

The following children have been nominated by their Class Teachers to be the star of the week this week for an aspect of learning, an achievement or positive behaviour. However, all the children deserve congratulations for a successful week.



Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Charith	<i>For your enthusiasm and curiosity during Maths lessons this week. You are always asking excellent questions which has in turn helped you unpick some tricky multiplication word problems. Well done and keep asking questions.</i>
Willow	Rayaan	<i>For making such a great start to the term, especially with well thought out and beautifully presented character descriptions in English.</i>
Oak	Hafsa	<i>For brilliant focus and effort in maths in our unit on perimeter.</i>
Juniper	Ronnie	<i>For hard work across the curriculum especially in maths where you have worked hard to learn you 12x12 times tables.</i>
Elm	Jesse	<i>For working hard and showing real dedication and improvement in his maths work.</i>
Beech	Ella	<i>For being a near perfect example in gymnastics that helped the class to reach high levels in their learning.</i>
Rowan	Hasan	<i>For writing a brilliantly descriptive snippet of a quidditch match from Harry Potter.</i>
Poplar	Riaan	<i>For his enchanting description of Platform nine and three quarters inspired by our trip to Warner Bros. Studios. Riaan's description was so detailed that I felt completely immersed in the setting. Well done, Riaan!</i>