



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 11 - 1st December 2023

Holiday Dates -

Christmas Holidays - Monday 18th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

February Half Term - Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holidays - Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

May Half-Term - Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

INSET Day - Friday 21st June 2024 and Monday 24th June 2024

Last Day of Summer Term - Friday 19th July 2024 - 2pm Finish

Dates for your Diary -

Tuesday 5th December 2023 - Bedtime Stories Event

Wednesday 6th December 2023- Nutcracker - Royal Opera House (Year 3/5)

Thursday 7th December 2023 - WTA Christmas Day (Dinner/Jumper/Party)

Thursday 7th December 2023 - Belong Gaming Experience (Liger)

Friday 8th December 2023 - Belong Gaming Experience (Lion)

Friday 8th December 2023 - Nursery Performance @ 10:50am and 2:50pm

Monday 11th December 2023 - Year 2 Trip - Tower of London

Monday 11th December 2023 - Reception Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm

Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Reception Christmas Performance @ 9:30am

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 3 performing at Ikea

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 4 Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm

Thursday 14th December 2023 - Year 4 Christmas Performance @ 9:30am

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 96% (Key Stage 1 Winner)

Leopard - 93.8%

Panther - 99.3% (Key Stage 2 Winner)

Lion - 96.7%

Bobcat - 91.2%

Marozi - 95.6%

Bengal - 95.6%

Cougar - 94.3%

Liger - 92.2%

Ocelot - 85.9%

Jaguar - 93.7%

Puma - 98.8%

Tigon - 89.3%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 4TH DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese with Mixed Vegetables and Broccoli	Tomato Vegetable Pasta with Mixed Vegetables and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Syrup Sponge with Custard
Tuesday	Sausage with Chips, Beans and Peas	Vegan Sausage with Chips, Beans and Peas	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Chocolate Cookie
Wednesday	Pepperoni Pizza with Crispers, Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Crispers, Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Crispers	Mixed Berries & Cream
Thursday Christmas Dinner Day		Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets with Roast Potatoes, 'Yorkie Pud' and Carrots & Peas	Quorn Wellington, Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes, 'Yorkie Pud' and Carrots & Peas	Christmas Ice Cream Tub
Friday	Fish Fingers with Mash, Beans and Peas	Vegetable Fingers with Mash, Beans and PEas	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail

Pantomime and Ice Skating

Yesterday, all children had the opportunity to watch a pantomime. The children in Year 3 - 6 came went to watch Dick Whittington at the theatre whilst the children in Nursery - Year 2 stayed at school and watched Jack and the Beanstalk. The children really enjoyed this experience and represented the school very well. Today, the children in Year 1 - 6 spent some time on the ice rink. It was fantastic to see the children enjoying such a special experience. Some children even experienced skating in the snow! I hope the children enjoyed the day as much as I did.

Bedtime Stories Event

This year, we have decided to hold our 'Bedtime Stories' event again. The event will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023. The event will be held at school between the hours of 5pm - 6pm (children in Nursery and Reception) or 6pm - 7pm (children in Year 1 - Year 6). To take part in this free event, the children will be invited to attend the school in their pyjamas and dressing gown with the option to bring slippers to change into. During the event, they will have milk and cookies whilst listening to different stories in their class. If you have not yet signed up to this event, please do so using the link below:

EYFS Bedtime Stories Event: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSZUhFzxYFU9yAyRqvAf6yKwwlQsOl8q2lc37K0krccxAm7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Year 1 – 6 Bedtime Stories Event:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9l8-i0rBCoXyXahrOa7yz2aZi7bTutfXzYtuBxTr3t6xUtw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Father Christmas visits for Nursery and Reception

On Wednesday 6th December, the children in Nursery and Reception will be visited by Father Christmas. Whilst visiting the children, Father Christmas will read a story to each class and give out some presents. There is no charge for this event.

Year 3 and Year 5 Trip - Nutcracker at the Royal Oprea House

On Wednesday 6th December, the children in Year 3 and 5 will be watching a performance of the Nutcracker at the Royal Opera House. Families in Year 3 and 5 should have received a separate letter linked to this trip. If you have not received a letter or have not provided consent for your child to attend, please contact the school office.

WTA Christmas Day (Dinner/Jumper/Party)

West Thurrock Academy Christmas Day will take place on Thursday 7th December this year. On this day, the children will be able to have Christmas Dinner, wear a Christmas jumper or festive top and attend their class party. This will be a full non-school uniform event. There will be no charge for this event. Christmas Dinner will be free for everyone who would like to order one. The Christmas Menu can be found below:

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets with Roast Potatoes, 'Yorkie Pud' and Carrots & Peas	Quorn Wellington, Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes, 'Yorkie Pud' and Carrots & Peas	Christmas Ice Cream Tub
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To ensure that we have enough food on the day, I would like to ask everyone to complete the Christmas Dinner Order Form using the link below as soon as possible:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfloBaRtKwdSMVws3_ILReiwLxmRkCIMrBqqErnEsSOeddg4g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0