



Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.2 - Friday 16th January 2026

|  Upcoming Events | |
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| 19th Jan | World Religions Day |
| 22nd Jan | 8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in at WIS (all welcome) |
| 22nd Jan | 9.00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW) |
| 23rd Jan | 9:00am - 10:00am Single Parent Coffee Morning at WJS (details to follow) |
| 26th Jan | 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 |
| <u>10th Feb</u> | Safer Internet Day |
| <u>11th Feb</u> | 9:10am - Badger Class Assembly (parents invited) |
| <u>13th Feb</u> | WISPA Mufti Day |
| <u>13th Feb</u> | WISPA Doughnut Day |

Dear Parents,

I think that it is definitely true to say that our first full week of the Spring Term has been a busy one! All of the classes across the school have begun exciting new units of work as shared with you last week in our year group Spring Term Learning Overviews. Particular **curriculum highlights** this week in Year R have included creating some fantastic space art, subitising numbers and finding one more and one fewer! Year 1 have kept themselves busy designing moon buggies, learning about the history of the moon landings and exploring coding with Beebots. While our Year 2 children have been writing letters to the Hare and the Tortoise, bridging numbers in Maths and learning different balances in PE.

Relating to your children's progress with their learning, I hope you have all received the emailed covering letter from Mrs Wilson clarifying details around either your child's **Learning Targets** (Year R) or **Attainment and Progress Tracker** (Year 1/Year 2) which were sent home today via pupil post in bookbags. Our intention with these is to provide you with information as well as help to support your child's progress in reading, writing and maths. In addition to these, we have also enclosed your child's attendance certificate for the Autumn Term. As I regularly mention, the importance of attendance is imperative and whilst we completely understand that when children are unwell they are not able to attend school, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that as often as possible, please try to make medical appointments outside of school hours. Whilst similarly I understand that this cannot always be the case, there are currently a significant number of requests. As I know you are aware from previous communication, as a school we have attendance targets and as a headteacher I cannot stress enough how important attendance is to support the children's attainment, progress and enjoyment; thank you in anticipation and continuation of your support.

In extended curriculum news, I would also like to make a last call for our **Spring term clubs** as despite some fantastic numbers, there are still a few places still available (listed overleaf) and if you wish for your child to participate, please contact the school office as soon as possible. I strongly believe that our pupils gain so much from these exciting enrichment opportunities and hope that as many of our children as possible take advantage of our varied provision which develops their interests and social skills with different pupils and staff members.

Looking ahead we are all excited about embracing **World Religions Day** next week. In her capacity as our RE Co-ordinator, Mrs Grey has been very busy planning this special whole school (and federation!) event. As in previous years, we hope to make it one to remember and extend our children's understanding of different religions; I will certainly share a few more details and some photographs next week.

Finally, I absolutely must say a deeply **heartfelt thank you** to all of our parents and families for the overwhelming kindness and support you have shown following our devastating news regarding Dexter, our school dog. Your thoughtful messages, cards, flowers, gifts and warm words of comfort have meant so much to me and our school community during this sad time. It has been truly touching to see how much Dexter was loved and made such a difference to so many; the compassion you have shown has helped us all as we remember a very special member of our school family. I have said it before, but I will say it again, Westfields really is a very special community to be a part of... thank you.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please remember that if your child will not be attending school, please inform us (via the School Office not ClassDojo) of the reason for absence by 9.00 am each day to support our **safeguarding procedures**.
- **Lost Property Reminder** - I am afraid our year group boxes are overflowing already, if your child has lost an item please ask them to check or pop into school to take a look...

Governor News...

On Tuesday morning our Finance & Personnel Committee met for this term's meeting. The agenda, as usual, was a very busy one with items including our current and predicted numbers on roll as well as a review of our budget spending for the final financial quarter. In addition to this, I provided governors with an update on our buildings maintenance programme and staffing.



SPRING TERM

WISPA DATES...

To help you organise your diaries, we wanted to share this term's WISPA Calendar...



WISPA
FRIENDS OF WESTFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL



Spring Term Clubs 2026

I am absolutely delighted that our Spring Term Clubs have started this week and many of our children have already signed up to join in the fun.



For your information, there are still spaces available at: Art Club, Cartoon Drawing Club, Singing Club, Computing Club, WeeKicks Football Club and Ukulele Club.



So if you would like your child to attend any of these extended curriculum opportunities, please contact the **school office** as soon as possible to arrange their place.

| WISPA CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | | |
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| SPRING TERM 2026 | | | |
| WISPA COMMITTEE MEETING 17:15PM - 8:15PM @ WIS | 15 JAN | DOUGHNUT DAY It's Kizzy Anne's time! Prepare your weekend treats at a special doughnut prize in WISPA. | 13 FEB |
| YEAR R CAKE SALE Year R will be baking up a storm and selling to the school in the playground! | 15 JAN | READING CHALLENGE Become a bookworm for half term with a special sponsored reading challenge! | 16 FEB |
| BINGO NIGHT Behind the January Bazaar in Valley Cricket Club hall a special fundraiser for WISPA tickets only! | 30 JAN | WISBAR BARS 3:15PM - 4PM WISPA celebrates World Book Day! Buy your WISBAR Bars - will you win a golden ticket? | 5 MAR |
| YEAR R & YEAR 1 DISCO Year R - 3:15PM - 4:15PM Year 1 - 4:15PM - 5:15PM | 6 FEB | CHOCOLATE BINGO Get those first special Easter term celebrations with chocolate prizes! Hosted by WIS. | 26 MAR |
| MUFTI DAY Children dress up in their own clothes and donate £1 to WISPA. | 13 FEB | EASTER HUNT Search for clues and complete the task to win an Easter egg in WIS Easter fundraise. | 27 MAR |

Save the Date...

Following parental feedback, Mrs Kirby has arranged these coffee mornings for our families across WJS and WIS! We hope lots of you will come along for some inevitably valuable support...



Single Parent Coffee Morning ...You're invited!

Friday, 23rd January 2026 9.00am - 10.00am

Take a well-deserved break and join other single parents with our Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation and community. This is a friendly, informal chance to meet others, share experiences, and feel supported.

SEND Parent Coffee Morning... You're invited!

Monday 26th January 2026 • 9:00am - 10:00am

Join Mrs Kirby, our Family Support Worker, Miss Parsons, our Federation SENCO and other parents for a relaxed and supportive coffee morning. This is a great opportunity to meet with parents, ask questions, share experiences and find out about available support. All SEND parents (regardless of a diagnosis) are warmly welcome - we hope to see you there!



Community News...

The Public Health Nursing Team have asked us to share this poster for the Parent Information Portal 'PIP' - please find attached this week...

Parent Information Portal
Your Health Visiting and School Nursing records all in one place... at your fingertips

- View and manage your appointments with Health Visitors
- View your child's vaccination history and receive blood spot screening results
- Search a wide range of resources about children's health
- View growth charts and add measurements
- The Ages and Stages Questionnaire is available for you to complete electronically before your child's 1 year/2 year health review
- National Child Measurement Programme: Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6)

Today's health, tomorrow's future
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LET'S CELEBRATE...

As mentioned overleaf, all of our classes have enjoyed a very successful first full week back in relation to their learning so of course, in our Celebration Assembly today, I had the pleasure of presenting our Learning Superstars with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

Year R: Clara Heenan, George Finn and Jolie Oaten

Year 1: Robbie Millard, Ollie Gardiner and Arianna Matvejeva

Year 2: Olivia Johnson, Blythe Koidis and Finley Croucher

Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Hugo Jones** who has achieved his Animal Friend, Cyclist and Explore and Safety badges at Beavers. Congratulations also to **Joe Carpenter** who was awarded Player of the Week at his football club.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Squirrel Class

... with 100%.

Well done to you - perfect score!

