



# Newsletter



Summer Term 2026 - No.11 - Friday 3rd July 2026

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
9th July	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
10th July	5:00pm - 7:00pm WISPA Summer Fair
17th July	10:00am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)
17th July	3:30pm - 4:45pm WISPA Year 2 Leavers Party (details emailed)
22nd July	3:15pm End of term
23rd July - 31st August Summer Holidays	
23rd July - 26th Aug ACE Kids Summer Holiday Club	
1st Sept - Inset Day	
2nd Sept	8:45am KS1 Start of Autumn Term

Term Dates 2026 - 2027	
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
Inset Days: 1 <sup>st</sup> September	
Start of Autumn Term: 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
Inset Day: 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Half Term: 26 <sup>th</sup> October - 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Inset Day: 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	
End of Autumn Term: 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Inset Day: 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term: 5 <sup>th</sup> January	
Half Term: 15 <sup>th</sup> February - 19 <sup>th</sup> February	
End of Spring Term: 25 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Start of Summer Term: 12 <sup>th</sup> April	
Inset Day: 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
Half Term: 31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
End of Summer Term: 21 <sup>st</sup> July	

Dear Parents,

**Happy Friday!** It hardly seems possible that we only have just over two weeks of this academic year left and there is STILL so much to share! This week has continued in our usual 'busy-bee' ways and we have enjoyed an array of learning, special events, memorable moments and fun.

Amongst our usual curriculum coverage we are also enjoying various transition activities including our second **changeover morning**. In addition to welcoming another group of new Year R pupils and their parents, each of our current classes 'shuffled up' to spend some more time becoming familiar with their new classrooms, teachers and learning support teams. As expected, there was lots of excitement as they had the opportunity to complete getting to know you activities, share a story time and talk about plans for the year ahead.

I must also share that a highlight for me this week absolutely has to be our **Celebration Evening** which was only the second time for WIS. There are a few more details overleaf but I would like to reiterate that I am so pleased with the extensive support and overwhelmingly positive feedback received. No less than an impressive 402 family members joined us to be dazzled by the children's amazing achievements throughout this academic year - thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.

Relating to wider community awareness, may I also take this opportunity to remind those of you who have new entrants joining us in September, we are once again hosting the **School Nursing Team** on Monday (6th) next week for a **School Readiness Session**. There is no need to book so please join us as we are sure this will be a valuable opportunity - an hour well spent to further support the transition of our youngest pupils.

Finally, I must also mention that at the beginning of the week, on Monday evening we welcomed our current Year 2 parents to WJS at our **New Entrants Welcome Meeting**. Once again this was well supported and although we are now federated, we all highly value this opportunity to support our Year 2 pupils as they transition to Key Stage 2 and become fully fledged members of the Junior School. As many of you know, I love any opportunity to proudly share information about the wonderful world of Westfields which evolves across our schools; it was also a pleasure to introduce staff and for parents to see their children's new classrooms. I sincerely hope you found the event informative regarding expectations and routines for our current Year 2 cohort. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- As we hope the sun will continue to shine (but not TOO much!), please ensure that your child(ren) has(have) sunscreen on and a hat in school as appropriate.
- Please remember that next week is the **last week** of our **Summer Term Clubs** with the exception of Year R WeeKicks Football on Wednesday and Girls Football on Thursday which are running the following week and ACE Kids which runs until the end of term.
- To support **health and safety** please do not let your child(ren) play on or use any school equipment before or after school hours.

## Celebration Evening 2026

After school on Wednesday we held our second **Federation Celebration Evening!**

We were excited to open our classroom doors to parents and family members, and share in all of our children's achievements throughout this academic year.

The children were so proud of all their work in their books and on display.

Our interactive whiteboards became slideshows of so many curriculum highlights throughout the year and were such a pleasure to share.

Like all things Westfields, year-on-year we refine and develop so this year it was lovely that WISPA were able to also support the event with refreshments and the opportunity for parents to buy second-hand uniform. Particular thanks to Mrs Mines who ran the WISPA stalls from our Courtyard!

Thank you for your support, the buzz around the school was wonderful! I must confess it was certainly a little quieter as we approached 5.00pm - I have no idea why this was the case?!?!? ... But well done England, that was a nail biter!

### Judo Taster Sessions

This week all of our Year 1 and Year 2 children have enjoyed a judo taster session courtesy of Mr Fricker who runs early morning clubs from the junior school hall.

From the staff and children's feedback they had a wonderful time being introduced to this art form, and we are all so grateful that our children have the opportunity to join the early morning club which will be open to new participants again in September!

Our Reception classes will also get their chance next week...

I am certainly looking forward to seeing some of our children benefit from this fantastic opportunity.

### Smartphone-Free Childhood Policy

Following my previous communications relating to the introduction of our Smartphone-Free Childhood Policy, I wish to update you that this has now been ratified by governors for implementation from September 2026. A full copy has been emailed to all parents for your information and is also available on our school websites.

Thank you for all of your support prioritising the safety of our pupils.

### PARENT PAGES...

Please remember to take a look at July's Parent Pages from our fabulous Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby! This edition's theme is **'No school, stay cool!'** which is all about strategies to manage the long summer holidays. 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?



### WISPA NEWS...

Preparations for our Summer Fair are underway...As previously mentioned, many hands make light work so if you are able to volunteer to help for a half an hour slot (or longer?!), please get in touch with the Committee asap. We are all looking forward to a fun-filled event!



I also wish to apologise to those parents who intended to attend our WISPA AGM on Thursday evening but due to insufficient attendance numbers, we sadly had to cancel. We will update you in the new academic year with a confirmed rescheduled date as an AGM is a requirement of our constitution.



### LET'S CELEBRATE...

Here we are at the end of another successful week during which the children have continued to demonstrate various learning skills in their lessons so, in our Celebration Assembly this week, our Learning Superstars were once again presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

This week's proud award winners are:

**Year R:** Jacob Wilde, Isla Fittall and Brooklyn French

**Year 1:** Oscar Arnold, Mia Hinxman-O'Connor and Finley Kennedy

**Year 2:** Harvey Jones, Alexander Levett and Summer Cunningham

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:** Jace Ofori    **Year 1:** Arianna Matvejeva    **Year 2:** Riley Thomas

#### Out of School Achievements

I was truly delighted to present a special **Ambassador Award** in our Celebration Assembly to **Alice Al-Dabagh** who has been growing plants with her Dad and then selling these at a 'pop-up shop' in aid of our very own WISPA.

She has been so successful with her entrepreneurial efforts that she donated a truly AMAZING £150 from her plant sales - thank you Alice this is so kind and good for bees too!

