

Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.9 - Friday 13th March 2026

 Upcoming Events	
<u>26th Mar</u>	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
<u>26th Mar</u>	Chocolate Bingo 3:45pm-5:15pm 5:45pm- 7:15pm (details emailed)
<u>27th Mar</u>	3:15pm - Break up for Easter
<u>27th Mar</u>	3:30pm - 4:30pm WISPA Easter Hunt (details emailed)
30th Mar - 10th Apr Easter Holiday	
30th Mar - 2nd Apr and 7th Apr - 10th Apr ACE Kids Holiday Club	
<u>13th Apr</u>	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
<u>w/c 20th Apr</u>	Summer Term Clubs Start (details to follow)
<u>22nd Apr</u>	World Earth Day (details to follow)
<u>23rd Apr</u>	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
30th Apr	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
4th May - Bank Holiday	

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we find ourselves at the end of another busy week that once again feels as though it has quite literally flown by! Amongst their usual **curriculum learning**, which class teachers have captured a few highlights in their year group updates overleaf, the children have especially enjoyed our celebration of **Science Day** across the federation today. In her capacity as Science Co-ordinator, Mrs Williams has shared further details and a few photographs overleaf but it is without doubt that it has been a super success with joint investigating with junior classes being a particular highlight! A selection of work that the children have produced will be collated and put on display that I will be sure to share with you in due course but our aim of this extended curriculum opportunity is primarily to inspire our children and we hope that is the case.



In addition to all of this, but still with a scientific link for Year Rs learning about growth, we have been excited to welcome back Jemima and Shelley (who are two of last year's egg hatching success in Year R!) Mrs Green kindly brought them in for a day visit during which they spent a day exploring our **Courtyard**. They could be forgiven for not recognising their former home as Mr Long has been working exceptionally hard to prepare the area for our redevelopment project. For any of you who may have missed the details, **Phoenix Play** will be installing this equipment over the Easter break and we cannot wait for the children to enjoy this multifunctional learning and playing space. None of which would have been possible without the majority of the funding for this being raised by our amazing WISPA team and your support. As such in terms of WISPA fundraising, I must mention our **Reading Bingo Challenge**; an enormous thank you must be shared with



you all as an incredibly impressive **£724** has been raised. It is as a result of a combination of all of these partnership projects that we are able to provide such exciting resources and we certainly know how fortunate we are for this to be the case at Westfields

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman,
Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please remember as a result of a number of children (and staff!) with severe allergies we do not allow **ANY NUTS** in school. Due to the risk these present, it is imperative that we all ensure any food coming into school does not contain nuts for the **safety of everyone**.
- As shared in the Spring Term Clubs Timetable at the beginning of this term, **all clubs** (with the exception of ACE Kids) finish at the **end of next week**. Please be aware that the **Summer Term Clubs Timetable** will be emailed to you next week and we hope as many children as possible will benefit from these so please keep an eye on your inboxes!
- Please may I remind you to park with careful consideration for the safety of our community (and the frustrations of our neighbours!) at drop-off and pick-up times. If you have concerns, please contact the local police and/or Hampshire County Council.

What have we been learning?

Reception

Year R has been abuzz with lots of exploring and learning all about Spring! We have delved into animal lifecycles and have been planting our own cress seeds which we are excited to observe and take care of as they grow. We absolutely loved being inquisitive scientists during Science Day with a breadth of investigative activities too! This week we have also been 'budding' artists in Reception as we have been making our own blossom trees - just like the ones in our Year R playground! We had a lot of fun learning the skill of 'scrunching' pieces of tissue paper into small balls to create delicate petals for our blossom trees.

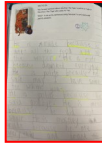
Miss Phillimore, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1

Another week has flown by in Year 1. This week we have been busy learning some new phonics sounds for graphemes we have already seen. As well as beginning our new writing unit all about the story 'A Tiger Who Came To Tea', we have spent time debating whether the tiger was rude or polite and tried to give reasons for our opinions; the children made excellent use of the conjunction 'because' in their sentences to justify their thinking. In Maths, we have been working on our number awareness by calculating 1 more and 1 less than any given number up to 50. We then moved on to adding 10 more! In Science we have been having fun exploring our five senses.

Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher



Year 2

What an exciting start to our week we shared. On Monday morning the children walked into their classrooms to discover a mysterious picnic basket waiting for them... inside they uncovered lots of empty food packets and a special book: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch! This surprise sparked wonderful curiosity and the children have absolutely loved diving into the story and getting to know the quirky characters who live by the sea. We have also been busy becoming young historians by exploring the incredible lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children worked in groups to create detailed mind maps about these inspirational women and their impact on history.

Mrs Anderson, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS...

We hope you all received the details regarding our Easter Egg Hunt. Please [click here](#) to book your place by the 20th March 2026.



There is also still time to book your place to join us at our Federation Chocolate Bingo event on Thursday 26th March.

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



SCIENCE DAY 2026 @WESTFIELDS

As part of British Science Week, today we celebrated with an action packed Science Day! This year's national theme was "Curiosity: What's your question?" which was introduced at an assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Each year group then started our special event with a Scientific question to investigate linked to this half term's learning:

Year R - Plants, Year 1 - Animals, Year 2 - Humans

We then all enjoyed our Science Federation Session where each of our infant classes worked with a junior class to complete a collaborative activity. Year R worked with Year 5 to explore "How do animals and humans communicate?" Our Year 1s worked with Year 4 children to explore "What's the best design for a paper aeroplane?" while Year 2 went over to the Junior School to explore "What is an eco-system?" After lunch we all spent some time designing a poster around the theme of "Childhood of the Future" for a national poster competition, be sure to look out for details about our chosen winners in the next couple of weeks!

It was a super Science Day and we sincerely hope it has inspired some scientists of the future!

Mrs Williams, Science Co-ordinator



We have been so pleased to see that so many of our children have been using Numbots each week and to hear that some are even competing to get the highest scores! In response to this we are going to be recognising the efforts of the children by presenting a year group 'Champion of the Week Certificate' each Friday in our Celebration Assembly. We are looking forward to celebrating the children's efforts in spending time improving their number skills!

LET'S CELEBRATE...

In addition to our core learning this week today we had a wonderful time being scientists as part of our extended curriculum. As such, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon our Scientific Learning Superstars were presented with special certificates for showing various exceptional scientific learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

This week's proud award winners are:

Year R: Oliver Hopkins, Jack Kemp and Ellis Mott

Year 1: Theo Bratt, Jacob Owens and Mila Akhtar

Year 2: Isla Cruickshank, Oscar Green and Freddie Packer



We were also so excited to announce our very first trio of Numbot Champions of the Week in our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to you all:

Year R: Xander Brooks **Year 1:** Hunter Jones **Year 2:** Matilda Gilham-Stafford

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Joe Carpenter who was awarded Player of the Week at his football club and received a medal.

Well done to Axel Ashbey who achieved his Ourson Ski Badge! He can now ski independently on green runs and use all ski lifts - perhaps he will be a future Winter Olympian?!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Badger Class,

Owl Class

and Mole Class ...

with 99%.

Well done - almost perfect scores!