

# UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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September  
2025

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Thought for the week...



‘Education is the key to unlocking the world.  
It is the passport to freedom’

*Oprah Winfrey*

Dear Parents,

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, we had our first meeting with Melanie Parr, our Climate Action Plan Adviser. Melanie will be helping us to write our Climate Action Plan which will cover the following four areas:

- Decarbonisation – calculating and taking actions to reduce our carbon emissions
- Adaptation and resilience – taking actions to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating
- Biodiversity – e.g. engaging with the Woodland Trust
- Climate education and Green Careers – ensuring education provided gives comprehensive teaching about climate change and teaching staff feel supported to offer this

Along with key members of staff who will be working on the plan, I am grateful to the Climate Action Children's group who have been chosen to work on the plan.



Top from left: Vedhaa, Megha, Aya

Bottom from left: Annabel, Adit, Chloe, Hannah

As part of our ongoing development of resources, the year 3 Teachers are hoping to buy a modular mud kitchen, which will be set up in the garden area behind the modular classroom (Maple class).

Modular mud kitchen systems enable children to develop their creativity and problem solving whilst having a full body physical experience. The modular system helps turn the mud play area into a space for scientific investigations and challenging play. When children can move items then a hob isn't just a hob, it's dash board in a space ship and a thousand other opportunities!

[Here](#) is the link to the kitchen we are hoping to buy.

If any parents would be willing to make a donation for this purchase, we would be most grateful. The school office have set up a gateway payment called 'Modular Mud kitchen'.

A donation isn't expected but, as a guide, if each family donated £6 we would reach our target.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,

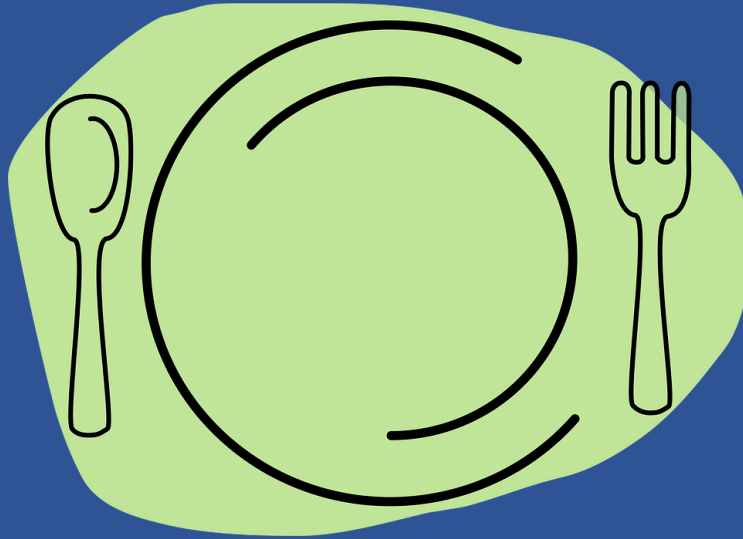
*Christina Singh*

Headteacher

## Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
02/10/2025	Whole school Flu Vaccination	8:30 to 12pm	Please see the email sent on 12 <sup>th</sup> September.
09/10/2025	Y5 - Waterside Theatre Trip	12pm to 5pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
16/10/2025	Whole School Art Exhibition	TBA	Open to all parents
20/10/2025	Y4 - Ancient Greek Workshop	9am to 3pm	Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
21/10/2025	Y5 - Bayfordbury Observatory	9am to 1:30pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
23/10/2025	Y3 - Chiltern Open Air Museum	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
24/10/2025	Last day of the Half Term	3.20pm	Usual 3.20pm collection time
18/11/2025	Flu Vaccination - Catch-up Session	TBA	For those children who missed the first vaccination - Email to follow with parental consent form
18/11/2025	Parents Evening - Online	3.45pm-7.00pm	Parents of children in years 3 – 6 invited to meet with the Class Teacher for a 10 minute appointment. Online booking open 15 days before consultation
20/11/2025	Parents Evening - Online	3.45pm-7.00pm	
11/12/2025	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Watford	10.00-10.45am (years 3&4) 11.15-12.00am (years 5 &6)	Ticketed event for all parents (first come first served basis due to space restrictions)
12/12/2025	Christmas Dinner	12.00-1.30pm	Open to all children whose parents order a meal
15/12/2025	Whole School Pantomime	TBA	Whole school walks to the Watford Palace Theatre. Parent volunteers required
18/12/2025	Singer of the Year - Final	TBA	Open to parents of children who take part in the final
19/12/2025	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time

## Midday supervisor opportunity



We will soon be advertising for a Midday Supervisor and this is an opportunity for any parents who are interested to express their interest first.

The successful candidate will take responsibility for calling the children into lunch and coordinating the members of the midday supervisory team.

The working hours will be 11.50am – 1.15pm Monday to Friday and the position will give the successful applicant valuable school experience.

Please contact me if this position is of interest to you.

[admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk)

Art of the week



*Arya, 3 Oak*

## Introduction from the Nascot News Team

My name is Tiaana and my name is Zachary. We are the new Editors of the Nascot Wood Junior school newspaper called the Nascot news.

For those that are new to the school, the Nascot News was started 4 years ago. It's a platform on which all of the children can share their creative skills. It's a newspaper for children created by the children.

This year we will be working in a team with 4 other Year 6 children, Ayush, Hafsa, Harrison and Thea who will be helping us write the articles. We are hoping to publish an edition of the newspaper at the end of each term so then everyone can enjoy reading it during the holidays.

So as we said, this is our whole school's newspaper and the only way it will be a success is if EVERYONE can contribute. So this is where you all come into the story. We would love to include contributions from as many of you as we can over the 3 editions.

So some ideas on what you could do are articles on recent events, school trip review, recipes, quizzes, a review on a movie/theatre show you may have been too, a religious event, a memorable holiday, sports review, drawings, interesting facts, maybe you might decide to do something as a class. The list is endless.

If you need any help then you can come and ask any one of us on the Nascot News Team or your teachers and we will be happy to help.

The first deadline for handing in your work will be Thursday 6th November, so this gives you time over half term to put something together. We ask that you share your work with both Tiaana and Zachary via Google Docs and also come and let us know when you have done this so we can check we have it as we will be putting the newspaper together.

We are very excited to have been chosen for these roles as Editors and the whole of the Nascot News team can not wait to see your work. Remember every contribution counts. Let's make this year's editions the best ones so far.



## Congratulations...

Isaiah (year 3 Holly) who was selected to be a Champions League mascot for the first opening game of the season Tottenham v Villarreal, the match was aired on Amazon Prime and broadcast across the world on Tuesday night and can still be view on Prime.



Isaiah had a wonderful evening with his teammates, they saw plenty of football players including England international legend Wayne Rooney. Isaiah walked out with Tottenham and Spain international Pedro Porro.

Isaiah has been fortunate enough to receive two academy offers from both Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. Over the coming months his family will decide on where fits him best as he continues his academic and footballing journeys hand in hand.



## Focus on Attendance

There continues to be an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

Congratulations to 3 Holly for their perfect attendance data. Well done 3 Oak and 4 Juniper whose attendance was over our 97% target.

### Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	100%	0
3 Oak	99.67%	4
4 Juniper	98%	3
4 Willow	95.33%	6
5 Beech	95%	2
5 Elm	96.32%	3
6 Poplar	92.67%	1
6 Rowan	91.33%	2



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

# HCC Public Health – Back to school letter to parents

**Director of Public Health  
Sarah Perman**



Hertfordshire County  
Council  
Farnham House, Six Hills  
Way, Stevenage, SG1  
2FQ.  
Postal Point: SFAR23

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Back to school vaccination reminder & important public health advice.**

As you begin the autumn term, we would like to remind you of some important things you can do for your children to protect them and others from illness this winter.

- If you have children starting school this September and they have missed their pre-school booster vaccinations, please speak to your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. It's not too late to catch up! Vaccines remain our best defence against serious and life-threatening diseases; they are safe and are free on the NHS.
- Teach your children to wash their hands using soap and water. Especially encourage this after they have used the toilet and before they eat. This will help to prevent them from getting sickness and diarrhoea bugs and stop them spreading illnesses to others. Remember if they do get the sickness and diarrhoea bug they must not go back to school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- Please take up your child's offer of a flu vaccination this year and complete the consent form when it is sent out. Flu can be serious for children of all ages but particularly for those under 5. Vaccination helps protect against complications like pneumonia and painful ear infections as well as reducing the risk of needing to go to hospital. Vaccinating your child also helps protect others in your family like grandparents or those with long-term health conditions.

Thank you for taking these small steps to keep your child and everyone around you healthy this winter. If you would like to know more please visit:

<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/keeping-your-child-safe-and-healthy>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. C. Perman".

**Sarah Perman  
Director of Public Health**

# Stars of the week

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Skye	<i>For writing an amazing description. Your use of adventurous vocabulary and amazing similes makes your writing an absolute pleasure to read.</i>
3 Oak	Bianca	<i>For consistent hard working in all lessons. Well done, Bianca. Your organisational skills and time management as well as your determination to succeed and response to feedback are enabling your success.</i>
4 Juniper	Joe	<i>For being a role model to his peers. Joe has consistently been doing the right thing, including demonstrating excellent manners in the dining room and regularly joining in with class discussions. Keep up the hard work Joe!</i>
	Ezekiel	<i>Wishing you all the best in your new school. Thank you for all you have contributed to Nascot Wood Junior School. We will miss you and your family.</i>
4 Willow	Jawad	<i>For hard work in class and for joining in with class discussions.</i>
	Noura	<i>For being an excellent role model to her peers and always trying her best.</i>
5 Beech	Hashim	<i>For sharing his extensive general knowledge in such an articulate and polite way. Hashim is such a pleasure to talk to.</i>
5 Elm	Ehsaan	<i>For incredibly hard work and focus in his Mathematics learning.</i>
6 Poplar	Rachid	<i>For his maturity and exemplary work ethic. Rachid has been a model student in year 6 Poplar: he has been focused, hard-working and his questions have added value to teaching and learning. He has been a pleasure to teach. Well done, Rachid!</i>
6 Rowan	Zara	<i>For demonstrating fantastic focus in lessons and contributing actively to class discussions.</i>