



# UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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December  
2025

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Thought for the week...



The first Advent candle, often called the Prophet's Candle, signifies hope and reminds Christians of the prophecies in the Old Testament that foretold Jesus birth.

## Art of the Week



*Harnish, year 5 Beech*

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*Yashwitha, year 4 Willow*

Art of the Week



*Jasmine, year 5 Elm*

## Year 4 Willow Class: Design and Technology

Some examples of the beautiful cross-stitch sunflowers made by Willow Class in their D&T lesson.



*Chloe, Maxwell, Sofie, Vedanshi, Hannah,  
Year 4 Willow*

## Events for the Autumn Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
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  *A Christmas jumper and/or a Christmas hat may be worn with school uniform*	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
17/12/2025	Singer of the Year - Final	Please note: Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 11am	Open to parents of children who take part in the final
19/12/2025	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	<u>12pm</u>	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.

Unfortunately, for the first time, no classes reached our target percentage.

### Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning 24th November

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	95.33%	4
3 Oak	96.33%	6
4 Juniper	93.67%	8
4 Willow	91%	19
5 Beech	89.67%	1
5 Elm	90.67%	4
6 Poplar	96%	7
6 Rowan	96.67%	2



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

# Stars of the week

Friday 5th December



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Haider Ali	<i>For fantastic teamplay in our handball tournament. Your competitive spirit, sense of fair play and determination to never give up was a pleasure to behold.</i>
	Archie	<i>For your fantastic contributions in lessons. Your ideas are always so interesting, creative and thoughtful, and you always express them in such a clear and considered way. Well done Archie.</i>
3 Oak	Oluwatomi	<i>For being a great support to your teacher and class mates. Your professional attitude and behaviour during the football festival and preparation for it, motivated and inspired the teams to feel supported and encouraged.</i>
4 Juniper	Matthew	<i>For writing a creative and interesting animal journey story with great use of direct speech throughout.</i>
4 Willow	Abubakar	<i>For working hard on his spellings and being really proud of his score. Well done, keep up the good work.</i>
5 Beech	Leah	<i>For providing insightful and carefully thought out answers in our maths lessons. Leah shows her understanding and ability to explain her thinking very well in class discussions. Well done!</i>
5 Elm	Chenath	<i>For always paying close attention in lessons, and contributing effective and informative answers that are insightful and help support the understanding of others.</i>
6 Poplar	Khushi	<i>For her boundless curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. This week, Khushi has impressed me with her knowledge of precious stones and crystals, which she has communicated via her very own website. Well done, Khushi!</i>
6 Rowan	Enis	<i>For his accelerated progress in mathematics. This term Enis has vastly grown in confidence and is now producing accurate work at a much higher level. I am really proud of his work ethic and attitude to learning. Well done, Enis.</i>