

UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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October 2025

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Thought for the week...

Every child is an artist.

The problem is how to

remain an artist

once we grow up

Pablo Picasso



Half term event at St Albans Cathedral



This October half term you can experience Poppy Fields by Luxmuralis, an immersive journey of light and sound reflecting on the World Wars and hopes for peace.

Stunning projections and evocative music will transform St Albans Cathedral into a moving work of art.

For details of how to book, click on this [link](#)

Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket Competition



On Wednesday 15th October 16 Year 4s went to Westfield Academy to compete against 5 other teams in a local Rapid Fire Cricket competition.



We took two teams of children.

The Nascot Wood Superstars: Anay, Aliza, Belle, Chloe O., Chloe W., James, Sonny and Tommy

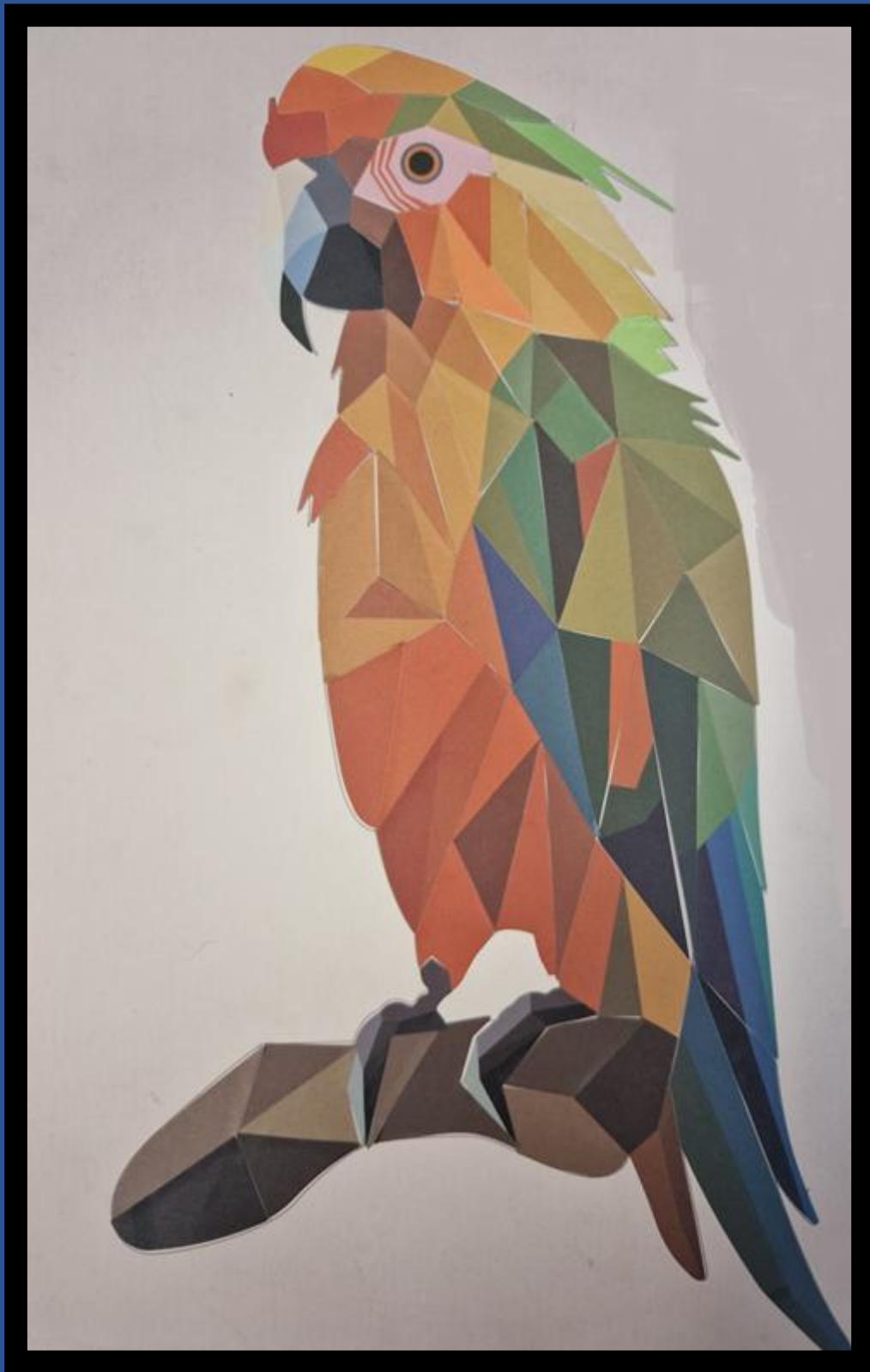
The Nascot Wood Ultimate Cricketers: Aroop, Dhwit, Eva P., Lily-Rose, Matthew, Sara, Sofie and Yuvraj



Both teams played exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship. The Superstars came in first place and the Ultimate Cricketers came in fourth place.



Art of the week

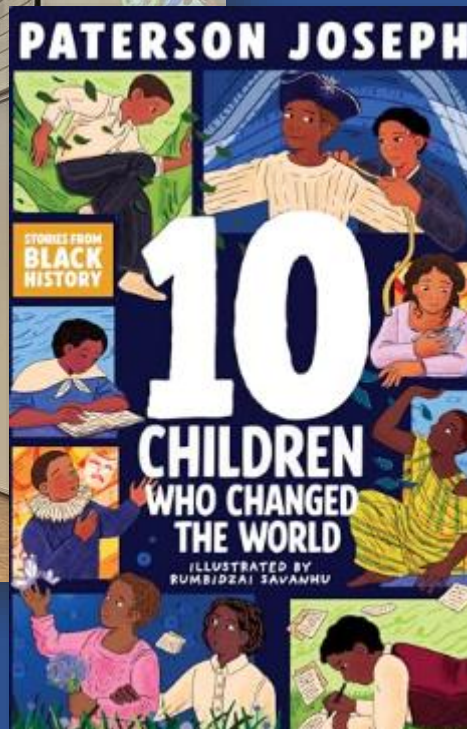


Aliabbas, year 4 Willow

Paterson Joseph visits the school



We were thrilled to welcome renowned actor and author Paterson Joseph to Nascot Wood on Wednesday morning. Paterson was genuinely impressed by our students, praising their thoughtful and insightful questions throughout the assembly. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and fully engaged as Paterson read a chapter from his book.



A heartfelt thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported the event by purchasing a copy from *Our Bookshop* in Tring. Ben, the shop owner, was delighted with the strong sales and sends his thanks.

Thank you to Mrs Thompson who organised this wonderful assembly.

Art Exhibition



Thank you for supporting our art exhibition. All the children produced a beautiful piece of art, and they enjoyed looking around the exhibition, viewing it as a whole.

Many thanks to Mrs Bowen and Mr Merrill who organised this event.

This is the first time that we have held this event with this company, and we will be exploring ways to make it more financially accessible for families in the future.

Our mud kitchen update

Thank you to everyone who has made a generous donation to our modular mud kitchen. We have already raised £573.97!

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



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Christina Singh

Headteacher

Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
20/10/2025	Y4 - Ancient Greece Day Workshop	9am to 3pm	Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
20/10/2025	Year 3 Parents meeting	2.45pm to 3.15pm	Open to parents of children in Holly and Oak classes
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

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 4 Juniper for perfect attendance and to 3 Holly, 4 Willow, 5 Elm and 6 Poplar and for having an attendance percentage which is above our school target.

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning 6th October

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	97.67%	4
3 Oak	91%	8
4 Juniper	100%	4
4 Willow	97.33%	11
5 Beech	94.67%	1
5 Elm	97.33%	3
6 Poplar	98.33%	1
6 Rowan	94.33%	6



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

Term dates 2026–27

Autumn Term 2026 15 weeks	Tuesday 1 September	INSET Day
	Wednesday 2 September	INSET Day
	Thursday 3 September	Autumn Term begins
	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October	Half Term
	Monday 02 November	INSET Day
Friday 18 December	Term Ends (12 noon)	

Spring Term 2027 11 weeks	Monday 4 January	INSET Day
	Tuesday 5 January	Spring Term begins
	Monday 15 February-Friday 19 February	Half Term
Thursday 25 March	Term ends (12 noon)	

Summer Term 2027 14 weeks	Monday 12 April	INSET Day
	Tuesday 13 April	Summer Term begins
	Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	Term ends (12 noon)
Thursday 22 July	Occasional Day	

Stars of the week

Friday 17th October



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Layla	<i>For being a committed and passionate reader. Your enthusiasm for reading is infectious, and it is a real pleasure to hear you read and talk about books with you.</i>
3 Oak	Arya	<i>For a confident poetry performance in English this week. Well done for being brave enough to share your well-written poem with the class, Arya. Your clear reading and enthusiastic expression made for an enjoyable experience for all.</i>
4 Juniper	Connor	<i>For writing and performing a fantastic persuasive speech about the benefits of wearing your own clothes to school.</i>
4 Willow	Marco	<i>For making a real effort to stay on task and be conscientious of what he is doing.</i>
5 Beech	Nathaniel	<i>For his brilliant ideas and excellent vocabulary choices in his English writing this week. Well done!</i>
5 Elm	Jaazebah	<i>For excellent focus and effort in our English unit, creating a lovely piece of descriptive writing for our end of unit task. Well done and keep up the good work!</i>
6 Poplar	Clara	<i>For being a fantastic new-addition to Poplar Class. Clara is kind, confident and committed to her learning. She is a real asset to Nascot Wood Junior School; we are very lucky to have her. Well done, Clara.</i>
6 Rowan	Emin	<i>For demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, leadership and fairness in our PE sessions this term. Well done!</i>