



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

28th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to start by congratulating all our Spirit to Succeed medal winners from this morning's assembly. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments from staff not only from our winners but also about other children in their class who have demonstrated resilience in their learning and attitude around school.

Attendance

Most pleasing this morning, was the number of children who received a certificate for attending school every day during the Spring term. In addition to this, we also see an increase in the number of children who were awarded a Silver Attendance Award, this shows that they have attended school every day during both the Autumn and Spring term. It shows that all the work we have done in working with you to improve attendance has had an impact and most importantly is having an impact on the education of your children. We will continue during the Summer term to track attendance closely.



Congratulations to: Jeslord, Adyan, Hajraa, Alice, Caeli, Zaid, Muhammad, Oscar, Enaysa, Freddy, Mohammad, Muhammad, Anaya, Nard, Godfrey, Makanaka, Hila, Alexia, Damilola, Anaya, Deborahay, Reaiah, Anannya, Eden, Julio, Era, Zakariya, Michaela, Enzo, Parmeet, Radu, Noach, Rebeka, Harvey J, Amol, Adelaide, Ines, Harvey, David Kathvee and Adwaith

Nursery Applications for September 2024

Parents are reminded that applications for Nursery places 2024 - 2025 are now open. Parents can request an application pack from the School Office



Shared Reading

Year 6 visited the Nursery class this week to share their love of reading. Y6 children remembered being in Nursery themselves and they were very kind in sharing stories and poems with the little ones. Happy to say both classes enjoyed the experience and we are planning to repeat this activity next term.



Clubs

The after-school sports clubs will continue after the Easter break.

Monday Y5 & Y6 Football Club
Tuesday Y1 & Y2 Football Club
Wednesday Y3 – Y6 Roller Skating
Thursday Y3 & Y4 Football Club

Please sign your child up by visiting the School Monday Payment System.

This term's Sports Certificates were awarded to:



PE Star & Charter Certificates – Spring Term 2024

	PE Star Learner	PE Charter
Y1 Sycamore	Arta	Layla
Y2 Hawthorn	Arvin	Freddy
Y3 Rowan	Makanaka	Alveena
Y4 Cedar	Lily	Aviel
Y4 Mulberry	Anannya	Nathan
Y5 Chestnut	Esther	Aaron
Y6 Birch	Robert	Ines
Y6 Elm	Aliyah	Harvey

Spirit to Succeed Winners



	Adult Vote	Child Vote
Nursery	Ammar - Ammar has a great attitude to school and learning. He has participated willingly and enthusiastically in all activities, always trying to do his best. Well done, Ammar!	Lola - Lola always kind and helpful to all around her. Her teacher appreciates her support whenever she is asked. It is a pleasure to have her in the class and see her happy, smiling face everyday.
Reception	Zaid - for the amazing progress in all areas of learning, especially reading and writing. He has come do far with his learning and always tries his best, being a great role model for all his friends. We are all very proud of him and we know he will achieve great things in his future with support from her family and teachers.	Caeli - for being an amazing friend to all the children. She will always arrive to school with a big smile on her face for everyone. She is the first to help any friend in need with their learning or if they need a hug to wipe away any tears. Caeli made fantastic progress in all her areas of learning, especially reading.
Y1 Sycamore	Enaysa - She always follows the 6Rs. She is a careful, kind girl who can now be counted on to make good choices. She makes good choices with her behaviour, learning and in her friendships, becoming more able to take the lead in the group, finding fun things to do. She has certainly learnt good ways to make friends, learning how to be a friendly listener and sharer. She loves to try new things at school and then try them again at home with her grown-ups. Enaysa takes her time to finish her learning in the best way she can, happy to try again if she needs to. This is helping her to make good progress. Well done to Enaysa!	Oscar - We like Oscar because he is friendly and fun. He helps us with our drawing because he is a good artist. He makes sure everyone is joining in and not left lonely. Oscar tries hard every day with his learning. Hooray for Oscar!

Y2 Hawthorn	<p>Aden - He always follows the 6Rs. He is a responsible boy who we can always count on to be making positive choices. Aden follows instructions from all members of staff, shows respect to all and always tries his best in all of his learning. He has worked exceptionally hard this year to become a more independent learner and comes to school every day with a smile on his face, ready to learn.</p>	<p>Anaya - She is respectful to everyone and pleasant to be around, she always listens to the teacher and tries her best in her learning and she is kind to everyone.</p>
Y3 Rowan	<p>Kish - When children voted for this child they highlighted that this child is a good friend, always tries their best to do their work and consistently listens to the teacher and follows and demonstrates the 6Rs every day at school. I have been so impressed by his resilience in all his areas of learning that this child has produced for this term. Well done Kish for an amazing effort for the Spring term!</p>	<p>Joel K - This person was described as a good friend and has been working very hard in all his areas of learning. The children of Rowan have recognised that he has been working hard and is a great role model towards. We will miss him very dearly and wish him good luck in his new school. The children voted this child for these reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always listens to the teacher • Kind and respectful towards others
Y4 Mulberry	<p>Zak T - I am delighted to be able to stand up here to share how fantastic this special member of Mulberry Class is. As well as modelling many of the 6Rs on a regular basis this person stands out with how hard he tries in lessons and how much he has been impressing me this term with his motivation and effort. This person helps many people in class (including myself), always gets on with his work and has a fantastic sense of humour- he regularly makes me laugh. A ginormous 'Well Done' from us all in Year 4, especially Mulberry Class, goes to Zak T. Amazing work Zak- we are very proud.</p>	<p>Reaiah - Here are some of the things that the children of Mulberry Class have said about why this person deserves the medal award this term: She is a good friend She is always kind to me when I am sad She always cheers people up when they are sad I am delighted to be able to award Reaiah the children's medal class award for Mulberry Class. Well done Reaiah, we are all incredibly proud of you!</p>

Y4 Cedar	<p>Amelia- Amelia has been awarded for her: Increased confidence, resilience and motivation Determination to succeed Accelerated progress in Reading</p> <p>Children's Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is a great role model • She makes me laugh • She cares for people • Whenever I am sad I can always rely on her to make me feel better. • Her confidence has boost up a lot. • She is kind 	<p>Saheer- Saheer has been awarded for his: Resilience Kindness Respect A wonderful student with amazing manners and always with a smile on his face</p> <p>Children's Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is always nice to me and is a kind friend to everyone • He shows good behaviour and follows the 6Rs and is very respectful • He does amazing work • He always follows the rules and never gets told off • If I have no one to play with he always comes and asks if I want to play. He is a nice friend and like a brother to me. • He will always check on me and plays with me
Y5 Chestnut	<p>Parmeet - Both the adults and children thought of this person. When children voted for her they highlighted that she is a good friend, she is kind and helpful, tries her best on her work. Parmeet is always ready to start her learning, she is always willing to support all those around her. She is a role model on and off the playground by always following the 6Rs.</p>	<p>Radhiya - This person was thought of by both teachers and the children. When children voted for her they highlighted that she is a good friend, kind, tries her best. Many highlighted how she shows respect to everyone in class. They are always ready to start their learning. Radhiya is a role model and always has a smile on her face.</p>
Y6 Birch	<p>Adelaide - is a role model student for showing her 6 R's. Throughout Year 6, her confidence has massively increased which is reflecting in her work. She is a lovely friend to all children and a lovely student to have in class.</p>	<p>Rebeka - is always respectful to all children and adults. She always tries her hardest and makes huge amounts of effort. She constantly shows the 6 R's and is a role model for her learning attitude and behaviour</p>
Y6 Elm	<p>Anas - for taking great pride in all that he does. He has worked hard, taken on advice, which has been reflected in his progress and attainment. Anas is also a great friend and helps others who need it.</p>	<p>Kashvee - for being kind and always helping others in class and on the playground. She is an excellent role model who always works hard and tries her best.</p>

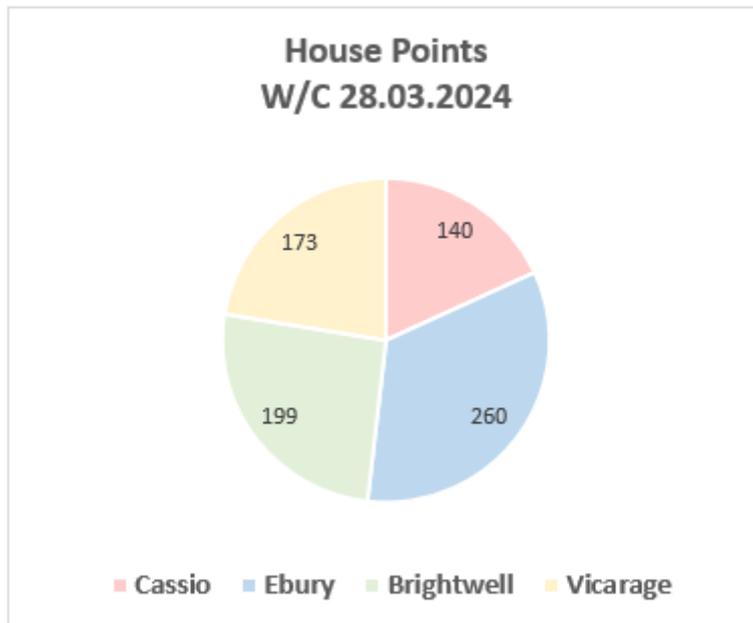
This Term's Spanish Certificates were awarded to:



Sultan
Enaysa
Arvin
Athmika
Alveena
Godfrey
Oliver
Hila
Anannya
Eden
Edi
Radhiya
Sainabou
Dylan
Rebeka
Nived



House Points



The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 8:50am

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher



WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

UNDER-19S FREE* GYM AND SWIM

MONDAY 3RD APRIL - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023

Watford Leisure Centre - CENTRAL

FREE SWIM - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Main Pool - 13:00 - 14:00

Main Pool - 14:00 - 15:00

FREE GYM** - Mondays & Wednesdays

14:00 - Free Junior Induction

15:00 - Free Gym Session (11-15yrs)

Watford Leisure Centre - WOODSIDE

FREE SWIM - Mondays and Wednesdays

Main Pool - 10:30 - 11:30

Main Pool - 11:30 - 12:30

Main Pool - 13:30 - 14:30

Learner Pool - 14:30 - 15:30

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15:00 - Free Gym Session (11-15yrs)

All sessions are bookable on the
Everyone Active App.

*Terms and conditions apply, ensure you register on site prior to the 3rd April 2023.

**16 years+ can do an online gym induction and under 16's need to book a gym induction.

*** 10th April opening hours are reduced to 9am-5pm.

EVERYONE CAN KEEP ACTIVE THIS EASTER

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Everyone Active manages these facilities in partnership with Watford Borough Council.





"What's On?"



Cassiobury Farm & Fishery Open Day & Giant Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 31st March and Monday 1st April 9am—4pm

Hidden throughout the site are giant golden Easter eggs and popular Easter themed characters. Follow your treasure map to find them all

<https://allevents.in/watford/200026166269548>



Easter Trail

Easter trail at Cassiobury Park.

Self led trail to find all the hidden springtime characters around the park and earn a sweet treat! The trail takes about 1 hr for families to complete and each attending child must purchase a ticket through Eventbrite.

Adults must accompany their children during the event

<https://allevents.in/watford/200026253257736>

Play Rangers

Join the Play Ranger team this Easter for lots of fun egg-citing adventures. We will be exploring local woodland and open spaces, toasting marshmallows, den building, campfires, rope swings, team games, sporting activities and lots more!

Sessions are **FREE** to attend but you must register in advance.

[https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/leisure-parks-culture/play/play-rangers#Holiday%](https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/leisure-parks-culture/play/play-rangers#Holiday%20)



Woodland Fairytale Trail

Chorleywood Common 4th/5th April 10am-2pm

Suitable for all ages
Sweet Treat Prize for all on Completion.

Trail is walking only and suitable for Pushchairs.
Come with wellies as the common can be muddy!

Fancy Dress is always welcome...
Trail lasts approximately 1hr
Tickets will only be required for all children and must be accompanied by an adult when participating

[Buy tickets – Woodland Fairytale Trail – Chorleywood Common, Thu 4 Apr 2024 10:00 AM - Fri 5 Apr 2024 3:00 PM \(tickettailor.com\)](https://www.tickettailor.com)



Atria Watford Spring Craft Workshops

FREE half-term Easter fun from Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April. Daily from 11am to 4pm in Charter Place near Puttshack

From personalised watering cans to ceramic bee feeders, there's something for every young maker to enjoy. Little ones can take home their unique creations, adding a touch of spring to your home or garden.

<https://atriawatford.com/events/easter-crafts>

Free Gym & Swim

Everyone Active's Watford Central and Watford Woodside leisure centres are inviting under 19s to keep active during the school Easter holiday with free access to their gyms and swimming pools from **Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023**

<https://www.everoneactive.com/>

