

# Newsletter



Summer Term 2026 - No.5 - Friday 15th May 2026

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
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
17th Jun	9:10am - Squirrel Class Assembly (parents invited)
<u>19th Jun</u>	<u>1:00pm - 3:00pm Sports Afternoon</u>
<u>24th Jun</u>	<u>9:10am Hedgehog Class Assembly (parents invited)</u>
<u>26th Jun</u>	<u>WISPA Mufti Day</u>

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are at the end of our last full week of the half term? The weeks are truly flying by and we still have so much to fit in! We have certainly filled our days with much excitement in addition to the children's usual learning: Year R enjoyed their very first school trip and welcomed a special visitor to their classes, Year 1 have continued their sandwich project and Year 2 have witnessed their caterpillars emerging as butterflies from their chrysalises!

On the subject of joy I absolutely must mention the Year R's day visit to **Finkley Down Farm** as possibly the most memorable event of the week! The levels of excitement were almost off the scale even before the children left on the coach. Of course there are some further details overleaf but I wish to take this opportunity to share how exceptionally proud I am of how the children engaged with all of the hands-on-learning (including horse grooming and sheep racing!) as well as behaved as exemplary ambassadors for WIS. As I know many of you already appreciate, we value these extended curriculum opportunities so highly at Westfields but they quite simply could not take place without the staff team's commitment to the detailed planning and preparation for the visit or without the support of our parents and other family members in joining the group to ensure supervision ratios off-site are adhered to. As such, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who took the time to join in the memory making and ensure there were enough eyes, ears and hands!

This week in terms of partnership working I wish to thank the 7 parents who attended our WISPA Meeting on Wednesday evening. We discussed the success of the Courtyard redevelopment, current funding and future events. With the next event being our greatly anticipated **Federation Colour Run** next Thursday - all we need now is a sunny afternoon and for a few more volunteers and I am sure some fabulous fundraising fun will be had by all! This week we also welcomed the school nurse to support our families which we are so grateful for.

In governor news, we held this term's first **Finance and Personnel Meeting** on Tuesday morning. As in previous years, at this time our F&P governors were tasked to review and agree our school budgets, review a number of policies to promote consistency and consider our development plan spending across both schools. In addition to this we reviewed our federation staffing structure and discussed personnel matters. The committee also approved the installation of electric gates and an intercom system to enhance our health and safety measures and support safeguarding procedures. We are hoping the works will be completed over the summer break and I will keep you updated with any relevant updates.

As mentioned last week, next week is **Walk to School Week** and we will again take this opportunity across the Federation to remind the children about the benefits of regular exercise, road safety skills and the positive environmental impacts of 'green' modes of travel to get to school. During the week, teachers will be asking pupils to share how they have travelled to school in order to achieve a 'class green score' by the end of the half term. We are also looking forward to a visit from the **Junior Road Safety Officers** from WJS who will lead some important learning time relating to this. For your reference to support this national initiative, there are several healthy ways to travel to school which include: walking, park and stride, bike, scooter, skip and even public transport! We hope that all pupils at Westfields Infant School will participate in this fun-filled week and are looking forward to seeing which class will be announced the 'greenest', receive an award and get active!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- As we hope the sun will shine, please ensure that your child(ren) has sunscreen and a hat in school as appropriate (and of course red shorts for PE - we are starting our District Sports training!)
- Next **Friday 22nd May is an Inset Day** so don't forget school is closed to ALL pupils.

## Yr R Finkley Down Farm Trip

Yesterday our Year R children set off on their very first school trip to Finkley Down Farm. Despite the less-than-perfect weather, it certainly didn't dampen our spirits and the children had a truly fantastic day! They enjoyed a range of exciting activities, including a lively sheep race, learning how to safely feed the animals and even grooming Bobby the miniature pony. The children showed great care and respect throughout the day, particularly when handling some of very young rabbits. The children were especially excited to meet some of the farm's more unusual residents, including llamas, tortoises and playful meerkats. They loved getting up close to the animals and watching their different behaviours, chatting enthusiastically about their favourites as they explored. Their curiosity and excitement shone through, making these moments particularly memorable. A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly, and well done to our amazing Year Rs for such a memorable first school trip!

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher



## Have your say about school lunches...

As we approach the final few weeks of the first year with our new catering provider, Stir, they have asked us to share this request: At Stir Food, we are committed to providing nutritious and delicious meals that pupils look forward to every day. To ensure we meet your school community's needs, we are gathering feedback from parents.

[Stir Food Parent Feedback Survey](#)



## WISPA NEWS...



With the COLOUR RUN next week, the team are still looking for any adult volunteers to help (particularly with signing in the runners before the main event!) so please drop them a line if you are able to lend a helping hand!

Thank you in anticipation of your support! Please also don't forget our World Cup Challenge



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



## Year of Reading Update...

We are delighted to share this exciting opportunity to meet children's author Mel Taylor-Bessent at her upcoming book launch and signing event for **Riley Wright Is Always Wrong** in **Waterstones, Staines** on **Saturday 23rd May**. As part of our school's celebration of the **Year of Reading**, we are encouraging families to take every opportunity to inspire a lifelong love of books and reading for pleasure.



From our experience, we know that meeting 'real' authors can have a huge impact on children's enthusiasm for reading, helping stories come alive beyond the classroom. We hope some of our pupils will be able to attend and enjoy this fantastic literary experience.

Miss Redmond, AHT & Reading Co-ordinator



## Community News...

Spotlight UK have asked us to share details of some community events that our families may wish to register for...



**CYCLISTS WANTED FOR LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE**  
Sunday 21st June

Spotlight UK are looking for people who would be interested in cycling from London to Brighton to help raise funds to support Armed Forces and their families, young carers. Children in care, children with mental health issues, children affected by loss and separation and children with long term medical illness/terminal illness.

Free entry  
**REGISTER NOW**

CALL: 07804880072 EMAIL: ADMIN@SPOTLIGHTUK.ORG



**3K/5K/10K WALK/RUN/CYCLE/HOP /SKIP YOUR WAY AROUND BLACKBUSHE RUNWAY**  
Saturday 12th Sept 5:15pm

Spotlight UK are looking for people who would be interested in taking part in this year's Twilight Challenge at Blackbushe Airport to help raise funds to support Armed Forces and their families, young carers. Children in care, children with mental health issues, children affected by loss and separation and children with long term medical illness/terminal illness.

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Please do let us know if you do choose to join in their events!

## 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...

Our last full week before half term has been eventful and as busy as ever! The children have continued to work hard across the curriculum and as such, 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: Parker Burns, John Collins and Dexter Wigman**

**Year 1: Axel Ashbey, Nyla Brooks and Orla Dunn**

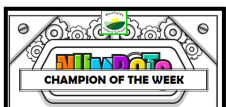
**Year 2: Alfie Gibbs, Dhruva Choday and Zak Mytskiv**

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: Lucy French**

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Finley Croucher** who has been awarded his Rugby Club, End of Season Recognition Certificate for outstanding effort, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season - what a star!



## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

**Hedgehog Class** with a perfect 100%.



Well done to you ALL!