Nascot Wood Junior School

Friday 9th October 2026

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Thought for the week…



'Great things are done by a series of small things brought together'

Art of the week

I have spoken to the children to explain that we will be pausing Art of the week for a while. This is due to the volume of artwork that I have been receiving each week and the importance of exhibiting each artwork as beautifully as possible.

I will soon be giving you information about our annual winter-themed art competition. The children will have a longer time period (including half term) to be able to work on a 2D or 3D pice of art in any medium. 2D art should be either A4 or larger.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be given for each year group and there will also be an overall winner who can be in any year group. Information will be shared with Class Teachers and be posted onto google classroom for your information.



Previous overall winner

Autumn Term Events 2026

Day	Date	Year	Event	Time
Wednesday	21/10/26	Year 5	Life in Saxon Britain Day	9am – 3pm
Friday	16/10/26	Year 4	Ark Farm visit – In school	
Friday	23/10/26	Year 4	Life in Ancient Greece Day	9am – 3pm
Mon – Fri	26– 30 Oct	Whole School	Half Term	
Monday	02/11/26	Whole School	Inset Day	
Thursday	5/11/26	Year 3	Chiltern Open air Museum	Whole day
Tuesday	10/11/26	Whole School	Flu Vaccination – catch up	1pm – 3pm
Tuesday	17/11/26	Whole School	Parents Evening	3:45pm – 7pm
Thursday	19/11/26	Whole School	Parents Evening	3:45pm – 7pm
Wednesday	25/11/26	Year 5	St. Albans Cathedral	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	09/12/26	Whole School	Christmas Dinners	12pm – 1:30pm
TBC	TBC	Whole School	Carol Service	
Wednesday	16/12/26	Whole School	Pantomime	10am
Thursday	17/12/26	Finalists	Singer of the Year – Final	
Friday	18/12/26	Whole School	Last Day of Autumn Term	12 noon

Focus on Attendance

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: 28th September 2026		
Class	*Attendance percentage*	*Number of children late*
3 Holly	95.16%	3
3 Oak	98.67%	6
4 Juniper	97%	6
4 Willow	98.67%	2
5 Beech	96.33%	4
5 Elm	99.33%	2
6 Poplar	94.67%	10
6 Rowan	95.67%	4

Congratulations to year 5 Elm class on their near-perfect attendance percentage!
It is pleasing to see that 4 classes have met or exceeded our target percentage.



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Stars of the week



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Gabriel	For outstanding mathematics. You have been using manipulatives to practise counting in tens and hundreds and then applying this to greater depth challenges. Well done.
3 Oak	Sara	For a creative and well-written free-verse poem read aloud beautifully. Well done, Sara. Your use of the model poem and your own ideas as well as appropriate edits and amendments made for an enjoyable poem.
4 Juniper	Charlotte	For being a hardworking and dedicated learner who has shown a fantastic attitude towards her studies this term. Charlotte regularly puts her hand up in class and offers thoughtful answers to our discussions. Well done.
4 Willow	Rayyan	The emotional intelligence that you bring to school with you Rayyan, is a very valuable thing. Your calm, considered and kind approach to tricky situations, big or small, benefits everyone and helps to create a fantastic learning environment. Thank you very much.
5 Beech	Aliabbas	Aliabbas is such a hardworking member of Beech class. He shows excellent concentration, determination and perseverance, quietly getting on with his work and never letting distractions get in the way!
5 Elm	Aliza	For her thoughtful, detailed and well evidenced answer to our Big Question in our history topic - she has used her learning throughout the unit to great effect, and her curiosity and reasoning skills are both impressive and will serve her well in the future.
6 Poplar	Ben	For his effort and enthusiasm in English. This week Ben has beautifully written out his narrative writing, using a lovely legible script, making his work a pleasure to read. Well done, Ben!
6 Rowan	Tayson	For a beautifully written narrative based on the book 'Night of the Gargoyles'. You used effective setting and character description, and your language choices also added to the 'eerie' atmosphere of your writing. It was difficult for me to think of an 'Even better if..'! Well done!