



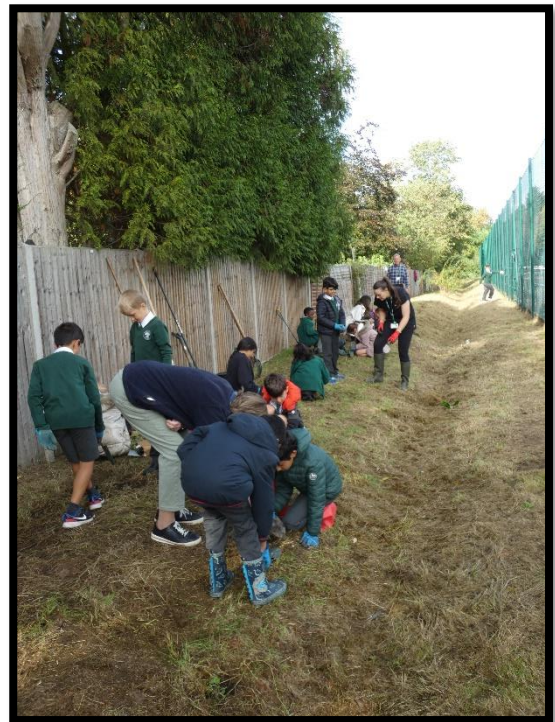
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**Newsletter: 4. 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RESPECT

Our assembly focus this week for our KS2 and KS1 children was on our value of respect. We were delighted when we were given the opportunity to help show some respect to our local environment. Our school council and Eco-Warriors worked together on their first project this week. We were invited by Jess from Three Rivers District Council to help make our Eastbury Recreation Ground more attractive to bees, butterflies and other important wildlife. The children planted native wildflowers and cast wildflower seeds. We can't wait till springtime when we might start to see the impact of our work. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Tooley for helping both me and Mrs Cachra with this.



"Another massive 'thank you' from me, to your staff, eco-warriors and school council. The students represented your school fantastically and I imagine you are incredibly proud. When colleagues asked me how the planting went, the first thing that I said to them was how polite the students were!"

We were delighted to receive such a positive email regarding the children's behaviour from Jess following the event.

## Harvest Festivals & Donations

The pupils and staff are busy preparing for the upcoming Harvest Assemblies. For some of our younger children this is the first time that they will be performing in front of an audience and we are really looking forward to sharing this moment with them. Like previous years, we will be collecting Harvest donations here in school which will be taken to Hillingdon Food Bank. Hillingdon Foodbank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working together to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. If you would like to donate, the most urgently required items are: *toilet roll paper, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, jam, toiletries, jam, sugar, long life milk, sauces, tinned meat & fish and rice pudding/custard.* Mrs Cachra is currently trying to organise a visit to the Foodbank for our School Council Reps who will see first-hand how these items are sorted, organised and distributed and how valuable our donations are. On their return, they will feedback to the rest of the children across the school. Please do start sending these items in from Monday until the end of this half term. We appreciate that for some families this may be challenging however if just one item could be spared from your grocery shop, this will make a massive difference to another family. Thank you for whatever support you can give.



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## Reminder from Mrs Duke our SENCO



I would like to invite you to a SEN focused coffee morning in the STEM room on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45-10.15am** where myself and Georgie, our School Family worker will be available to chat and signpost you to additional support that is available. All parents are welcome, regardless of whether your child has an SEN need. Please could you reply to let me know if you are able to attend by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October so that I can plan for the correct numbers. Many thanks Mrs Duke

## Musical Saturdays at the music school

We can be found at The Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse, 70 Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD18 7JA Tel 01923 225531.

Please sign up before you come at <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

We look forward to seeing you. We have lots of fun making music.

Saturday

9:00-9:40am	Explore Reception	Children sing, dance and play simple percussion instruments, as well as creating their own music	£59 per term
10:00-10:40am	Explore Music Year 1	Children sing, dance and play simple percussion instruments, as well as creating their own music	£59 per term
10:50-11:30am	Explore Music Year 2	Children do all the activities from Explore Music Reception/year 1 and begin to play the recorder	£59 per term
9:00-11:00am	Sing Make Play Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sing-warm up session for all KS2 children. Make-children create and perform their own music in their year groups. Children learn to play instruments together	£99 per term

## Team work with Play Rangers



Children in Oak having a great time and hopefully not getting too wet!

The beautiful autumn weather that we have been having has really enhanced the fun children have had at their team building sessions. The sessions are designed to get our newly mixed classes working together, collaborating and getting to know each other. All of this will have a positive impact in the classroom.



Children from Spruce enjoying their turn.



## Amazon Wish list

We use an Amazon Wish list to add small and large items that staff have identified as resources that will make a difference in the classroom. Please have a look at the wish list, which is often updated. If you wanted to purchase anything as a donation to the school, we will be very grateful.

<https://amzn.eu/j6EiSc4>

## Christmas Jumper Sustainability



It may seem a little while off yet but Christmas will be here before we know it! Eastbury Farm School is taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December.

Research shows 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers are worn once then thrown away or unlikely to be worn again and most children don't want to wear the same one two years in a row.

So please get your old jumpers out, give them a wash and donate them to EFSA by Wednesday 29th November. Jumpers can be handed in to the school office for collection.

**We will be selling them at a pop up shop on Friday 1st December at 3pm.**

All proceeds will go to the Christmas Jumper Day charity – 'Save The Children'.

Thanks as always for your support.

**EFSA**

## Message from the Children's Commissioner of England

You may have seen that I recently launched [The Big Ambition](#), a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

I want to thank all the schools that have already participated and to the thousands of children that have had their say. I am keen to build momentum on this and so would appreciate it if you could encourage your school to take part in The Big Ambition, if you have not done so already.

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Schools play a critical role in ensuring I can hear from as many children and young people as possible. Please see The Big Ambition [webpage](#), where you will find lesson slides and additional resources, such as accessible versions of the survey, as well as responses to frequently asked questions. To further assist you, my team have hosted a series of webinars explaining how to facilitate The Big Ambition survey in a lesson, you can download the recording of one of these webinars [here](#).



Rachel de Souza

## Attendance

Oak	Willow	Sycamore	Elm	Spruce	Pine	Maple	Larch	Chestnut	Cedar A	Cedar B	Total
100%	99.3%	99.3%	98.2%	98.0%	97.6%	96%	95.3%	95.3%	95.2%	91.8%	97.0%

Ten children were late to school this week, totalling 2 hours and 22 minutes of lost learning.

Our attendance is still above target overall which is fantastic news – every day counts so thank you for your support in making sure your child is in school, on time and every day. As the term progresses, the children get tired and often feel a bit under the weather. We are more than happy to keep an eye on your child and we would always call you if we were concerned. The team in the school office are very happy to administer any medication that helps to keep them feeling well. This must be given to the office, not put in your child's bag or given to the teacher. Obviously if your child is clearly unwell with a very high temperature, the best place for them to be is at home.

As another busy week at Eastbury Farm comes to an end I just wanted to thank parents for respecting our requests regarding wheeling bikes and scooters on to the playground and staying off the equipment before the start of the school day. We are expecting a lovely hot sunny weekend so whatever your plans, please enjoy family time.

Warm regards

Miss Ormonde

.....and finally for any keen runners in our community, something for the race calendar.

**watford mencap**

**SANTA DASH**

**5K RACE & 1K FUN RUN**  
**CASSIOBURY PARK**  
**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED & FESTIVE MEDAL TO ALL WHO FINISH!

Lace up your running shoes and channel your inner Santa for our Santa Dash, all in aid of Watford Mencap!

Dan your tinsel, red suit, fluffy beard, and get ready to dash through the Cassiobury Park spreading holiday cheer. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just want to have fun, this event is perfect for all ages and abilities.

**Registration fees:**  
**£12 5k Race**  
**£8 1k Fun Run**

**Routes & Distances**  
 5k timed race  
 1k Fun Run (open to abilities & families)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER NOW, VISIT:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/WATFORDSANTADASH](https://tinyurl.com/watfordsantadash)

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