



Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.8 - Friday 6th March 2026

 Upcoming Events	
<u>13th Mar</u>	Science Day
<u>26th Mar</u>	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
<u>26th Mar</u>	Chocolate Bingo 3:45pm-5:15pm 5:45pm- 7:15pm (details emailed)
<u>27th Mar</u>	3:15pm - Break up for Easter
<u>27th Mar</u>	3:30pm - 4:30pm WISPA Easter Hunt (details emailed)
30th Mar - 10th Apr Easter Holiday	
30th Mar - 2nd Apr and 7th Apr - 10th Apr ACE Kids Holiday Club	
<u>13th Apr</u>	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
<u>w/c 20th Apr</u>	Summer Term Clubs Start (details to follow)
<u>22nd Apr</u>	World Earth Day (details to follow)
<u>23rd Apr</u>	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
<u>30th Apr</u>	3:15pm - Year 1 WISPA Cake Sale
4th May - Bank Holiday	
<u>8th May</u>	7:00pm - 9:00pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WIS (details to follow)

Dear Parents,

Marvellous March has begun in some beautiful (although inconsistent!) sunshine and I for one have certainly felt the warmth of Spring! As always, it has been an action-packed week at WIS and the staff and children have certainly shared some **fantastic learning** and extended curriculum opportunities. One particular highlight was a return visit to our courtyard from Priscilla and Wonky (Mrs Green's chickens) who seemed to be more than happy roaming around where Mr Long has been working so hard to clear ahead of our new play area installation which is due to take place over the Easter break!

Perhaps most significantly, beyond our usual curriculum, on Thursday this week we all embraced and enjoyed the fun and joy of **World Book Day!** The day was full of so much excitement from when the staff and subsequently children arrived in school, right through the day until the last WISBar was collected! As is a bit of a tradition, everyone had made such a wonderful effort with costumes and pyjamas the tone was set. Miss Redmond then delivered a very engaging assembly and introduced this year's theme which seemed to inspire her whole school audience! Back in their classes, the children shared stories, completed themed tasks and activities inspired by their texts. There are a few more details and photographs overleaf but I think that we would all reflect that we took the opportunity to make memories, have fun and be inspired by the wonderful world of reading. I would also like to thank you all, for supporting the dressing-up fun as well as our storybook character stone competition which was certainly a challenge to judge with record numbers of entries! In true Westfields style, our community also went one step further to extend the day with the **WISPA WISBars Event** after school. Regrettably, I missed this as I was at WJS with my netball club, but I have been reliably informed that once again the hard work of the team and support from our families and local businesses (in the form of prizes) resulted in another fantastic success! Not only was the event lots of fun, it also raised a truly marvellous £1,320.22 which is just unbelievable - thank you so much one and all!

In other news, further to last week's Parents' Evenings, we have now collated all of your responses to our **Parent Questionnaire** and our results are attached. I absolutely must thank all 236 parents who took the time to provide us with some very valuable feedback. As ever, of course I am extremely proud of the impressive percentages and we all greatly appreciate the thanks and recognition of what makes WIS special. I also wish to thank you for your constructive suggestions which I can assure you will be reviewed by myself, the team and governors as a means of continual development of our practice and policy for our children and wider community; of course I will endeavour to provide updates as these are actioned in due course.

Finally, in terms of parental partnerships, Mrs Kirby was delighted to open her doors to parents for this term's **Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake** this morning. Supported by the School Nursing Team, this time the theme was all about sleep which I am aware many of our children struggle with. The session included some tried and tested strategies alongside acknowledgment of the challenges this creates for so many families. Feedback was once again very positive and I greatly appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to offer these networking and support opportunities to our families.

Have a super (hopefully sunny!) weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman,
Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please don't forget to spend your **World Book Day book vouchers** before 15th March 2026! They can be exchanged for special titles or for a £1.00 discount on any book!
- 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 Celebrations at Westfields 2026!

Wow! What a fantastic themed day we all enjoyed as we celebrated World Book Day this week. Excitement buzzed across the playground as our children arrived dressed in their wonderful costumes and cosy pyjamas, proudly carrying their creations for our 'Storybook Stones Competition' and ready for a full day of reading fun!



We began with a whole school assembly, where we explored this year's theme, **Go All In** and shared the different kinds of stories we love. Throughout the day, each year group immersed themselves in a brilliant dragon themed book as part of our **Fiery Fiction** focus, all designed to spark a love of reading. Reception set off on an adventure with Julia Donaldson's *Zog*, heading to Dragon School to practice roaring, flying and even mixing magical potions! They wrote about Zog's Magic Medicine Mix-up in Drawing Club and created medals and dragons of their own. Year 1 stepped into the hilarious world of Josh Lacey's, *The Dragonsitter*, discovering the chaos that comes with looking after a dragon. They designed their own dragons and imagined what might happen if they brought them to school. Year 2 explored Andy Shepherd's, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*; learning how Tomas accidentally grows a dragon from a dragon fruit and the escapades that follow. They created their own dragons too and wrote about what magical things might grow from an enchanted tree.

Alongside all the classroom excitement, we held our Storybook Stones Character Competition. The creativity on display was incredible and although the School Council (with a few staff helpers!) had the tricky task of choosing winners, every entry was something to be proud of. There was also a real sense of excitement as the children headed to the Book Swap, eager to trade a well loved story for a fresh, exciting new read. On top of all this fun, we also paired up with WJS for our Big Federation Read. Children had the opportunity to share their favourite books with a different year group buddy and enjoyed reading together in comfy spots across both schools - even outside in the glorious sunshine!

Storybook Stones Competition Winners

Reception: 1st: Isla Fittall, Runner Up: Lucas Collinson
Year 1: 1st: Oscar King, Runner Up: Elsie James
Year 2: 1st: Tannaxeya Makunura, Runner Up: Toby Tate



We hope the children loved the day as much as we did. Thank you to everyone for the amazing effort with costumes and storybook stones - what a wonderful celebration of reading!

WISPA NEWS...

Thank you so much for the great response to our half term holiday **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.

Similarly, our **WISBAR Golden Ticket Event** after school yesterday was very popular. We hope all of our lucky winners enjoy their wonderful prizes!

Please don't forget there is still time to book your place to join us at our **Federation Chocolate Bingo** event on Thursday 26th March. Please [click here to book your place](#). We hope to see lots of you there!



Rabbit Class Assembly Success...

On Wednesday morning, we shared our final Class Assembly of the Spring Term with Rabbit Class. The children clearly and proudly presented their learning highlights across the curriculum with the whole school. We were all very impressed with their loud and expressive voices as well as their artwork, models, number bond skills, singing and even signing!

School Council News...

We are delighted to share that our new School Councillors for the second half of this year are:

Ollye Gardner, Nellie O'Connor, Jacob Owens, Ava Rogers, Annabelle Perry, Kyle Graham, Jonah Nicholls, Saoirse Morgan-Bennan, Paige Webster, Harvey Jones, Altee Al-Dabagh and Rhys Thomas

Congratulations one and all, we are looking forward to finding out what impact you are going to have on our school!



Community News...

We are proud to share that in our School Office Area, there is now a **Donation Box** in aid of **Harry's Hat**. As I am sure many of you are aware, this is a local charity who support families affected by hydrocephalus. One way in which they do so is by providing small comfort bags for parents whose child is admitted urgently to hospital. As such, they are currently in need of toiletry donations, so if you have any new, unopened items, you are welcome to drop them in to school any time before the end of the term when the box will be collected.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



LET'S CELEBRATE...

What a busy and successful week we have shared in terms of our learning! As usual, 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: Rio Coggan, Mason Crowley and Tommy Spires

Year 1: Henry Jones, Theo Down and Jaden Boudine

Year 2: Teddy Jenkins, Theo Mott and Harrison Broadbent

We also shared in the excitement of our World Book Day Competition winners as listed above - what a lovely end to the week!

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to our super swimmers: **Rio Coggan** and **Alexander Levett** who have both successfully achieved their 10m badges. Well done also to **Alexander Levett** who has been awarded Star of the Week at Judo. Congratulations to **Jacob Hill Taylor-Cornthwaite** who has gained his Mixed Martial Arts Orange Belt!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Fox Class, Owl Class and Woodpecker Class ... with 99%.

Well done - almost perfect scores!