



# Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 - No.11 - Friday 28th March 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
1st Apr	Chocolate Bingo 4:00pm-5:30pm 6:00 pm- 7:30pm (Details emailed)
4th Apr	3:15pm - Break up for Easter
4th Apr	3:30pm - 4:30pm WISPA Easter Hunt (Details emailed)
7th Apr - 21st Apr Easter Holiday	
7th Apr - 17th Apr SCL Holiday Club	
22nd Apr	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
22nd Apr	World Earth Day
w/c 28th Apr	Summer Term Clubs Start
1st May	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
2nd May	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale (if required)
5th May - Bank Holiday	
7th May	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake at WJS (Building Your Child's Self-Confidence) ALL WELCOME!
7th May	9:10am Fox Class Assembly (Parents invited)
14th May	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Committee Meeting
15th May	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
w/c 19th May	Walk to School Week
<b>20th May</b>	<b>Year R Trip to Finkley Down Farm</b> (Details to follow)

Dear Parents,

One more week before the Easter holidays hardly seems possible but this is where we find ourselves! As always school has been it's usual busy hive of activity and the adoration of our feathered friends in Reception has continued (don't worry there are further details and photographs overleaf!) We were also excited to welcome a volunteer from **St Peter's Church** to share a special Easter themed assembly with us on Wednesday afternoon. We are so fortunate to have such willing volunteers in our local community who give their time to our children to extend their knowledge and understanding through interactive storytelling and discussion; thank you to Mrs Grey, our RE Co-ordinator for arranging this extended curriculum opportunity for our children. Similarly we were excited to welcome a coach from Yateley Girls Cricket Club for an inspirational assembly.

Of course I must also mention that I sincerely hope you have all had the opportunity to read our **Ofsted Report** which we sent out earlier this week. As I said in my covering message, we are all extremely proud of the comments made in the report and throughout the inspection and feedback but I would also like to add a thank you to the parents who have emailed us to pass on their congratulations; your acknowledgement is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, I am delighted that attached with this newsletter is our **Summer Term Clubs List** which includes some very exciting new opportunities! Once again we are all looking forward to as many of our pupils as possible benefitting from this so please make a note that the booking goes live at 6.00pm on Monday 31st March and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that for the Summer Term (now that our Reception pupils are fully settled with the demands of full time school), there are a number of clubs available for them to join in the fun.

In **WISPA** news there is plenty going on too! We are all looking forward to the Chocolate Bingo next week which will be hosted at the Juniors as well as our Easter Hunt at WIS next Friday after school. In addition to this, I hope you have all received the emailed details regarding the greatly anticipated Federation Colour Run. Although this event is not until towards the end of May, there is plenty to organise and we thought the Easter break may be a good time to gain sponsorship if you wish. This is always a popular event so please do book your place as soon as possible.

Finally, on the subject of well-being, please find attached to this email the wise words of the **Active April Calendar** from Action for Happiness. Next month's well-being focus is all around keeping our bodies and minds active and it would be fantastic if we all joined in the well-being fun.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



## A few reminders...

- Please remember that the end of term is 3:15pm next Friday 4th April 2025
- If you are sending your child in with **grapes** in their lunchbox please ensure they are cut in half for health & safety.
- Please may we once again remind parents not to use the **staff car** park at any time as it is for the use of staff and deliveries only.

# What have we been learning?

## Reception

Despite a few fluffy and feathered distractions, we have been extremely busy in terms of our learning! Last week we celebrated our similarities and differences on World Down Syndrome Day by drawing ourselves as unique flowers and then planting a sunflower garden in the courtyard. We learnt some new Makaton songs and now know over 30 signs, what an amazing achievement! This week we have been out in the garden planting potatoes, herbs and digging up worms for our bug hotel. We are looking forward to some Easter celebrations next week, with a special feathered guest booked in for a visit!



Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

We have had a fun time during our Science lessons in Year One this week as we have used our senses of taste, sight and smell to investigate. We first looked and smelt to predict which flavour the jelly would be. Then we got to taste the jelly to see if our predictions were correct. Most of us loved the different tastes... but not everybody! In Maths we have been counting in 2ps and 10ps to pretend to pay for things which made us think with real care so we selected the correct coins. In English we have written our own versions of 'The Tiger Who Came For Tea' using our own choice of animals. The stories ended up being very different to the original one and we are incredibly proud to be such creative authors.



Mrs Mallett, Year 1 Class Teacher

## Year 2

This week the children were very excited to make their own fruit salads. Over the past few weeks they have been learning how to use a knife to chop food safely and appropriately. They have also tasted various fruits to see what they would like to include in their own fruit salads. Mango was definitely a popular choice and so were strawberries but there was certainly a lot of variety. After reading the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and looking at the different characters, the children wrote their own stories from the seagulls point of view. We had some superb stories with powerful descriptive vocabulary - well done Year 2!



Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

There is plenty of Easter themed fun to be had as we approach our last week before the holiday. Please remember that the last remaining tickets are still available for our Federation Chocolate Bingo

[Please click here to book your tickets.](#)



Similarly, we hope there will be plenty of support for our WISPA Easter Hunt which will take place after school next Friday. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR BOOKING!



[click here to book you place for the Easter Egg Hunt](#)



## Year R Duckling Update and Fond Farewell

It has been another exciting week in Year R with our resident ducklings. Having spent the weekend at Mrs Wilson's house they returned to school on Monday and we couldn't believe how much they'd grown! Each class has enjoyed time with them in their classrooms, stroking them, watching them eating and drinking and even having a bath. They have grown so much and would have normally gone back to the farm at the end of this week however, luckily for us Mrs Green (AKA Mother Goose!) has adopted all five of them adding to her growing chicken and duck family. This means that we will have regular updates and photos and maybe even a visit from one when it's all grown up. It's been a quacking experience and we would like to thank WISPA for funding this very exciting extended curriculum opportunity (and well-being therapy!) for us all, it has been so magical! The Year R Team



## KS1 Yateley Girls Cricket Assembly

On Tuesday afternoon our KS1 children were presented with an exciting assembly! Rachel from Yateley Cricket Club came in to visit us and spoke to the children about this amazing sport. She explained how to play cricket and demonstrated using equipment including: stumps, a bat and a special ball. Some children even participated in a fun warm-up game and we all cheered them on! We are looking forward to our cricket taster sessions next half-term and practising various skills, including working together as a team. Mrs Anderson, PE Co-ordinator



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

We have all enjoyed yet another busy and successful week in terms of learning so, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (as always, copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

**Year R: Harriet Boakes, Robbie Millard and Lily Maskery**

**Year 1: Eve Muir, Ava Kidgell and Finley Croucher**

**Year 2: Aria Whitman, Harvey Taylor and Georgina Crowley**

Congratulations to you all, what fabulous WIS stars you are!

## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to our super swimmers **Stanley Winter** who has achieved his 5m and 7m unaided badges, **Lily Maskery** who has achieved her 5m and 6m unaided swimming distances and **Sophia Hazeldine** who has achieved her 6m unaided certificate. Well done also to **Lily Maskery** who has achieved her Level 1 Gymnastics Award.

Congratulations to our judo superstars: **Riley Thomas, Olivia Benson, Teddy Jenkins, Theo Mott, Alice Craske, Finley Croucher, Theo Jones, Alexander Levett, Freddie Packer, Bobby Price, Christian Pullen, Harry Robinson, Kiyam Sheth, Zach Worner and Harper Young** who have all achieved their yellow belts. Finally, well done to **Jesse Field** who received his Hockey Heros completion certificate.

Wow what a successful week!

## Attendance Awards

We are excited to share this week's attendance winners who are...

**Badger Class with 99%.**



**Well done to you all - an almost perfect score!**