West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 2 - 18th September 2026

Attendance League Table: 26 - 27 Academic Year

Pos	Class	%
1st	Cougar	97.7
2nd	Panther	96.9
3rd	Ocelot	96.8
4th	Puma	96.8
5th	Jaguar	95.9
6th	Leopard	95.7
7th	Bobcat	95.2
8th	Marozi	94.8
9th	Lynx	94.6
10th	Tigon	89.7
11th	Liger	88.9
12th	Lion	88.1

Upcoming Holidays

Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Sunday 1st November 2026

INSET Day - School closed

Friday 18th December 2026

Last day of school - Friday 17th July 2026 - (2pm Finish)

September 2026

25th – Flu Vaccinations

29th - Nursery – Teddy Bears Picnic Trip

29th – NSPCC Workshops (Year 2,5,6)

October 2026

1st – Black History Month

1st – Year 2 Forest School

1st – National Poetry Day

5th – Year 4 Dress Up

6th – Year 4 - Science Museum Trip

7th – Cheetah, Caracal and Tiger Class - Harlow Town Park Trip

8th- Year 3 Colchester Zoo Trip

13th – Year 5 Sharing Assembly

15th – Year 3 Slime Making

19th – Rock Kidz Concert

20th- Year 1 Weald Park Trip

November 2026

W/C 2nd – Poppy Sale (Reception to lead)

4th – Individual Photo Day

5th – Reception Edible Fireworks

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 21ST SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuna Tri Colour Pasta Bake served with Mixed Salad & Garlic Bread	Macaroni Cheese served with Mixed Salad & Garlic Bread (V)	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or White Chocolate Chip Cookie
Tuesday	All Day Breakfast Pork Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans & Bread & Butter Fingers	Veggie All Day Breakfast Vegan Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Hash Brown, Tomato, Baked Beans & Bread & Butter Fingers (V)	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Barbecue Chicken served with Wholemeal Rice & Broccoli	Barbecue Boston Beans served with Wholemeal Rice & Broccoli (Ve)	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly
Thursday	Mild Beef & Cheese Tortilla Slice served with Mexican Ashlyn's Salsa	Cheese & Vegetable Stack Wrap served with Mexican Ashlyn's Salsa (V)	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	MSC Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Singapore Vegetable Noodles (Ve)	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Lemon Drizzle Cake

Construction area

This week, the pupils in Year 2 had the opportunity to use our construction area. **Next week, it will be the turn of Year 3.** This means that the children in Year 3 who intend to use the space are encouraged to attend school wearing clothes suitable for outdoor, messy play all week.

International Democracy Day

On Tuesday, the children took part in a number of activities to help them learn about Democracy. During the day, the children attended an assembly, had the chance to vote, discussed a number of issues in an open, free and respectful way and provided their ideas of how they could make WTA even better. The whole school vote was linked to which special literacy visitor they would like to attend the school this year. Every child had the chance to vote for an author, poet or illustrator. The school's PLT visited each class to collect their votes and after counted all votes that had been cast. The results can be found below:

Author	104	**Poet**	87	**Illustrator**	140

Considering the outcome of the vote, I am pleased to inform the school that before the end of the academic year, we will be visited by an illustrator. I am also happy to announce that after we received several requests from the children, we will also be bringing back the Cheese Toastie for our upcoming census day menu and are considering it for our new menu ,which will be published later in the autumn term.

Permissions

As we head into our third school week of the year, please ensure any unsubmitted permission forms are completed and returned as quickly as possible. If you require another copy, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Class Information Documents

Our newly created Class Information documents have been finished and sent out. As stated previously, these documents are designed to provide parents with helpful information in a simple and clear one page document. An updated version of this document will be produced and distributed at the beginning of next term.

Clubs

A letter outlining this term's clubs was sent out this week and the portal to sign up for clubs went live last night. Clubs will begin week commencing Monday 28th September 2026 and will continue until Friday 11th December 2026. If you have not yet registered your child for a club and would like to, please log onto your Arbor account and follow the instructions. Once registered for a club, you will receive an email to complete a Google Form with collection information. Children will not be able to attend any clubs until we receive this information.

Collection information

To ensure the school can effectively safeguard your child, we require accurate information about who has permission to collect them from school. In addition to this information, we are continuing to offer the chance for parents to provide a password that will be used when collecting their child. I am aware that only a small handful of parents took this option up last year but still feel it is important for families who wish to add this further layer of security have the option to do so. Thank you to those who have already completed the form. If you have yet to fill in the form, please do so using the link below: **Click here to complete the 2026 - 2027 Child Collection Permission Form**