

# Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.6 - Friday 13th February 2026

Upcoming Events	
w/c 16th Feb - Half Term ACE Kids Half Term Holiday Club	
w/c 16th Feb - WISPA Reading Challenge (details sent)	
<u>23rd Feb - 26th Feb</u>	8:30am - 9:00am <b>Book Fair</b> In the Nurture Room
24th Feb	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening and Book Fair in the Nurture Room (details emailed)
26th Feb	Bag2School Drop Off
26th Feb	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
26th Feb	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening and Book Fair in the Nurture Room (details emailed)
4th Mar	9:10am - Rabbit Class Assembly (parents invited)
5th Mar	World Book Day (details emailed)
<u>5th Mar</u>	3:15pm - 4:00pm WISPA WISBars (details emailed)
<u>6th Mar</u>	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake (Sleep) at WJS (all welcome)
<u>13th Mar</u>	Science Day

Dear Parents,

We have definitely ended this half term with plenty of excitement and a variety of curriculum highlights despite the unexpected **emergency school closure** on Tuesday! Relating to this, I do wish to thank all of our families once again for their support. Of course this is beyond our control but the calm supportive approach that our families showed is greatly appreciated and is another example of what a wonderful community we have.

With slightly less time than planned, classrooms have been even more busy with so many exciting **learning opportunities**. Particular experiences of note include dragon drumming and dancing, Space Workshops in Year 1 classes, the creation of some Mr Wolf wanted posters and of course our **Well-being Week** activities! In addition to tasks, games and activities linked to feeling good about ourselves, we also celebrated **Safer Internet Day**. There are more details overleaf but I wish to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of teaching our children (even those as young as ours!) about different ways they can stay safe online; in our technology driven world these are increasingly essential life skills. This also provides me with an opportunity to mention that I hope everyone received my latest update about our **Smartphone Free Childhoods** policy and practice that was sent earlier this week. Other memorable well-being event highlights have included that all 12 of our brilliant **School Councillors** joined me at the Juniors to act as judges for the Westfields Has Talent Showcase and of course they were a credit to us all reviewing the performances so thoughtfully - they were brilliant! I must also share that Mr Chaplin, a Year 5 teacher at the Juniors, had the privilege of again delivering some very informative, interactive and hopefully inspiring **Space Workshops** to each of the Year 1 classes; there are a few additional details and photographs overleaf but feedback was all incredibly positive!

In WISPA news, thank you for your support with our **Mufti Day** fundraiser today we raised £190.50 which is great! I would also like to mention that a letter has been emailed regarding our **WISBAR Event** and our exciting **Federation Chocolate Bingo!** Full details are in the letters but I wanted to highlight that we are hoping these will prove to be very popular events so please be sure to follow the links if you wish to join in with these exciting family events...

In relation to pupil progress, we are all busy preparing to welcome you all to our **Spring Term Parents Evenings** when we return after half term (Tuesday and Thursday). Thank you for making your appointments we are all looking forward to another opportunity to share your children's successes and progress with you as well as discuss next steps and areas for development. I am also excited about my parent questionnaire and Miss Redmond is looking forward to the book fair which will also be open during the evenings.

Finally, I wish you all a super half term; I hope you take some time to **rest and relax** as well as make some memories.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## Menu Change...

Please be aware that the school lunch menu for **Monday 23rd February** has changed to:  
**Homemade Sausage Roll, Chow Mein Noodles, Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato**



## A few reminders...

- We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the start of the second half of our Spring Term on **Monday 23rd February**.
- Please remember there will be no **Computing or Art clubs** on **Tuesday 24th February 2026** and no **Ukulele, Cartoon Drawing, Girls Football or WeeKicks Football clubs** on **Thursday 26th February 2026** due to Parents Evenings.
- Please remember that we have arranged for a **Bag2School** drop off for 26th February so please keep hold of any unwanted: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, socks, belts to donate - any contributions from family, friends or neighbours will also be gratefully received. This is a super fundraiser and it will save you a trip to the charity shop!
- I trust you all received Miss Redmond's letter about our exciting plans for **World Book Day** including this year's **Storybook Stones Competition** and our **Sponsored Reading Bingo** - these sound like lovely half term activities that cannot be spoiled by the forecast soggy weather to me!



## Safer Internet Day 2026

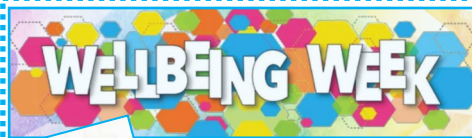


Even an unexpected incident on Tuesday couldn't stop us celebrating Safer Internet Day! Although we had to pause our plans on Tuesday, throughout the remainder of this week, the children have enjoyed exploring this year's theme "Safe and Responsible Use of AI". We launched the event with a special assembly where the children learned what AI is and where we might experience it at home and in school. We discussed how AI is a tool, a type of computer designed to seem like it can think but it doesn't have feelings, imagination or creative ideas like humans do. The children took part in fun, hands-on activities, including designing their own voice assistants and sorting examples of what is AI and what is not. Our key messages included:

- AI is a tool, not a person;
- It does not have feelings.
- We use it with a trusted adult.
- We think carefully about what we share.
- We check information with an adult.
- We always use technology kindly and responsibly.

As with all technology, children are reminded to speak to a trusted adult if they ever feel worried, upset or unsure online.

Miss Redmond, Computing Co-ordinator & Assistant Headteacher



As I am sure you are aware, this week has been 'Well-Being Week' and amongst our usual learning, we have had some fun in our classes working hard to ensure we feel good about ourselves. We have had opportunities to develop our ability to feel relaxed and calm with colouring, yoga, music and mindfulness which has all helped us learn a little more about our well-being. We have also spread positivity by doing 'good deeds' for other people to improve their well-being too. Some examples have included opening doors, giving compliments and sharing smiles to name a few!

Mrs Mallet, PSHE Co-ordinator

## Year 2 Virtual Road Safety Workshop

On Wednesday Year 2 virtually joined over 100 classes across Hampshire to learn about road safety. The children were reminded of the key message - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK! They also looked at safe places to cross a road such as pelican crossings, zebra crossings and traffic lights; and everyone learnt a song to help us remember what to do! The children also had the opportunity to look at a map and plan a safe route - you could see if your child can remember the key words when they are crossing the road with you... Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## Space Station Westfields... Year 1 Space Workshops

In Year 1 this week we were excited to learn more about Space from Mr Chaplin, a teacher from the Juniors who is passionate about all things Space related! Mr Chaplin enthusiastically shared his wealth of knowledge and interest for the topic. He talked to each of our classes about the moon and the very first moon landing. In each class, three volunteers were also chosen to dress up as Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins to bring this historic event to life. The children were fascinated to learn some rather unusual facts about the different planets... Did you know that blue snow falls on Neptune and it can also rain diamonds? We are sure that he certainly inspired some Year 1 children (and maybe even staff!?) to want to become an astronaut in the future!

Mrs Williams, Year 1 Class Teacher and Science Co-ordinator

## Badger Class Assembly Success...

On what feels like the first mild, dry and almost bright Wednesday morning of 2026, we shared another fabulous morning of Year 1 Class Assembly. Badger Class took the lead in sharing their learning highlights and skills with the whole school and an impressive 44 very proud family members! The children shared their historical learning about the first moon landing, systematic investigation of number bonds, dazzling moon buggies and some exquisite art work. We were all very impressed with their confidence and the joy they spread with a rather catchy song all about kindness...

Well done Badgers, you are superstars!



## WISPA NEWS...

We hope all 159 children who attended our Year R and 1 discos last Friday had as much fun as the staff did!

Looking ahead, we hope you have all received our Sponsored Reading Bingo letter ready for the half term holiday.



Further copies are also available on our school website under the parent letters tab.

Please also be aware that our WISBAR Golden Ticket Event is on the 5th March 2026. Please [click here](#) to order your chocolate bars. The deadline for orders is 25th February.



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

The final week of this half term has certainly been a busy and successful one in terms of learning across the curriculum! As ever, in our Celebration Assembly today, I had the privilege of presenting our Learning Superstars with certificates for demonstrating various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). Congratulations to you all, you are WIS Superstars:

**Year R:** Hudson King, Alexander Brooks and Xander Dunn

**Year 1:** Harriet Boakes, Tallulah Baker and Oscar Arnold

**Year 2:** Alexander Levett, Tannaxeya Makunura and Leo Stone

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Alexander Levett** who was Star of the Week at WeeKicks Football last week.

Congratulations to **Blythe Koidis** who has completed her Stage 3 Swimming Badge. Well done to **Mrs Fairminer** who completed her first Farnborough Half Marathon last weekend - what an inspiration to us all!

## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

**Owl Class**  
... with 100%.

Well done Owls we do love a perfect score!