



UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 24th
October 2025

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Thought for the week...



I hope that the half term holiday will enable you to have a change of pace to enjoy some time with your family.



Art of the week



'Haunted House', created by Muhammad, year 3 Holly.

Muhammad painted and decorated his house and connected an electrical circuit to light it.

Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
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	
4/12/2025	*NEW EVENT: Film Club*	3.30-5.00pm	Open to 120 children - booking will be open in the w/b 3/11/2025
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

Year 4 activities



In Year 4, the children have been learning about animals and their habitats in Science.

On Friday 17th September, we had a visit from Wild Science who brought a corn snake, curly haired tarantula, gerbil, a burrowing cockroach, crested gecko and giant African land snail. We learnt all about their habitats and the type of animal they are as well as getting to hold and stroke them.





In History, Year 4 have been learning about Ancient Greece. On Monday 20th October we had an Ancient Greek Day in school. In the morning, we visited Athens and learnt about how they used to live. In the afternoon, we performed plays and a dance at our feast.



Congratulations, Isaiah



Isaiah has officially accepted his early pre-offer contract to join The Arsenal Academy. This is such an achievement and a reflection of the hard work, discipline, and passion he has shown over the years; qualities that have been encouraged and supported by his teachers and the wider school community.

The signing took place last week at the Emirates Stadium, surrounded by close family, friends, and his academy and grassroots coaches. It was a very special day made even more memorable by the presence of Arsenal first team player and academy graduate Ethan Nwaneri, who came along to wish Isaiah well as he embarks on this exciting new chapter.



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 and 5 Beech for the highest attendance and to 3 Holly, 4 Willow, 5 Elm 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	95.33%	1
4 Juniper	99%	7
4 Willow	98.33%	10
5 Beech	99%	2
5 Elm	98%	6
6 Poplar	95.56%	4
6 Rowan	96.67%	4



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 24th October



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Gagan	<i>For being a fantastic learner. Not only are you invested in your own learning, you are also instrumental in helping other people's learning. Thank you for being such a kind, thoughtful and empathetic person.</i>
3 Oak	Eri	<i>For an enthusiastic performance during our poem recital. Well done, Eri. Your clear voice, appropriate facial expressions and body language made for an entertaining experience.</i>
4 Juniper	Ismail	<i>For being calm and settled in the classroom and working hard to complete each of his tasks. Keep this us Ismail!</i>
4 Willow	Lily-Rose	<i>For always approaching things with a 'can-do' attitude and taking everything in her stride.</i>
5 Beech	Charith	<i>For showcasing his impressive knowledge of 'Space' during our trip to Bayfordbury Observatory. Charith confidently answered the tricky questions that the trip leaders posed to the class. We were all very impressed!</i>
5 Elm	Aidan	<i>For his calm, respectful and mature attitude to learning. Aidan always tries his hardest, and has taken the assessments we completed this week in his stride. A valuable and vital member of the class, I hope your attitude takes you far.</i>
6 Poplar	Freddie	<i>For being an excellent member of Poplar Class who always works hard and tries his very best. Freddie shows enthusiasm in English, passion in mathematics and drive in P.E. I am looking forward to his performance during the Year 6 Hockey tournament next half term. Well done, Freddie!</i>
6 Rowan	Maya	<i>For making me smile every day with your infectious cheerfulness and kind heart. You always bring a fantastic, uplifting attitude to the classroom. Your positive spirit has a bigger impact than you know.</i>