



# Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 - No.7 - Friday 28th February 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
5th Mar	9:10am Rabbit Class Assembly (parents invited)
6th Mar	World Book Day (Details emailed)
6th Mar	3:15pm - 4:00pm WISBar Golden Ticket Event (Details emailed)
w/c 10th Mar	Science Week
10th Mar	School Nursing Team 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 to follow)
7th Apr - 21st Apr Easter Holiday	
7th Apr - 17th Apr SCL Holiday Club	
<u>22nd Apr</u>	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
<u>22nd Apr</u>	World Earth Day
<u>1st May</u>	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
<u>2nd May</u>	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale (if required)

Dear Parents,

It hardly seems possible that we have only been **back at school** for a week as we have managed to squeeze so much in and as such, there are a few curriculum highlights overleaf! I trust you all enjoyed a lovely half term; the children have certainly been excited to share their half term holiday news. I also hope that you had the opportunity to relax and recharge ahead of the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for the rest of the term.

As I am sure you are all aware, our second half of the spring term began on Monday morning with THE phone call to notify us that **Ofsted** would be visiting us to undertake an ungraded inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. This call was then followed by a 90 minute phone call with the Inspector, to provide key details about our school and share arrangements for the timetable. During the course of the two days, many activities were completed involving children, staff, governors and parents. These ranged from visiting classrooms and talking to children, to reviewing documentation, engaging in various meetings and collating questionnaire feedback. Of course, despite every effort being made to make the process as stress-free as possible, every member of staff of course wanted to show the best of our quality provision, ethos and values which we all work so hard to achieve and maintain. Next steps now are for the report to be finalised, quality assured and then shared in the public domain on Ofsted's website. Of course, as soon as I am able I shall share it with you but in the meantime, thank you for your support (including your parent surveys and the exceptionally kind messages and staffroom treats!)

On Tuesday and Thursday it was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many of you to our **Spring Term Parent -Teacher Meetings**. Despite staff being a little more tired than usual for obvious reasons, these (as always!) were such positive events and I am delighted that they are so well supported. We all highly value the opportunity to meet with you and we hope that you find being provided with feedback and updates as well as the opportunity to ask any questions and find out how to support at home valuable. We are aware that there are a small number of parents who were unable to join us, but if you let us know either via the school office or directly with the class teacher(s) through ClassDojo, we will be sure to make arrangements for either a face-to-face meeting or telephone call so we do not miss out on this partnership working. I would also like to mention my appreciation to all 242 parents who took the time (and opportunity!) to provide valuable feedback in the form of our parent questionnaire. Mrs Green is busily collating the results and I will be sure to provide a summary as soon as I am able.

In Governor news, following the inspection on Thursday morning our **Children and Learning Committee** met to review policies and documentation. In addition to the ratification of these policies the committee also had the opportunity to review safeguarding overviews and home-school partnership agreements all of which we hope will support our provision and partnership working for our families.

Looking ahead excitement is building as our **World Book Day** Celebrations draw closer (next Thursday!) Miss Redmond, in her capacity as Reading Co-ordinator, has been working hard with staff to prepare an action packed enrichment day to celebrate the wonderful world of reading and books. As detailed in the letter sent before half term, we are inviting the children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas! We would also love as many pupils as possible to enter our Character Spoons Character Competition; please refer to the letter emailed and ClassDojo message for further details - as we hope we will receive record numbers of entries. In addition to this, on the subject of family events, excitement is growing for the **Westfields Federation Fundraising Chocolate Bingo!** Our resident Easter bunnies have been resourcing the event so please remember if you would like to join in the fun, sign up as soon as possible as places are limited: [Chocolate Bingo Tickets Link](#)

Lastly, to finish on the subject of well-being (which feels particularly important this week!), I hope we are all ready for the wise words of the **Mindful March Calendar** from Action for Happiness which is attached. This month's well-being focus is all around committing to every moment and being present which I think we all know is just so important.

Have a restful weekend - I think we may all need one!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



## A few reminders...

- Please don't forget the children are allowed to dress as a book character or wear pyjamas to school on Thursday next week as part of our **World Book Day** celebrations.

# What have we been learning?

## Reception

In Year R we have 'sprung' into our new spring learning all about animals and plants. We have started our topic by learning about diurnal and nocturnal animals in our enhanced provision, as well as in Drawing Club through our book 'The rabbit, the dark and the biscuit tin'. During the story the rabbit decides if the dark doesn't come then he won't have to go to bed. We enjoyed going on a journey with the rabbit to explore all of the reasons that plants and nocturnal animals need night time. The children also thought of some creative actions to learn their new vocabulary words. Ask them to show you them, 'wilting' was one of their favourites! Our Art areas have also been a hive of activity as the children have developed their observational drawing skills looking at daffodils and tulips.

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

We have had a busy week in Year 1. In English we have started a new book 'The Big Jungle Mix up'. We predicted which 2 animals had got mixed up on each page and then used the book to find out if our predictions were correct. We have also been working on using adjectives to describe different animals. In Maths we have practised counting in 2s and 10s and have solved simple word problems relating to these. We have started a new Geography topic beginning by discussing the differences between a village and a city. In Art we have created different textures by collaging different types of paper to create a caterpillar picture.

Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## Year 2

It has been a hectic week but we have had lots of fun. We watched our new film, The Lighthouse which will inspire our writing.

In Maths we have been investigating multiplication and the children have been thinking about the word 'commutativity' means - we wonder if they can explain it to you? In Science we have looked at different foods and learnt about the food groups. The children then classified the foods. We also helped Sam Bear travel across the UK to different locations using our compass points to help us give directions. For DT the children looked at where fruit is grown and used maps to calculate how far the fruit has travelled to our plate.

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

Thank you so much for supporting our Mufti Day before the half term break we raised £200.30!

We hope all the children who attended the discos on the last day of term had as much fun as the staff did.



## Dexter's News!



I hope you have all seen that Dexter's latest blog (February) is attached and available on our School Website. Find out all about Dexter's adventures by: [clicking here](#).

## World Book Day Character Spoons Competition

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's 'Spoon Characters' for our World Book Day Competition. If you are still looking for ideas please see some ideas below...



Please send in your competition entries with your child on Thursday 6th March 2025.

## PARENT PAGES

To continue to support our families, our fabulous Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby has created next month's Parent Pages. This edition's theme is

'Building Resilience' which is certainly an imperative life skill for us all particularly in these challenging times.

In addition to a few wise words and links to other further reading, there are some great links for some local family fun alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so why not take five minutes to have a read?



Just a little reminder that we hope the children are enjoying completing their Sponsored Reading Bingo Challenges ahead of next Thursday's deadline (6th March). Not only is this a great fundraiser but any opportunity to spend more time reading is certainly a worthwhile one!

Thank you in anticipation of your support, we are looking forward to sharing our grand total with you as soon as we are able.



## 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: Kobi Duncan, Sienna Shrieve and Arianna Matvejeva

Year 1: Senudi Jayasinghe, Evie Baker and Ellie Meredith

Year 2: Ezekiel Jordan, Keila Jahneen Genes and Tara Pereira

## Out of School Achievements

As always, 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

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

Squirrel Class and Robin Class



... with 98%.

Well done to you all!