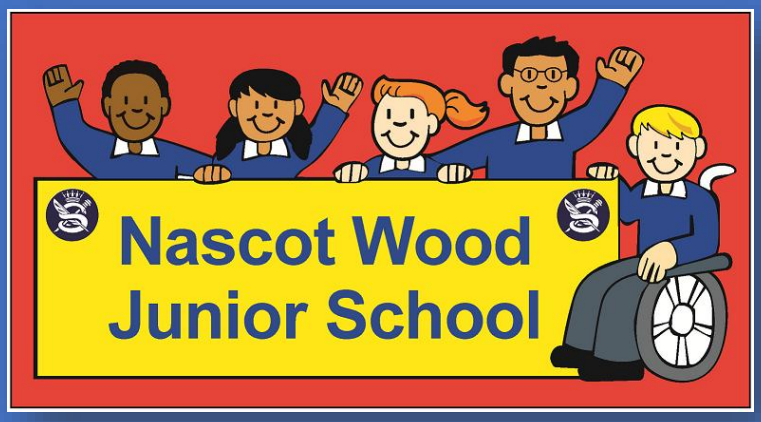


UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 23rd
October 2026

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Thought for the week…



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



Art competition

I am pleased to announce the launch of our Winter-themed art competition.

The theme is anything connected to winter (not necessarily Christmas).

Your artwork can be 2D or 3D and you can use any material

that you like, including pastels, charcoal, watercolour, oil. Acrylic, paper, Indian ink etc.

Please make sure that your artwork is clearly labelled with your

full name and your year group and class.

Please submit your artwork no later than Friday 13th November 2026.

We will be awarding a prize to each year group.

I hope you have fun creating your piece of art - below are

some examples of previous winners.





Events for the Autumn Term

Day	Date	Year	Event	Time
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
Friday	11/12/26	Year 5	Barbican Centre	Whole day
TBC	TBC	Whole School	Carol Service	
Wednesday	16/12/26	Whole School	Pantomime	Gates to open at 8:15am. Start to walk at 8:45am.
Thursday	17/12/26	Finalists	Singer of the Year – Final	
Friday	18/12/26	Whole School	Last Day of Autumn Term	Collection 12 noon

Year 4 Ark farm visit

In Science this half term, year 4 have been learning about living things and their habitats. Last Friday, as part of this unit of work, the Ark farm visited the school. Please see the photos below to give you a flavour of what went on…










Come over & meet our friendly farm animals

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 12th October		
Class	*Attendance percentage*	*Number of children late*
3 Holly	99.35%	7
3 Oak	97%	6
4 Juniper	95.33%	6
4 Willow	100%	1
5 Beech	96.67%	5
5 Elm	98.33%	6
6 Poplar	96.67%	6
6 Rowan	95.33%	4



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

Stars of the week

Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Elandra	For your engagement during Science lessons and specifically the investigations we carry out in class. Thank you for your participation, thoughtful comments and questions you ask. It's wonderful to see your enthusiasm in this subject.
3 Oak	Nayah	For great enthusiam and engagement in this week's netball workshop. Well done, Nayah. Your new found love for this team sport was demonstrated in your good communication skills and effective ball control.
4 Juniper	Yazaan	For working hard across the term to really develop his cursive handwriting and presentation of his written work. Keep it up Yazaan!
4 Willow	Anna	For writing an incredible 'Small Dragon' poem. It was beautifully beguiling and really replicated the the atmosphere of the original. Keep writing poetry Anna.
5 Beech	Sofie	Sofie is a fantastic role model for reading in Beech class. She has handed in her reading record every week this half term and consistently shows a real commitment to reading, averaging almost five hours a week. Well done, Sofie!
5 Elm	Harlo	For consistently showing a fantastic attitude towards learning. She always listens carefully, approaches every task with enthusiasm and makes thoughtful contributions during lessons. Her positive attitude and eagerness to learn make her a wonderful role model to others. Keep up the excellent work!
6 Poplar	Mitchell	For his confidence and enthusiasm in mathematics. This week Mitchell has been a superstar in our fraction lessons; he has been able to independently add, subtract and order fractions with different denominators, and share his excellent knowledge with others. Well done, Mitchell!
6 Rowan	Nathaniel	For producing some excellent work in English. Nathaniel demonstrated a good understanding of punctuation by creating effective sentences, for his upcoming non-chronological report, using commas in lists, for parenthesis and after fronted adverbials. Well done!