



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 14 - 12th January 2024

### Holiday Dates -

**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 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)

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Internet Safety Day

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Year 6 Gaming Trip - Liger

Friday 9th February 2024 - Year 6 Gaming Trip - Lion

Friday 23rd February 2024 - Maths Escape Room Experience (Year3 - 6)

Monday 26th February 2024 - Internet Safety Workshops

Monday 26th February 2024 - Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session @ 8pm

Thursday 29th February 2024 - Author Visit - Anna Kemp

### This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 96%

Leopard - 97.3%

Panther - 90.7%

Lion - 98%

Bobcat - 95.2%

Marozi - 90.7%

Bengal - 96%

Cougar - 95.2%

**Liger - 98.3% - Key Stage 2 Winner**

**Ocelot - 100% - Key Stage 1 Winner**

Jaguar - 93%

Puma - 95%

Tigon - 96.3%

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 15TH JANUARY 2024

<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausage with Chips, Beans and Peas	Vegan Sausage with Chips, Beans and Peas	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Chocolate Cookie
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Berries & Cream
<b>Thursday</b>	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	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers with Mash, Beans and Peas	Vegetable Fingers with Mash, Beans and Peas	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail

## Young Voices 2024

If your child is attending the Young Voices event next week, please ensure that they promptly arrive at school on Friday. The children will be walking to Chafford Hundred Station to catch the train to London. We are hoping to leave at 10am. Please ensure your child has two packed lunches which they will consume at different points during the day. For those parents who are not collecting their child(ren) from the O2 after the event, please collect your child(ren) from Chafford Hundred Station at 9:45pm. If there are any changes to these details, we will communicate with parents via Parent Mail.

## Clubs

Clubs will be starting next week. If your child has been allocated a place in a club, you would have received an email from the school asking you to submit a form to confirm the collection arrangements from the club. If you have not yet returned the form, please do so over the weekend.

## Thurrock Council Childcare Reforms and Parent Entitlement Survey

As you may be aware, the government are introducing significant changes in childcare, with increased 15 and 30 hours childcare support for children from 9 months to 2 years and wraparound care for all primary aged children. In order to help the Council to identify a clearer understanding and need for the type and details of childcare parents require, we are asking parents to complete a survey of need.

### What are the Childcare Reforms and Parent Entitlement

Working parents will be supported through an extension of the current funded childcare offer. Currently, parents who work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 are entitled to 30 hours free childcare a week for children aged three to four.

The scheme is now expanding so that working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare. Before and after school childcare is also to be extended to provide more locally available places.

From April 2024 - working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare.

From September 2024 - 15 hours of funded childcare will be extended to all children from the age of nine months.

From September 2025 - Working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare per week.

From September 2024 - Thurrock are aiming to provide additional wraparound (from 8-9am / 3-6pm) childcare places for children from Reception to Year 6.

From September 2026 - All schools able to offer 8am to 6pm wraparound on their own or in partnership.

### Key dates:

Parent Survey for New Entitlement – Survey currently open, closes 31st January 2024.

**To complete the survey, please use the link below:**

[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)