West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 3 - 25th September 2026

Attendance League Table: 26 - 27 Academic Year

Pos	Class	%
1st	Cougar	97.3
2nd	Puma	97.2
3rd	Bobcat	97.1
4th	Ocelot	96.6
5th	Marozi	95.9
6th	Jaguar	95.8
7th	Lynx	95.1
8th	Panther	94.9
9th	Leopard	94.7
10th	Tigon	92.6
11th	Liger	91.6
12th	Lion	89

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

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

5th – Year 5 Board Games

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday	Italian Beef Bolognaise served with Pasta	Vegetable & Lentil Bolognaise served with Pasta	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Vanilla Shortbread
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets served with Seasoned Potato Wedges & Spaghetti Hoops	Plant Based Nuggets served with Seasoned Potato Wedges & Spaghetti Hoops	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli, Sliced Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Jollof Rice	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Frozen Yoghurt
Thursday	**Census Day Menu - Please see attached poster**			
Friday	MSC Battered Cod served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Homemade Falafel served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Chocolate Brownie

Construction area

This week, the pupils in Year 3 had the opportunity to use our construction area. **Next week, it will be the turn of Year 6.** This means that the children in Year 6 who intend to use the space are encouraged to attend school wearing clothes suitable for outdoor, messy play all week.

Seesaw

Today, we have sent out QR codes to provide families with access to your child's Seesaw account. If you have yet to submit your consent form, please do so as soon as possible. Your child's QR code will not be sent home until the consent document has been completed and returned to school.

Curriculum Information

I am pleased to inform parents that we have revised our curriculum overviews which outline the topics and aspects of learning the children will be accessing during the Autumn Term. Today, you should have received an email with a link for you to use to access these documents. The web page can also be accessed using the link below. It is our hope that the information provided will provide you with a greater understanding of the learning that your child will be exploring over the coming weeks and months.

https://www.westthurrockacademy.co.uk/parents/year-group-overviews

Clubs

Clubs will begin as of Monday 28th September. If your child has a place at one of the school clubs, you would have received an online form to fill in which will provide the club leader with collection information. Your child will be unable to attend their club until this document is submitted. There are still a small number of club spaces available. If you would like your child to attend a club and have yet to sign up, please contact the office who will be able to provide you with the information you will require.

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**

Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find the information we have linked to upcoming secondary school open evening events below:

Harris Academy Riverside- Wednesday 30th September 2026

Mossbourne Fobbing Academy- Thursday 1st October 2026 5pm-7:30pm

Mossbourne Port Side Academy- Monday 5th, Tues 6th, Weds 7th October (Open Morning Tours)

Ormiston Park Academy- Thursday 8th October 2026

Thames Park Secondary School- Evening of Thursday 8th October 2026

WEST THURROCK "HAPPY MEAL"

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

ENJOY A DELICIOUS BOX MEAL PACKED WITH FUN!

CHOOSE FROM

- BEEF BURGER
- CHICKEN NUGGETS
- QUORN BURGER
- CHEESE TOASTIE

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

ALL SERVED WITH CHIPS & CUCUMBER STICKS

FOR DESSERT SUGARED JAM DOUGHNUT!

PLUS A SURPRISE TOY IN EVERY BOX!

ALL MEALS INCLUDE A SPECIAL DRINK!

SCAN HERE TO VIEW ALLERGEN INFORMATION

GOOD FOOD. GREAT FUN. HAPPY LUNCH!

Could your child be eligible to receive more support at school?

FSM Eligibility Checker PRIZE DRAW!

Check your child's eligibility and be in with a chance to WIN!

All families who use the checker to check their eligibility will be entered into a prize draw, regardless of whether their child is found to be eligible or not.

Only one entry per family will be included in the draw.

1st Prize
£150 Voucher

2nd Prize
£100 Voucher

3rd Prize
£50 Voucher

How do I enter?

Simply visit the **LGfL Free School Meals Eligibility Checker** using the link below or scan the QR code provided.

↑ Scan me

https://fsm.lgfl.net/app

Quick | **Confidential** | **Free**

If you require any assistance, please contact **Mrs McLoughlin** in the school office, who will be happy to help.