



UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 16th
January 2026

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Thought for the week...



'Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, when we were underneath it?'

'Supposing it didn't,' said Pooh, after careful thought. Piglet was comforted by this.

Winnie-the Pooh by A. A. Milne

Art of the week



Ariana, year 5 Beech

Important information regarding parking changes in Molteno Road



For some time we have been worried about the parking in Molteno Road, the narrow cul-de-sac adjacent to the school site.

Due to its convenient distance from the school, many infant and junior school parents are choosing to use it to park their cars when they drop and collect their children.

Our concerns broadly fall into the following categories:

- Parking that blocks or infringes upon the drives of residents, meaning they cannot leave or access their houses
- Cars parked in the road so that other vehicles, including emergency vehicles and refuse lorries cannot pass
- The congestion caused by cars that drop their children and then are blocked by other parents' cars arriving, resulting in an impasse.
- Cars driving along Molteno Road at a speed which puts children who are walking to school at risk

Our local County Councillor, Mark Watkin, the Police and Watford parking shop have been in contact with me, and we have discussed their concern that the road is simply too small for the volume of traffic that is being created by the schools.

The council, in consultation with the Police has decided to look at ways to enhance the parking restrictions in the road including removing parking opportunities all together.

In view of this potential change, please can I ask that you look for alternative places to park, for example, at the end of Church Road or on Nascot Wood Road and the closes off it.

Please could you also consider whether you need to drive to the school, or, if walking is not possible, whether you can share transport to reduce the number of cars on the road. We can operate most effectively as a school with the support of the local community.

I greatly appreciate your help with this.



Events for the Spring Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
06/02/2026	Y4 - St.Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
10/02/2026	Y5 - Saxon-Viking Day	9am to 3pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
13/02/2026	Y3 - Egyptian Day	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
13/02/2026	Last Date of the Half Term	3.20pm	Usual 3.20pm collection time
16/02/2026- 20/02/2026	Half Term		
05/03/2026	Y4 & Y6 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y4 – 10.30am to 12:00pm Y6 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
06/03/2026	Y3 & Y5 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y3 – 10.30am to 12.00pm Y5 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
13/03/2026	Y6 Rowan - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 1.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Rowan class.
20/03/2026	Y5 - St. Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
23/03/2026	Inset Day		
23/03/2026	Y6 Poplar - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 4.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Poplar class.
24/03/2026	Y4- Legoland Trip	8.20am – 5pm	School gates open at 8am for Y4. Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
27/03/2026	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time

Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is 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.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to Willow class for achieving a percentage that exceeds our target and congratulations to Beech class for perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: Tuesday 6th January 2025

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	95.83%	4
3 Oak	94.17%	5
4 Juniper	92.5%	2
4 Willow	99.58%	11
5 Beech	100%	3
5 Elm	94.58%	11
6 Poplar	87.5%	2
6 Rowan	87.5%	5



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Boris	<i>For fantastic contributions in our guided reading sessions. Your listening skills, attention to detail and considered thoughts are really impressive.</i>
3 Oak	Khanak	<i>For working hard to catch up after a long period of absence. Well done, Khanak. Your positive attitude and determination to do well in your work has been noticed by your teacher and teaching assistants.</i>
4 Willow	Anaiya	<i>For her beautiful sketching and watercolour painting that she made during our art lesson.</i>
4 Juniper	Aleya Eva P	<i>For making insightful and thought-provoking contributions in this week's Creative Thinking session.</i>
5 Elm	Waniya	<i>For trying hard to get up to date with some missed work and for settling back into school maturely and sensibly.</i>
5 Beech	David	<i>For pushing himself out of his comfort zone and taking part in our gym lesson. His effort and resilience really stood out. Well done!</i>
6 Rowan	Charlie	<i>For demonstrating fantastic focus in class, contributing thoughtfully to class discussions, and producing high quality independent work. Keep it up! You were also part of a team that produced a brilliant radio broadcast, inspired by our English book 'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide', about a mysterious creature spotted at NWJS,</i>
6 Poplar	Hafsa	<i>For her love of English and the written word. Hafsa always works to the best of her ability, but in English lessons she comes 'alive'. Her written work is always littered with literary devices, and this week she has written a particularly impressive formal letter to Mrs. Singh about a 'changeling' in Poplar Class. Well done, Hafsa.</i>