

# Newsletter



Summer Term 2026 - No.2 - Friday 24th April 2026

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
30th Apr	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
4th May - Bank Holiday	
<u>13th May</u>	7:15pm - 8:15pm WISPA Committee Meeting
14th May	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
14th May	Year R Trip to Finkley Down Farm (details emailed)
w/c 18th May	Walk to School Week
20th May	9:10am - Fox Class Assembly (parents invited)
21st May	3:15pm - 5:15pm Federation Colour Run (details emailed)
22nd May - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	
w/c 25th May - Half Term ACE Kids Half Term Holiday Club	
4th Jun	Year 2 SeaCity Museum Trip (details to follow)
5th Jun	Year 1 Wellington Country Park Trip (details emailed)
5th Jun	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake (All Welcome)
<u>4th Jun</u>	Bag2School Drop Off
<u>9th Jun</u>	Class Photos and Year 2 Leavers Photo
<u>11th Jun</u>	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)

Dear Parents,

At last... what a beautifully **sunny week** it has been! We have all certainly grasped the opportunity to enjoy spending time outdoors (including in our newly redeveloped Courtyard!), making the most of the fresh air during break and lunchtimes, as well as within lessons and the club provision that began on Monday. The new areas of learning, outlined in last week's overviews, are now well underway, and our pupils have been busy enthusiastically embracing their learning. In addition, following the allocation of places for our incoming Reception children and for our Year 2 pupils moving on to the Junior School, transition activities, tasks and meetings have started, making this a particularly exciting time for everyone.

In terms of our extended curriculum offer, I must share that we are once again truly delighted with the success and popularity of this term's **clubs** with a wonderful 217 pupils engaging with these varied and exciting opportunities. In the event that you have not yet requested a place, please be informed that there are still places available at: History Club, Storytime Club, Singing Club, WeeKicks Football Clubs and Tag Rugby Club so if you would like your child(ren) to join in the fun, please request a place as soon as possible. I would also like to mention that in response to parental feedback and as promised, we are particularly pleased to see so many of our Reception pupils benefitting from this after school provision.

As hopefully you will recollect from previous terms, to keep you up to date with your child(ren)'s academic progress, I hope you have all received the letter from Mrs Wilson clarifying details around our **Spring Term Attainment and Progress Trackers** which were sent home (via pupil post!) today. As always, our intention of these is to provide you with an update about your child's progress and efforts relating to their core skills in reading, writing and maths as well as some personalised key targets to support their next steps and work with you for best outcomes for all our pupils. In addition to these, we have also sent home your child's **attendance certificate** for this academic year up to the end of the Spring Term. As I regularly mention and I am sure you will have seen in the media, good school attendance is imperative for our learners and whilst we completely understand that when children are unwell they are not able to attend school, we continue to request that, as often as possible, medical appointments are made outside of school hours. Whilst similarly I understand that this cannot always be the case there are growing numbers which is a shame.

On Tuesday we hosted our annual **local authority inspection** and welcomed our allocated **Hampshire Inspector**, Nicky Rickman. Through a number of monitoring tasks including data and document reviews, discussions with staff and governors, and learning walks, this inspection gave us an opportunity to present an overview of our development since her visit last year. Of course we presented an array of evidence relating to our progress in our current priorities particularly in relation to core teaching and learning for all pupils as well as the ongoing Federation and school strategic development. During the initial feedback, the inspector shared her exceptionally positive observations and strengths across our school. Of particular note was how impressed she was with our significant progress over the last academic year including specifically our provision, adaptations and expectations; of course this is wonderful news. We are now looking forward to receiving her full report and of course I will share highlights with you in due course. For now I wanted to share my great sense of pride and achievement for the whole staff and all of stakeholders. I continue to consider us all to be so very fortunate to be part of such a special school community; the Westfields Dream Team maintain their relentless determination to achieve our best which I am so grateful for and was clearly evident to our inspector.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- **Year R** parents please remember to complete the [Finkley Down Farm Online Form](#) by Friday 1st May 2026.
- Please may I remind you that our car park is for staff only and we ask that at drop-off and pick-up times parents park with careful consideration for the safety of our community (and the frustrations of our neighbours!) If you have concerns, please contact the local police and/or Hampshire County Council.

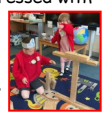
# What have we been learning?



## Reception

We have begun our transport topic by exploring cars and bicycles, sparking lots of thoughtful discussion and curiosity about how different types of transport move and what they are used for. The children quickly became engineers, taking part in a range of hands-on activities. They have designed and created models with moving wheels, built their own tracks using lollipop sticks and had great fun testing ramps. This enabled them to make predictions and observe how objects travel at different speeds. These activities have encouraged problem-solving, teamwork and creativity. In Maths, the children have been working hard to develop their number skills by practising counting on from 10 to confidently reach numbers beyond 20. We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they challenge themselves with larger numbers.

Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1

We have had another fun filled week; the children have settled straight back in to school after the Easter break and have been working hard as always. We started off the week by continuing our money unit in maths, the children have been using their multiples of 2, 5 and 10 knowledge to draw the coins to show amounts e.g. 24p and 40p.

We have also been choosing adjectives to describe the lion from our book 'The Lion Inside'. In PSHE, we have been exploring different ways to make friends by giving each other compliments; kindness is the first step to friendship! We have also enjoyed the sunny weather so that we can make the most of our outdoor space for PE this week. The children have been working on their striking and fielding skills as well as athletic skills.

Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher



## Year 2

This week Year 2 welcomed some new guests to their classrooms! We are so excited to be looking after some caterpillars that were tiny on Monday but have started eating their way through some special food and are growing everyday! We are looking forward to seeing how big they get before they turn into a chrysalis.

In other news we have enjoyed writing a diary entry as if we were the old man in the story of The Tin Forest. We were able to use some lovely descriptive language and the teachers were really proud of our super writing. In Maths we looked at how we can solve addition and subtraction problems in different ways. We were able to use number lines, dienes, drawings and some of us quickly applied our number fact knowledge to solve them. In our Science work we found out the average age of various animals. Did you know an elephant can live for around 80 years and a desert mouse only lives for about one year?

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## Year R Chick Update & Fond Farewell



Our chicks continue to excite everyone as they grow and become more confident each and every day. Over the weekend, they enjoyed a very special sleepover with Mrs Green, where they had the opportunity to meet a mummy hen! The chicks are changing so quickly, we can already see new feathers appearing on their wings and tails, much to the children's excitement. They have taken their responsibilities very seriously; carefully filling up the water and feeding the chicks their pellets, showing great respect and care for these little friends. Each class has also enjoyed special time with the chicks, sitting together in a circle, offering gentle cuddles and watching them jump, hop and play as they grow stronger and more curious. These moments have been a joy to observe and have provided rich opportunities for learning about caring for living things.

The Year R Team



## World Earth Day 2026

On Wednesday we celebrated WED, and in true Westfields style, the children and staff fully embraced the exciting range of activities planned for this special event. This year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet", led to lots of thoughtful discussion and exploration around renewable energy sources, recycling and the small changes we can all make to have a big impact on our world. To launch the day, our children designed Eco-Heroes: Year R made badges, Year 1 designed masks and Year 2 created profiles. The creativity and enthusiasm shown was truly magnificent. We also voted for and appointed our very first **Class Eco Monitors**, who are delighted to take on this exciting new responsibility to encourage eco-friendly choices across WIS. Throughout the day, each class enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including: exploring filtration by predicting which materials would best clean dirty water, litter sorting and recycling activities, and one of the highlights was creating beautiful sun pictures using cyanotype paper; I am looking forward to creating a display to celebrate their creativity! Each class also held their own WED Debates, with everyone making personal pledges to help protect our planet.



Thank you to all the families who joined us in supporting plastic-free lunches. We had a fantastic day celebrating and learning about our wonderful Earth. A reminder that our **WED Challenge** is running until the 5th May, so please join in if you can! Mrs Wilson, Geography

## Community News...

Yateley Cricket Club have asked us to share this local sporting opportunity with you all... We would love to hear if any of our children attend these action-packed courses!



## WISPA NEWS...

**Year 1 Cake Sale**  
Further to our email, we are all hoping to seeing you at this term's Cake Sale hosted by Year 1 next Thursday 30th April from 3:15pm on the Year 1 and 2 playground. Thank you in anticipation of your support



## WISPA Committee Meeting

**13th May 2026**  
**7:15pm - 8:15pm**  
If you are available and would like to join our meeting to see what we do and how you can get involved please join us at our committee meeting - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
We'll have a little tour of the new Courtyard Area!



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another successful week in terms of our learning has been shared so, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies of which are on display in the entrance area).

**Year R: Ellis Tearall, Daniel Coult and Chester Hayward**

**Year 1: Ollie Gardiner, Oliver Junior and Bailey Smith**

**Year 2: Lorelei Barnfield, Hattie Hughes and Huxley Waime**

We were once again excited to announce this week's year group **Numbot Champions** who have been working so hard to develop their number fluency. Congratulations to...

**Year R: Zayaan Ismail Year 1: Mickey Hughes Year 2: Oliver Wylie & Hattie Hughes**

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to our super swimmers **Jacob Hill Taylor-Cornthwaite** and **Benjamin Fordham** who have been awarded their Stage 2 Swimming Badges!

We were also particularly proud that no less than **109 pupils** completed Mrs Anderson's Easter Fitness Challenge and have all received participation certificates - what superstars!



## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...  
**Hedgehog Class, Woodpecker Class, Fox Class, Squirrel Class and Badger Class** with an almost perfect 99%.



Well done to you ALL! What a list!