



*Year 6 swimming gala*

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*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

Thought for the week...



*A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures,  
new friendships, and new challenges.*

Wishing all the year 6 leavers a very happy and successful time at their secondary schools. We will miss you!

## Message from Jamie and Amelia, co-founders and former co-editors of the Nascot News



Hello Nascot Wood Junior School!

It's Jamie and Amelia again. As promised in our last message, here's an update on what we have been up to this year.

We hope you have all had a fantastic year at NWJS. We can't believe how fast the year has gone and it only feels like we were walking through the corridors of NWJS a few months ago. It has been wonderful to read the autumn and spring editions of The Nascot News and we are really

pleased that the newspaper is still going strong. It has been exciting hearing about all the adventures you have had this year and the articles on the Year 6 trips brought back many happy memories of our escapades in the Isle of Wight. We are both excited about the last edition of this year and can't wait to read it.

We have also been keeping up to date with all the great achievements that the whole school has earned. A huge congratulations to all the staff and pupils for being awarded OUTSTANDING by OFSTED, such a well-deserved success which reflects the dedication, hard work and commitment of everyone at Nascot Wood. It was delightful to read the letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, in which he congratulated the school on their SATs results and most recently being the highest

achieving school in Watford and the highest-ranking Junior school in the country. What fantastic accomplishments by the school. We both feel so proud.

Our first year at Watford Grammar School for Boys and St Clement Danes is coming to an end and as we look back at our journey, we are filled with a sense of achievement and excitement. It's hard to believe we have nearly finished in Year 7 and are going to be Year 8's in a couple of months! From the beginning of the year to the end, we've had a fantastic start to our secondary education, and it has been filled with lots of adventures and fun. We have had lots of new experiences and taken part in many new events at our schools including culture day, sports day, bake sales, charities week, competitions and music and choir concerts.

There are so many things we love about our new schools, but our favourite things have to be the delicious food and all the kind teachers. One of the most exciting aspects of secondary school are all the different subjects that are offered. We are both learning new languages and love German and Spanish, as not only do we learn the language but also about different cultures. DT is another favourite. We get to cook, melt metal, make LED's sets and each class has taught us new skills. We have had fun making music, learnt to speak Latin and tried a number of new Sports including athletics, Zumba and hockey. At the beginning of the year, there was a lot of homework, but with the help and support of the teachers we have learnt to manage our work, and how to prioritise tests and prepare our revision.

Secondary School has not just been about the academic classes, there are so many extracurricular activities offered. We have both taken part in various clubs, such as Maths clubs (and had the chance to take part in maths challenges), Junior choir, running club and have been part of several school concerts whilst also experiencing some new clubs like, STEM, Python Programming and Chess club. It has been fun meeting new people and socialising with friends and different form groups. We have both found a love for PE as it gives us the chance to interact with other students in our year and we are able to express ourselves. There are regular interform competitions, where we compete against other forms as well the opportunity to represent the school by playing for the school teams.

As we write this, we are preparing for our residential trips to Bude and Devon. We are looking forward to making new memories with our new friends. We are both

excited about the new experiences and exciting opportunities we will be able to share with our friends on this trip.

Looking back at our first year, it has been a journey of growth, learning and self-discovery for us. Secondary school has been a great adventure and for those of you starting in Year 7 in September, don't worry! It will be an amazing experience. Remember to try new things, be yourself and don't be afraid to ask for help. It is a time to explore your interests, build new friendships and discover who you are.

We hope to see some familiar faces at our schools and if you see us, please do come and say Hello.

Good luck to you on your new journeys and remember "You've got this!"

Amelia and Jamie

## Stars of the week Friday 12th July

Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Holly Class	<i>You have been an amazing class to teach. All your teachers are so proud of you. Good luck for year 4! We will miss you!</i>
Willow	Waniya	<i>For great swimming this week. Through hard work and determination, you have demonstrated a significant improvement in your backstroke, which we are all very proud of.</i>
Oak	Arsila Bardhi	<i>For fantastic effort and contributions in maths this week in finding the area of rectilinear shapes.</i>
Juniper	Aaradhya Veeramachineni	<i>For working really hard in our swimming lessons and becoming a more confident swimmer</i>
	Zachary Thomas	<i>For amazing insights in our guided reading - It is fantastic to listen to all your reasoning and predictions.</i>
Elm	Elm Class	<i>For demonstrating excellent maturity as they begin the transition to Year 6.</i>
Beech	Sophia Rengeta	<i>For her warm and welcoming smile, which always lifts the class mood, and her ever growing resilience when things are going slightly wrong.</i>
Rowan	Rowan class	<i>For being a fantastic class this year and excelling in everything you do. I was very proud of you in the Wizard of Oz production and with all that you have achieved this year. You are all destined for greatness!</i>
Poplar	Poplar class	<i>For being a hard-working and enjoyable year 6 class. I am incredibly proud of your achievements this year, including your excellent SATs results. I know you are destined for greatness. Remember, Poplar Class... 'always choose kind'.</i>

With thanks to our parent body for all you do to support and enhance the work of the school.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful summer holiday.

