



# Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.3 - Friday 23rd January 2026

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
26th Jan	9:00am - 10:00am SEND Parent Coffee Morning at WJS
26th Jan	Year 1 Space Workshops
30th Jan	Grown Ups Bingo at Yateley Cricket Club (details emailed)
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 (details emailed)
6th Feb	4:30pm - 5:30pm Year 1 Party (details emailed)
10th Feb	Safer Internet Day
11th Feb	9:10am - Badger Class Assembly (parents invited)
13th Feb	WISPA Mufti Day
13th Feb	WISPA Doughnut Day
w/c 16th Feb - Half Term ACE Kids Half Term Holiday Club	
w/c 16th Feb - WISPA Reading Challenge (details to follow)	
<u>24th Feb</u>	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening and Book Fair
<u>26th Feb</u>	Bag2School Drop Off
<u>26th Feb</u>	8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in at WIS (all welcome)
<u>26th Feb</u>	9.00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)

Dear Parents,

What an extremely soggy and dull week weather-wise! I am afraid to say that it certainly does not seem like Spring is round the corner, but luckily for us, there is plenty blooming in our classrooms at WIS and relating to this, there are a few **learning highlights** from each year group overleaf!

In addition to their typically busy timetables, this week Mrs Grey, our RE Co-ordinator, arranged and led a rather thought provoking extended curriculum opportunity in the form of **World Religion Day** which was once again a super success. For your information, there are some further details and a few photographs overleaf but please do ask your children about the learning that they covered.

Throughout this week, and ahead of Parents Evening next month, myself and Mrs Wilson have had the privilege of meeting with each of our class teachers to discuss the children's individual progress and learning up to this point in the academic year; it hardly seems possible that we will be at the halfway point in three weeks time! These **pupil progress meetings**, have once again given us an opportunity to discuss the individual children's curriculum strengths, skills and successes as well as the impact of the children's additional support and resources provision. In addition to this, we discuss our pupils' engagement and well-being which of course impact their academic progress. Upon reflection of these I am once again so grateful that we have such a committed staff team who work tirelessly to support each and every pupil. As well as the whole class focus and learning provision across the curriculum, it is abundantly clear that all of our individual and small group targeted support benefits our children to aid them achieving their potential. Linked to this, one aspect of our intervention is regular individual reading. As such I wish to take this opportunity to once again invite any parents (or family members!) who would like to join our existing group of fantastic **volunteers** to visit us at Westfields to hear our children read. If this is something you may be able to commit to on a regular (ideally weekly) basis, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In terms of our parental support this week we hosted our School Nursing Team Drop-in session and Mrs Kirby, our Federation Family Support Worker, was excited to welcome 2 parents to our first **coffee morning** for single parents in our Partnership Pod at WJS.

Looking ahead to next week, as previously shared, on Monday morning, Mrs Kirby will be joined by Miss Parsons, our Federation SENCO and hopefully at least a few parents who have children with special educational needs for an informal chat, information/experience sharing and the opportunity to ask questions.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

**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!



## Menu Change...

Please be aware that the school lunch menu for next **Thursday 29th January** has changed to:  
**Bombay Chicken Biryani, Malai Koftas**  
**Pesto Pasta or Jacket Potato**



## A few reminders...

- Please check your **junk folders** for emails from school, all emails can be 'marked as safe' to ensure they go direct to your main inbox. If you need any guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- Please be aware we have arranged a **Bag2School drop off** for **26th February** so please keep hold of any unwanted: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, socks, belts to donate - any contributions from family, friends or neighbours will also be gratefully received. This is a great fundraiser and it will save you a trip to the charity shop!



# What have we been learning?



## Reception

School days are zooming by in Year R and the children are now thoroughly engrossed in our 'Space and Our Planet' topic. The children have learnt so much already and they can hardly contain their excitement and awe, frequently sharing their latest interesting space fact with adults or children from across the school. They have shown great enthusiasm towards our different space themed tuff trays which have given us the opportunity to explore stars, rockets and aliens! We also enjoyed our auditory journey to Space using our wonderful 'Now Press Play' resource.

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have really enjoyed learning all about Islam on World Religions Day. We had so much fun creating Mendi designs, drawing geometric patterns and painting prayer mats which we learnt are used by Muslims. In Maths, we have been using part-part-whole models to develop our skills and understanding of subtraction; we were so brilliant at this, we moved on to exploring models with 3 parts! We also finished off the week with solving some number problems applying our number bonds to 10. In English, we read the story *Man on the Moon* and verbally used time conjunctions such as *first, then and next* to sequence the day of *Bob the Astronaut*.

Mrs Williams, Year 1 Class Teacher

## Year 2

This week we have had fun predicting and programming the BeeBots in our Computing lessons as an introduction to coding. In Geography we have looked at the oceans of the world and learnt some very interesting facts such as the largest and warmest ocean... In our writing lessons we have looked at the re-match of the Hare and Tortoise race. It was a very exciting race and it looked like Hare would win this time but at the last minute Tortoise was triumphant again! We have also been looking at telling the time in Maths, when we have focussed on o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to as well as making sure the hands are in the correct place!

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## WISPA NEWS...

We are delighted to share that as a result of all the yummy cake donations and your support, our Year R Cake Sales last week raised an impressive

**£311.14.**  
Thank You!

In addition to this we are sure that excitement is building for our **Grown-Ups Bingo Night...**



[Please click here to reserve your space.](#)

In terms of children's events, we are also all looking forward to our Year R and Year 1 Discos on the 6th February. Full details regarding booking disco tickets were emailed out last week so please be sure to take a look and book if you would like your child to join in the fun!



## World Religions Day at WIS

Once again to celebrate World Religions Day, we began with an introductory whole-school assembly that explored the themes of peace and understanding that this event celebrates. Using this starting point, everyone then headed back to their classrooms to delve deeper into their learning about different religions.

Each year group focused on a different world religion. In Reception, the children were introduced to Judaism by exploring key beliefs linked to the Torah. They learned about the Jewish creation story through dance, music and art. Year 1 turned their attention to Islam, learning about the mosque as a place of worship and discussing important beliefs for Muslims. They created geometric designs and painted patterns to make their own prayer mat artwork. Year 2 welcomed a visit from Year 6, as

both groups were studying aspects of Hinduism, including the creation story. Their activities included painting and crafting lotus flowers, as well as designing colourful Rangoli patterns. We are confident that the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and that their knowledge and appreciation of different religions have grown.

Mrs Grey, RE Co-ordinator and Year 1 Class Teacher

## Numbots

It has been fantastic to see so many children using NumBots. Many of them have been keen to tell me what levels they have got to and how many coins they have collected! Well done and keep it up!

Looking ahead we would love to see even more children using NumBots at home. Just a few minutes four times a week (or even daily!) will really help develop your child's number fluency and support them with their learning - practice makes perfect! I will be doing a quick look every now and again to see who is being a Maths Superstar, I am sure there will be many!

Mrs Fennell, Maths Co-Ordinator and Year 2 Team Leader

## KS1 Winter Olympic Multi-Skills Event

On Wednesday afternoon, seven very enthusiastic (and excited!) KS1 children visited Calthorpe Park Secondary School to take part in a round-robin multi-skills event with other local schools. The session began with an energetic warm-up to get everyone ready to go. The children then rotated through a variety of 'winter-themed' activities, including kurling, hockey, retrieving 'snowballs', and working together as a pair using cardboard skis. Throughout the afternoon, they showed fantastic teamwork, embraced every challenge and had great fun, all with huge smiles on their faces!

To celebrate their brilliant efforts, each child was presented with a sticker at the end of the event. The children thoroughly enjoyed this extended curriculum opportunity and their behaviour was exemplary throughout. I was incredibly proud of every one of them.

Well done sport stars!

Mrs Anderson, PE Co-Ordinator and Year 2 Class Teacher

## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another busy and dynamic week at WIS has led to some super learning success and as such, in our Celebration Assembly today, I had the privilege of presenting our Learning Superstars with certificates for demonstrating various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

**Year R: Ella Sayers, Lucas Collinson and Alba Harrison**

**Year 1: Parker King, Annabelle Perry and Owen Valler**

**Year 2: Alice Craske, Paige Howard-Kaye and Harper Warman**

## 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...



**Owl Class,**



**Squirrel Class**

**and Mole Class ... with 99%.**

**Well done to you all - almost perfect scores!**