West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 5 - 9th October 2026

Attendance League Table: 26 - 27 Academic Year

Pos	Class	%
1st	Cougar	97.4
2nd	Puma	97.2
3rd	Marozi	96.8
4th	Lynx	96.6
5th	Jaguar	96.4
6th	Bobcat	96.4
7th	Ocelot	96.2
8th	Leopard	95.4
9th	Tigon	94.8
10th	Liger	93.6
11th	Panther	93.5
12th	Lion	89.7

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

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

19th – Year 5 Space Experience

24th – Tallest Man in Britain Visit

26th – Nursery Performance to Parents

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 12TH OCTOBER 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 1 had the opportunity to use our construction area. **Next week, it will be the turn of Year 4.** This means that the children in Year 4 who intend to use the space are encouraged to attend school wearing clothes suitable for outdoor, messy play all week.

Pupil Leadership Team Update

This week, the members of our Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) and School Council have been working together to gather the views of the children they represent and, importantly, act upon the feedback received. Their current project has focused on improving our wet play provision. School Council representatives have spoken to their classes about the types of toys and games they would like to have available during wet play before sharing their suggestions with the Pupil Leadership Team. Yesterday, Miss Power and I accompanied the PLT and School Council Leader to Smyths Toy Superstores, where the children were given the responsibility of selecting and purchasing a wide range of new toys and games for classrooms across the school. In total, the children spent just over £1,250 on new resources, which were then presented to their fellow pupils during a special section of our Celebration Assembly. This has been a fantastic example of pupil leadership in action. The children have not simply shared their own ideas but have listened to those they represent, considered the needs of others and made decisions that will benefit pupils across the whole school. Judging by the weather as I write this newsletter, I suspect the new toys and games will be put to good use very soon! I would like to thank all our School Councillors and members of the Pupil Leadership Team for taking their responsibilities so seriously. They have demonstrated the importance of pupil voice and shown how children can make a genuine and positive difference to school life.

Year 5 Sharing Assembly

We would like to invite our Year 5 parents and carers to join us for a special Sharing Assembly on Tuesday 13th October at 2:30pm in the school hall. During the assembly, the children will have the opportunity to showcase some of the fantastic learning they have completed so far this term. They will be sharing examples of their work from a range of subjects including: Music, Geography, Art, Science, Writing and Maths.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to celebrate the children's achievements and gain an insight into the learning taking place in Year 5. We look forward to welcoming you and hope you can join us for this special occasion.

Last Chance to Enter Our Free School Meals Prize Draw!

There is just one week left for families to enter our Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Checker Prize Draw which **closes on Friday 16th October**. We are encouraging all families to take just a few minutes to check whether their child may be eligible for additional support at school. Even if you do not think your child will qualify, we would still encourage you to complete the check. Every family who completes the eligibility checker will be entered into our prize draw, regardless of whether their child is eligible for Free School Meals. There are three fantastic prizes available: **1st Prize: £150 voucher, 2nd Prize: £100 voucher and 3rd Prize: £50 voucher.**

The checker is quick, free and confidential, and only one entry per family will be included in the draw. To take part, simply visit **https://fsm.lgfl.net** or scan the QR code on our poster found at the back of this newsletter. Not only could your family win a prize, but completing the check could also help the school access additional funding to support children's education.

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.

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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.