



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 12 - 8th 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 -

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 @12:30pm

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

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

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Animal Encounters Workshop (Year N/R/1)

Monday 15th January 2024 - Seasons Workshop (Year 1)

Friday 19th January 2024 - Young Voices 2024

Wednesday 31st January 2024 - African Dance Workshop (Year 2/3/6)

Thursday 1st February 2024 - Whole School Poetry Competition

Friday 2nd February 2024 - Swimming Gala

Monday 5th February 2024 - Chinese Lion Dance (Year R/5)

### This week's attendance levels -

**Lynx - 97% (Key Stage 1 Winner)**

Leopard - 95.6%

Panther - 95.5%

Lion - 94.4%

Bobcat - 95.9%

Marozi - 95.2%

**Bengal - 97.3% (Key Stage 2 Winner)**

Cougar - 95%

Liger - 95%

Ocelot - 94.3%

Jaguar - 95.2%

Puma - 96.7%

Tigon - 95%

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 11TH DECEMBER 2023

<b>Monday</b>	Beef Meatballs with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Quorn Balls with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Paella with Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Spanish Quorn Fillet with Rice, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day Breakfast	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Ham & Pineapple Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Crispers	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Lemon Fish Bites with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Coco Sponge with Cocoa Sauce

### **Year 2 Trip -**

On Monday, the children in Year 2 will be visiting the Tower of London. The coach will be leaving at 8:45am. Gates will be open from 8:30am for Year 2 children. We will be leaving the Tower of London at 2:30pm and expect to be back for end of day (traffic dependent). Children will need to bring packed lunches or have preordered a school packed lunch.

### **This week at school -**

This week has been the busiest week of the year so far. We have held a range of events from Bedtime Stories, performances, trips, West Thurrock Academy Christmas Day and even managed to fit in a visit from Father Christmas for the children in Early Years! All of the staff hope the children have really enjoyed the festive activities that they have been able to take part in. On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff for giving up their free time to make events such as Bedtime Stories and the trips happen. Without their support, we would not be able to offer half as many events as we do.

### **Remaining performances before Christmas -**

We have several performances coming up before the end of term. Families involved should have already received a letter linked to the performance. The key dates for these can be found below. If you have any questions about any of the performances, please contact the office.

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 @ 12:30pm

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Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assemblies will take place between January and July and Year 6 Puppet Performance will take place in July.