

# Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.1 - Friday 9th January 2026

Upcoming Events	
w/c 12th Jan	First Week of Clubs
15th Jan	3:15pm - Year R WISPA Cake Sale
15th Jan	7:15pm - 8:15pm WISPA Committee Meeting
15th Jan	Year R and Year 3 Applications Close
19th Jan	World Religions Day
<u>22nd Jan</u>	8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in at WIS (all welcome)
<u>22nd Jan</u>	9.00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
<u>23rd Jan</u>	9:00am - 10:00am Single Parent Coffee Morning at WJS (details to follow)
<u>26th Jan</u>	9:00am - 10:00am SEND Parent Coffee Morning at WJS (details to follow)
26th Jan	Year 1 Space Workshops
30th Jan	Grown Ups Bingo at Yateley Cricket Club
4th Feb	9:10am - Mole Class Assembly (parents invited)
5th Feb	8:45am - 9:30am Open Session
6th Feb	3:15pm - 4:15pm Year R Party
6th Feb	4:30pm - 5:30pm Year 1 Party

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the **Spring Term 2026!** It has certainly been a rather chilly and soggy start but equally an absolute pleasure to see all of our children and families back at school after a busy end of term and a well-earned break. Despite being a shorter week as a result of our Inset Day on Monday, we have ensured that we have started as we mean to go on with lots of exciting experiences including New Year Assemblies and new learning across our classes. As usual, there are a few extra year group details overleaf and in addition to this, as introduced last year, today a copy of your child(ren)'s **Year Group Newsletter** and **Learning Overview** which provides a summary of the year group learning journeys across the whole curriculum, are attached, have been uploaded to ClassDojo and are available on our school website; we hope you find them informative in ensuring you are aware of what your children will be up to in the coming weeks.

In final Christmas news (it does feel like a long time ago now!)... I trust you all received your Nativity **photo orders** via pupil post earlier this week. I hope these will help you to recall treasured memories of the children's wonderful performances as milestones in their learning journeys.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our new additional safeguarding measure in terms of providing a **secure codeword** for pupil collection. Following a few telephone calls, all pupils now have this arrangement in place. As detailed in the original letter, it is imperative that these are used confidentially to ensure that children are only collected by authorised individuals and to support staff when collection arrangements change unexpectedly (which we know does happen rather frequently!)

Thinking ahead, I am absolutely delighted that our **spring term clubs** have once again proved to be very popular with places being booked. There are however a few places still available in Computing Club, Singing Club, Cartoon Drawing Club, Ukulele Club and Girls Football Club so if you wish for your child to participate in these valuable extended curriculum opportunities, please book via the link or contact the school office as soon as possible so our registers can be confirmed.

In terms of our family support, on Tuesday via email, you would have received Mrs Kirby's January **Parent Pages** which focuses on *Small Habits, Big Wins...* providing some valuable advice and top tips regarding little things we can all do that can make a world of difference in terms of well-being. In further well-being news, we have also attached this month's Action for Happiness Calendar, Happier January, which provides a daily reminder of ways we can all prioritise a little happiness during this rather dull month of the year.

In other WISPA news, there are a few details overleaf (and you have been emailed full details) but I also wish to encourage as many parents as possible to join us for this term's committee meeting on Thursday at 7.15pm - 8.15pm. Of course we are also all looking forward to Year R's first Cake Sale next Thursday.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman,  
Executive Headteacher



## A few reminders...

- Please remember that the **deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications** in September 2026 is **NEXT WEEK** and will close at midnight on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.
- With the chilly weather particularly, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat and a full PE Kit suitable for indoor and outdoor PE in school every day - thank you in anticipation of your support.

# What have we been learning?



## Reception

In Year R we are filled with anticipation and excitement for our new topic 'Space and Our Planet'. We will start by learning all about the rocky planets, moving on in the following weeks to the gas giants and then having some time to investigate the mysterious Kuiper Belt. We will be conducting states of matter experiments with water and ice, using our fine motor skills to create a hanging space themed mobile as well as enjoying lots of opportunities for space themed stories, dancing and role play throughout the classrooms.

Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1

The snow fall gave us an exciting start to the Spring term as we went on a winter walk spotting different signs of winter including frost, ice, evergreen and deciduous trees. We also discovered that a rocket had crash landed on our school field and we predicted where it may have come from and who it might belong to! After making our predictions, we found out it belonged to an alien called QPootle5. We have shared his story and talked about what we liked and disliked about the book as well as what we thought of books it is similar to. In Maths we have been revising our knowledge of number bonds to 10.

In Computing we have started our new unit of learning, 'moving a robot' and had fun using the Beebots by exploring how we can make them move.

Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## Year 2

The children have come back to school confidently and are quickly settling back into our class routines. Although we have only been back for a few days we have already crammed in so much learning. We visited our 'adopted' tree in the school grounds to look for signs of winter. This was particularly exciting with the snow... it was just magical! The teachers were very proud of our subsequent writing and how many of our skills we had remembered. We have also started our new story Hare and Tortoise and we found out about fables. In Maths we have been practising using our numberlines to add and subtract. Our NumBots practise has helped us recall facts quickly to help us become Maths Superstars! Our Geography work has taken us around the world! We have looked at all seven continents and found out some physical and human features in each continent. What a busy start it has been!



Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## WISPA NEWS...

We are so excited to share that as a result of all of the hard work of our amazing WISPA Team and the support of our families and staff, last term WISPA raised an extremely impressive £9,700. Thank you so much, our Courtyard Project is getting closer!

Please remember as a new year treat, WISPA are hosting the Year R Cake Sale next Thursday 15th January.



EVERYONE is also invited to the first WISPA Meeting of 2026 on Thursday evening 7:15pm - 8:15pm. The agenda is set to include some feedback from all of the Christmas festivities and upcoming events so if you are able to join us, please do so!



## Menu Change...

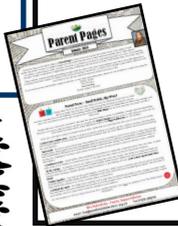
## Stir.

Please be aware that the school lunch menu for next Thursday (15th January) has changed to:  
**BBQ Chick Pizza or Margherita Pizza served with chips and peas**



## PARENT PAGES

Please remember to take a look at January's Parent Pages emailed to you this week from our fabulous Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby. This edition's theme is 'Small Habits, Big Wins' which is timely for a new year... In addition to a few wise words and links to other further reading, there are some great links for some local family fun alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps...



## Dexter's News!

Please remember Dexter's latest blog (December) is available on our School website (and was emailed and sent on ClassDojo) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by [clicking here](#).



## FINAL CALL!!!

Year R and Year 3 Applications for Sept 2026

Please remember that the deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications in September 2025 is midnight Thursday 15th January.



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

All of our classes have enjoyed a very successful first week back in terms of learning so of course, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

**Year R:** Louis Robinson, Bonnie Blake and Rosie Shaikh

**Year 1:** Lucy Haines, Edith Tinkler and Otis Black

**Year 2:** Robyn Johnson, Genie Hinde and Arya Vernon

### Out of School Achievements

Please remember that we absolutely love to take the opportunity to celebrate out of school achievements of all our pupils so please do pop any details of any success at out of school clubs or groups on an email to school and we will gladly mention them each week.

## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...



**Squirrel Class and Rabbit Class**



... both with 100%.

**Well done to you both - perfect scores!**