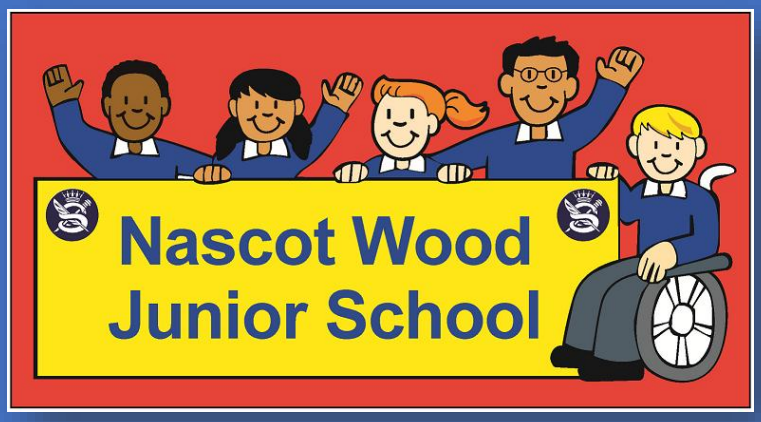


UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 6th November 2026

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Thought for the week…



Wishing all our Hindu friends a very Happy Diwali!

May this festival of lights bring joy and peace to you and 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.





Author Visit

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to welcome author Martin Howard for a special assembly. He talked to the children about being an author and the subject of his graphic novel, the Bayeux Tapestry.

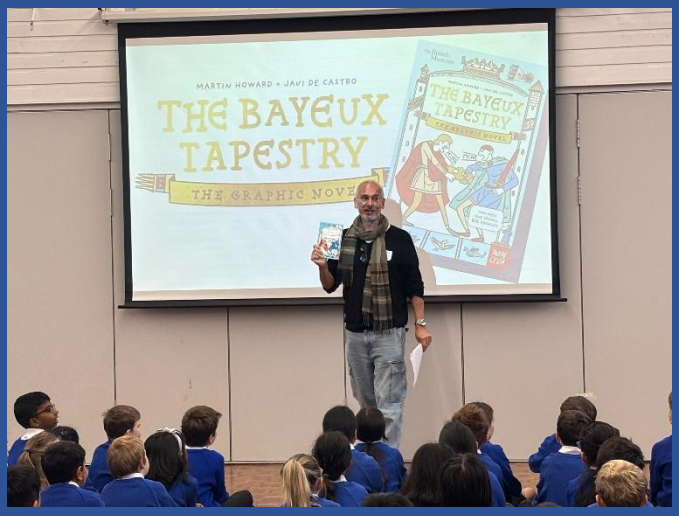
The children listened, laughed and did a fantastic job of asking and answering questions. Martin said to me afterwards that they had asked some of the best questions he had heard from children in schools and was very impressed by them all.

Ben from Our Bookshop Tring was also very grateful for the support from those of you who purchased a book. I've already seen several signed copies being enjoyed in class this week. I do hope the children are enjoying their new books!

Mrs Thompson







Events for the Autumn Term

Day	Date	Year	Event	Time
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
Thursday	10/12/2026	Whole School	Carol Service	9am – 12:00pm
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

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.

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning 19th October 2026		
Class	*Attendance percentage*	*Number of children late*
3 Holly	97.1%	6
3 Oak	96.67%	8
4 Juniper	93.33%	6
4 Willow	97.33%	3
5 Beech	95.33%	11
5 Elm	98%	1
6 Poplar	93%	6
6 Rowan	97%	4



Our overall attendance target is 97%!

Stars of the week

Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Maria	For your focus and attention to detail in English this week. Firstly, your story map for The Lion Inside was carefully illustrated accurately and you also created an excellent setting description with expanded noun phrases. Keep up the brilliant effort.
3 Oak	Uche	For a great improvement in presentation and handwriting in maths and literacy. Well done, Uche. The care and attention you are putting in to your work demonstrates a high level of effort which you can be really be proud of.
4 Juniper	Archie	For starting off this half term with great enthusiasm and for contributing well during lessons across the whole curriculum this week.
4 Willow	Erin	Your answers and participation in our maths lessons this week have been fantastic. You really pushed yourself forward, took chances and helped everyone with their learning. Well done!
5 Beech	Tommy	For being an enthusiastic and conscientious mathematician. Tommy has been avidly contributing to class discussions this week, and I have been impressed with how he checks in with me for reassurance when he needs it. Keep it up!
5 Elm	Christopher	For an incredible attitude to learning this week - he has paid attention, worked really hard in lessons and put his hand up to answer questions in lessons much more often. It's been fantastic to see how far this positive change has taken him, and I hope it continues and takes him even further in his learning!
6 Poplar	Lilah	For her application of number skills knowledge during mathematics. This week, Lilah has been able to successfully convert fractions into decimal numbers and percentages, and vice versa, which has been very impressive. Well done, Lilah!
6 Rowan	Hashim	For writing a fantastically inventive non-chronological report about an imaginary planet, inspired by the book 'Planetarium'. You included interesting details and made the reader want to discover more!