



# Newsletter



Summer Term 2026 - No.4 - Friday 8th May 2026

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
13th May	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 emailed)
4th Jun	Bag2School Drop Off
5th Jun	Year 1 Wellington Country Park Trip (details emailed)
5th Jun	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake (All Welcome)
9th Jun	Class Photos and Year 2 Leavers Photo
11th Jun	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
12th Jun	Creative Arts Day
<u>17th Jun</u>	9:10am - Squirrel Class Assembly (parents invited)

Dear Parents,

Yet another busy week has flown by as we rapidly approach the half term. Despite being shorter as a result of the bank holiday, we have been exceptionally busy; working hard, celebrating success and making memories. There are a few **year group highlights** overleaf but I must confess, I do not know how we manage to squeeze in so much within and beyond the curriculum!

Looking to next week, excitement is certainly building in Reception ahead of their first ever day visit. Of course we are all keeping our fingers crossed for a dry day and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures at **Finkley Down Farm**; if I am completely honest, I am not sure who is excited more... the children or the staff!?

On the subject of extended curriculum opportunities, I am once again excited to share that, we have once again committed to competing in the **Hart District Sports Competition** at Aldershot Stadium next month. As such, you may hear from your child over the next couple of weeks that they have been racing, throwing and jumping in some of their PE lessons to enable staff to select our WIS team to join other local infants in this competition. We are all looking forward to this and know the children who are able to join us will benefit from this exciting sporting experience.

In **WISPA news**, I met with our Chair, Mrs Moloney this week to confirm the agenda for next week's committee meeting - there is certainly lots to discuss starting with sharing the success of our redeveloped courtyard thanks to the hard work of this group and the support of our families! As there are plenty of family events planned for the rest of this term and we will need plenty of volunteers to enable them to take place, if you are able to come along Wednesday evening between 7.15pm and 8.15pm in the staffroom - please do join us, many hands make light work!

Relating to wider community awareness, may I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are once again hosting the **School Nursing Team** on Thursday (14th) next week. There is still some availability for pre-booked 1:1 sessions and we are so grateful to be able to offer this support in school. As such, please make any requests for appointments with Mrs Kirby our Family Support Worker via her email: [fsw@westfieldsfederation.org.uk](mailto:fsw@westfieldsfederation.org.uk) or telephone: 01252 408218.

Finally, I trust you all received my letter earlier today about our new four legged '**Dream Team**' member who will be joining us after the half term. The children's excitement following this news was such a joy to share; I am looking forward to receiving name suggestions and must thank you for your support as always.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,




Miss Jo Redman,  
Executive Headteacher

**Save the Date...**

**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026**

Please be aware that **18th - 22nd May** is the **National Walk to School Week** and **WIS will once again be supporting this exciting initiative which promotes healthy eco-friendly travel options. For anyone new to this, during this week, we will be encouraging the children to opt for walking, park and striding, riding or even scooting to travel to school. Alongside well-being benefits this also offers the opportunity to revisit road safety skills and we thank you in anticipation of your support.**

Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator



## A few reminders...

- I regret to inform you that the hairy caterpillars (that can cause an irritation to skin if they are touched) who have visited us in previous years are still in residence in the bushes on the edge of our school grounds. Please be aware of this to avoid contact, we hope they won't stay for too much longer!
- **Year 1** parents please remember to complete the [Wellington Country Park Online Form](#) by Monday 11th May 2026.
- **Year 2** parents please remember to complete the [SeaCity Museum Online Form](#) by Friday 15th May 2026.

# What have we been learning?

## Reception

Year R have been transported through our topic as we have been exploring more about aeroplanes and buses! We have loved making our own paper aeroplanes and tested out how we can make them fly the furthest. The children have been curious about how aircrafts can stay in the air (even though they are so heavy!) and what is needed to make them move at high-speed so high up!

In Maths, the children have been taking a dive into 2D shapes. They have investigated how these can be rotated, change size and be used to create other shapes; we particularly enjoyed seeing how we could make different animals or modes of transport by arranging various shapes in particular ways.

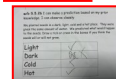
A final highlight has been our Gremlin Dance workshop where we unleashed our inner 'movers and groovers' and immersed ourselves into the joy of dance!

Miss Phillimore, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1

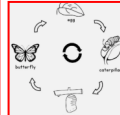
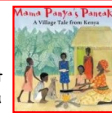
Another week has flown by in Year 1. Even though it has been a shorter week we have still been very busy in our classrooms to get all of our jobs done. We started the week by writing some Paddington preposition sentences. It has been lovely to see the children so engrossed with our new topic of Paddington and London and they were experts in using vocabulary to describe positions. In Maths, we have continued practising our multiples of 5 which the children are really mastering now - well done Year 1s. In our Science lessons we checked in on our bean germination process as well as planted some cross seeds; the pots will be kept in various different environments to see how well they grow. The children made their predictions and are looking forward to seeing the outcome next week...Last but certainly not least, all children have tasted various potential ingredients for their sandwich making. We were very impressed with how adventurous the children have been about tasting different foods.



Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher

## Year 2

This week the Year 2 children have been busy learning all about life in Kenya as they have read a book called, *Mama Panya's Pancakes* which is set there. They have found out an array of interesting facts including all about the Baobab tree, lots of interesting fruits as well as the school life and home life of some people in Kenya. In our writing lessons, the children pretended to be Adika, a character in the story, and they wrote to their friend to tell them about their trip to the market. Another one of our highlights of the week was our Gremlin Dance Workshops which we all enjoyed (children and staff!) We have also been carefully watching our caterpillars turn into chrysalis. They look a little still and dull at the moment but we can't wait to see them hatch into butterflies. It has been great to see a life cycle happen in real life and we are now learning about other life cycles in our Science work.



Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

As promised, we are delighted to share that last week's **Year 1 Cake Sale** raised a fantastic total of **£256.00**, thank you - what a fantastic team effort!

If you are available and would like to join our **WISPA Committee Meeting** to see what we do and how you can get involved please feel free to join us at our meeting in the staffroom on **13th May, 7:15pm - 8:15pm**, we will have the chance to look at the new play area too!

**Please don't forget our World Cup Challenge**



If you would like to sign up to the World Cup Challenge [please click here](#)



## Eco-Monitors



As part of World Earth Day, each class has nominated an Eco-Monitor to ensure that every class is taking responsibility for looking after the environment and supporting the school's Climate Action Plan to reduce negative impact.

Congratulations to...

**Year R**

**Louis Robinson, Indie Griffiths & Evie Lyons**

**Year 1**

**Eddie Buttery, Parker King, & Delilah Griffiths**

**Year 2**

**Saoirse Horgan-Bennun, Eve Muir & Felicity Gibson**

The Eco-monitors are beginning their role by ensuring lights and boards are turned off in the classrooms when they are not being used during lunchtimes.

We are looking forward to sharing the difference they make!



## Gremlin Dance Class Workshops



This week, our children enjoyed a special treat as Hannah from Gremlin Dance visited our school to lead exciting dance workshops with all of our classes across the school from Reception to Year 2.

Each session was carefully tailored to the age group and inspired by a vibrant Carnival/ World Cup Opening Ceremony theme. The children immersed themselves into the experience with enthusiasm and energy and their joy was clear to see! We even filmed each workshop so pupils could look back on their



fantastic performances - we hope to share these on our Celebration Evening before the end of the term!



A huge thank you to Hannah for bringing so much rhythm, creativity and fun to our week!



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

**ACE Kids Provision @ Half Term...** Please remember that if you are in need of childcare over the upcoming May half term break, you may wish to book your child(ren) a place at the Active Adventure Provision that we host at WIS. They are currently offering a discount code for our families by using: **ACEHOLS!** For further details, please visit: [ACE-KIDS.CO.UK](http://ACE-KIDS.CO.UK) or call 0345 6445747.



## 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: Monty Haskins, Rue Brown and Arthur Overton**

**Year 1: Mia Hutchinson, Lucy Haines and Delilah Griffiths**

**Year 2: Harry Chase, Matilda Gilham-Stafford and Hugo Jones**

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: Alexander Brooks Year 1: Arianna Matvejeva Year 2: Keira Cayley**

## Out of School Achievements

Please remember that we 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** with a perfect 100%.



**Well done to you ALL!**

