West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 4 - 2nd October 2026

Attendance League Table: 26 - 27 Academic Year

Pos	Class	%
1st	Puma	97.5
2nd	Cougar	97.3
3rd	Ocelot	96.7
4th	Marozi	96.6
5th	Bobcat	96.4
6th	Jaguar	96.1
7th	Lynx	95.8
8th	Leopard	94.6
9th	Panther	94.4
10th	Tigon	93.7
11th	Liger	92.8
12th	Lion	88.9

Upcoming Holidays

Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Sunday 1st November 2026

INSET Day - School closed

Friday 18th December 2026

Last day of school - Wednesday 21st July 2027- (2pm Finish)

October 2026

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

11th – Remembrance Day

12th – Year 2 Follow a Recipe

13th – Children in Need (Year 2 to lead)

16th - 20th - Anti Bullying Week

16th – Odd Sock Day (Year 1 to lead)

17th/18th – Year 5 Walk Online Roadshow

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 5TH OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Cheese & Ham Pizza served with Rainbow Coleslaw & Cucumber Sticks	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Rainbow Coleslaw & Cucumber Sticks	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Cherry Cookies
Tuesday	Barbecue Chicken Mac 'n' Cheese served with Vegetable Medley	Barbecue Chickpeas Mac 'n' Cheese served with Vegetable Medley	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in a Sweet Tomato Sauce served with Wholemeal Pasta & Carrots	Chickpea, Pepper & Tomato Pasta Bake served with Carrots	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Chocolate Krispie Cake
Thursday	Ashlyns Beef Burger in a Bun with Seasoned Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Meat Free Burger in a Bun with Seasoned Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	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	Caramelised Onion Quiche served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Ice Cream

Construction area

This week, the pupils in Year 6 had the opportunity to use our construction area. **Next week, it will be the turn of Year 1.** This means that the children in Year 1 who intend to use the space are encouraged to attend school wearing clothes suitable for outdoor, messy play all week.

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

Year 4 Science Museum Trip – Tuesday 6th October

A reminder that our Year 4 pupils will be visiting the Science Museum in London on Tuesday 6th October 2026 as part of their learning linked to their Science topic, The Digestive System. Children should arrive at school as normal, wearing full school uniform. Unless you have already ordered a school packed lunch, your child should bring one with them. We expect to return to school at approximately 4:00pm. Thank you to all families who have already made their contribution and completed the necessary arrangements.

Caracal, Cheetah & Tiger Class Trip – Wednesday 7th October

A reminder that pupils in Caracal, Cheetah and Tiger classes will be visiting Harlow Town Park on Wednesday 7th October 2026 as part of their communication learning. Children will leave school at approximately 9:15am and are expected to return by 1:00pm. During the visit, pupils will have opportunities to communicate in their own individual ways within an unfamiliar environment while accessing the park's play areas and walks. Children will have a snack break while at the park and will eat their lunch on their return to school. Thank you to all families who have already made their contribution and completed the necessary arrangements.

Year 3 Colchester Zoo Trip – Thursday 8th October

A reminder that our Year 3 pupils will be visiting Colchester Zoo on Thursday 8th October 2026 as part of their Science learning about Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System. Children should arrive at school as normal. We will leave at approximately 9:15am and expect to return at around 4:00pm. Children should wear their PE kit and trainers, as there will be lots of walking during the day. As October weather can be unpredictable, please also ensure your child brings a raincoat. Unless you have already ordered a school packed lunch, your child should bring one with them. Thank you to all families who have already made their contribution and completed the necessary arrangements.

Morning Classroom Access – Years 1 to 6

A polite reminder to parents and carers that, in the mornings, please do not come to classroom doors to speak with teachers. At the start of the day, teachers are responsible for ensuring that all children enter safely, settle quickly and are ready to learn. As there are rarely additional support staff based in classrooms at this time, conversations at the classroom door can distract teachers from supervising and settling the children and can disrupt the start of learning.

If you need to pass on a message or speak with your child's teacher, please use Seesaw or speak with them at the end of the school day. If something is urgent and cannot wait, please speak to a member of staff on duty or contact the school office.

Thank you for helping us to ensure a safe, calm and purposeful start to the school day for all children.

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

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

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