



# UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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2025

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Thought for the week...



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant:  
if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity  
would not be so welcome.



## Art of the Week



*Brylenn, year 3 Oak*

## Year 4 Design and Technology

Year 4 have been studying cross stitch as part of their D&T curriculum.



*Chloe and Eva made these beautiful examples!*

## Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
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	Please note: Leaving school at 8.45am	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

# Community fundraising

This December, we would like to support our local food bank with a Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of receiving a treat each day, you give one. We would ask you to choose a day (or as many days as you wish) to send in the food item or household product noted below. There will be a box in each classroom to collect the donations. By the end of the month, our donations will have made a real difference for families in need this winter.

<b>December 1st</b> A box of cereal or bag of porridge	<b>December 2nd</b> Long life milk (Dairy or plant based)	<b>December 3rd</b> A tin of food (beans, tomatoes, soup, tuna etc)	<b>December 4th</b> A bag or box of pasta	<b>December 5th</b> A bag or packet of rice or noodles
<b>December 8th</b> Tea or coffee (herbal and decaf too)	<b>December 9th</b> A jar or sachet of cooking sauce (pasta, curry, stir fry etc)	<b>December 10th</b> Dry snacks (cereal bars, breadsticks, crisps etc)	<b>December 11th</b> A shower gel (for adults or children)	<b>December 12th</b> A toothpaste or toothbrush (for adults or children)
<b>December 15th</b> A condiment (ketchup, mayonnaise, gravy etc)	<b>December 16th</b> A breakfast toast topper (jam, marmalade, honey etc)	<b>December 17th</b> A sweet treat for an adult	<b>December 18th</b> A sweet treat for a child	<b>December 19th</b> A festive treat!

## 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 who were the only class to achieve attendance at or over our target percentage.

### Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning 17th November

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	92.33%	1
3 Oak	96%	5
4 Juniper	97%	10
4 Willow	92%	11
5 Beech	91.67%	4
5 Elm	92.33%	6
6 Poplar	79.67%	3
6 Rowan	80.67%	7



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

# Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Annabelle	<i>For creating a fantastic range of adventurous sentences to describe your fable setting. You really let your imagination run wild, and put an amazing, vivid picture in my mind. Well done!</i>
3 Oak	Julian	<i>For a great performance in handball. Well done, Julian - those goals were not getting past you! Not only did you impress your teacher and coach but also your fellow team mates.</i>
4 Juniper	Christopher	<i>For creating an interesting and creative plan for your animal journey story. I look forward to reading the story.</i>
4 Willow	Amara	<i>Amara is our Star of the Week for writing a fantastic start to her story, carefully thinking about each sentence and choosing her words thoughtfully. Her opening is so engaging that we can't wait to read what happens next!</i>
5 Beech	Zaynab	<i>For being consistently kind and thoughtful to everyone in the class.</i>
5 Elm	Mariam	<i>For trying hard to catch up on work missed while off sick, focusing on getting up to date and for being brave and returning while still recovering.</i>
6 Poplar	Megha	<i>For her beautiful descriptive language in our English lessons. This week Megha has used all the taught techniques, including figurative language and the rule of three, to create extremely descriptive and poetic paragraphs. Well done, Megha.</i>
6 Rowan	Pranav	<i>For demonstrating excellent technical knowledge and providing support to others during our computing lessons on Creating Media through web page development.</i>