




Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 - No.8 - Friday 7th March 2025

 Upcoming Events	
w/c 10th Mar	Science Week
10th Mar	School Nursing Team Morning Drop-in and Clinics
19th Mar	9:10am Mole Class Assembly (Parents invited)
21st Mar	WISPA Doughnut Day (Details to follow)
28th Mar	School Nursing Team Drop-in and Clinics
1st Apr	Chocolate Bingo 4:00pm-5:30pm 6:00 pm- 7:30pm (Details emailed)
4th Apr	3:15pm - Break up for Easter
4th Apr	3:30pm - 4:30pm WISPA Easter Hunt (Details attached)
7th Apr - 21st Apr Easter Holiday	
7th Apr - 17th Apr SCL Holiday Club	
22nd Apr	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
22nd Apr	World Earth Day
w/c 28th Apr	Summer Term Clubs Start
1st May	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
2nd May	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale (if required)

Dear Parents,

Here we are in Marvellous March, the year certainly seems to be flying by and with the welcome appearance of a little sunshine this week it finally feels as though spring has sprung. As ever, it has been an action-packed week at WIS and the staff and children have shared some **fantastic learning** and extended curriculum opportunities.

I absolutely must begin by mentioning the joy of this year's **World Book Day** celebrations on Thursday! The day was full of so much excitement from beginning to end. From costumes, pyjamas, shared stories and even a federation writing task, we all had so much fun! In her capacity as Reading Co-ordinator, Miss Redmond led our extended curriculum event inspiring us all to 'read our way!' There are further details and a few photographs overleaf but it is fair to say that we all had the most memorable time spending an entire day embracing the wonderful world of books by being readers and authors! I would also like to thank you all, for supporting the dressing-up fun; I am aware that not everyone loves this element of our celebrations but I do feel that this adds to making the day even more special; so thank you! In addition to all of this, the children's efforts in creating book characters out of wooden spoons impressed us all! It was wonderful that so many of our children created such creative characters which made the judging by School Council even more difficult! As if that was not enough excitement, I absolutely must mention our **WISPA Wisbars Event!** The hard work of the team and support from our families and local businesses (in the form of prizes) resulted in this brand new event being a huge success! Not only was this lots of fun, it also raised a staggering £509.45 which is just A-MAZ-ING - thank you so much particularly to our brilliant WISPA Willy Wonkas and Oompa Loompas!



To add to this week's enjoyment, we were so delighted to share **Rabbit Class Assembly** on Wednesday morning and as always, it was a pleasure to welcome so many family members into school. I am always so proud to see our children speak so confidently in front of such a large audience and once again their rather catchy song was a fun highlight.

Following on from last week's Parents' Evenings, we have now collated all of your responses to our **Parent Questionnaire** and our results are attached. I would once again like to thank you for taking the time to provide the valuable feedback. Whilst of course I am extremely proud of the percentages and we all greatly appreciate the thanks and acknowledgement of what makes WIS special, I must also thank parents for their constructive suggestions which I can assure you will be reviewed by myself and the team as a means of continual improvement of our school for our children and wider community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please don't forget to spend your **World Book Day book vouchers!** They can be exchanged for special titles or for a £1.00 discount on any book!
- **SCL** are offering a 15% **discount** off their Easter and May Half Term holiday clubs using the code SPRING15! - this offer expires midnight on the 16th March 2025, please do make use of this if you need childcare over the Easter or May Half Term break.
- If your child will not be attending their after school club they are booked onto please could you notify the school office prior to the start of the club to support our safeguarding procedures.

World Book Day at Westfields 2025!



Wow! What a fun filled amazing day we all had celebrating World Book Day this week. There was much excitement across the playground as the children arrived in their costumes and pyjamas, carefully carrying their masterpieces to enter our 'Book Character Spoon Competition' and all ready for a jam-packed day of reading celebrations. The day started with a whole school assembly where we learnt about this year's World Book Day theme of 'Read Your Way' and shared our favourite places to read. Throughout the day, each year group explored an 'Amazing Author' to inspire a love of reading. Reception went on a journey with Julia Donaldson; learning all about how she became an author, listening to some of her amazing stories and even some of her songs! The children chose their favourite Julia Donaldson book, made potions like in Room on the Broom, designed shells from Sharing a Shell and made themselves into a 'merperson' from The Singing Mermaid! Year 1 dived into the world of Rachel Bright, learning all about how she became an author and listening to her stories like The Koala Who Could. The children took on Rachel Bright's challenge of creating a new animal character for her next story. We had, The Elephant on a train, The Snake who couldn't hiss and Tiger on an Island. Finally, Year 2 delved into the world of Tom Fletcher listening to his stories and learning all about how he was in a famous band before becoming a children's author. The children completed Tom's challenge of creating a new 'Who's in your book' character. We had a chameleon who kept changing the colour of the books pages and a ferocious tiger who tore up the pages!

As well as all the fun classroom activities, we also buddied up with WJS to create three 'Stories Through the Years'. Reception wrote the first paragraph and passed it on to Year 1, then Year 2 and on to Year 3, all the way to Year 6! It was certainly interesting to read the final stories! We also had a 'Cosy Federation Read' where we shared our favourite books with a buddy class from WJS. The children were able to share their books with each other and read in comfortable places across both schools (including outside in the glorious sunshine!) Finally, we held our 'Spoon Character Competition'. We were all blown away by the amazing, creative entries but the School Council with a few staff members had the very difficult job of deciding the winners! We were excited to share all of the creations at the end of the day, when they were presented on the playground. We hope the children enjoyed the day as much as we did and want to thank everyone for their amazing costume efforts, what a wonderful day to remember!

Miss Redmond, Reading Co-ordinator and AHT

Book Character Spoon Competition Winners

Reception: 1st: Oscar King, 2nd: Thomas Lewis, 3rd: Orla Dunn
 Year 1: 1st: Bobby Price, 2nd: Paige Webster, 3rd: Keira Cayley
 Year 2: 1st: Penny Perry, 2nd: Chayse Hickey, 3rd: Max Walters



Rabbit Class Assembly Success...

On Wednesday morning, we shared our next Class Assembly of the Spring Term with Rabbit Class who proudly presented their learning skills and highlights with the whole school. The children were confident and expressive and we were all very impressed with their moon buggies, space themed artwork and some rather wonderful singing and actions all about Mr Wind and some animals! Well done everyone... Mrs Williams was definitely very proud as were all of the family members who joined us!



Governor News...

On Tuesday morning, our Finance and Personnel governors met for this half term's meeting. Priorities that were covered at this point in the financial year, included reviewing our budget spending at both WIS and WJS against their retrospective budget plans. In addition to this, both of our schools' Financial Values Statements (like a checklist for schools to ensure they are committed to appropriately spending/prioritising their funding) were discussed and agreed. The committee had the opportunity to review our strategic plan targets as well as discuss the Governing Body Action Plan. As you will know, this committee has the responsibility of monitoring our staffing and personnel matters which were also discussed; recruitment and retention of teaching staff continues to be challenging in the current climate so this is also an important monitoring task and we are so lucky to have such a committed and professional team across our two schools.



WISPA NEWS...

Thank you so much for the great response to our half term Sponsored Reading Bingo Challenge, we hope the children enjoyed taking part and we know that the teachers love to know the children are reading so much. We are currently collating the sponsorship money and we look forward to sharing the grand total with you soon.

Our brand new WISBAR Golden Ticket Event was extremely popular after school on Thursday and we hope all of our lucky winners enjoy their prizes - what a fun new event for WIS.

Please don't forget there is still time to book your place to join us at our Chocolate Bingo event on Tuesday 1st April. Please [click here to book your place](#). We hope to see lots of you there!



LET'S CELEBRATE...

Our classes have all enjoyed another busy and successful week in terms of their learning so of course, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's award winners are:

Year R: Megan Lit Virk, Tallulah Baker and Kyle Graham

Year 1: Olivia Johnson, Huxley Fraser and Harry Chase

Year 2: Hunter Black, Ella Wilson and Isaac Valler

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Ella Wilson who has received her World Thinking Day badge at Brownies.

Attendance Awards

We are excited to share this week's attendance winners who are...

Robin Class with 100%.

Well done to you all - a perfect score!