

Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.1 - Friday 4th September 2026



Upcoming Events

w/c 7th Sept	Reading Matters Week
7th & 8th Sept	Year R Classroom Sessions
9th Sept	8:45am - Year R Start Full Time
w/c 14th Sept	First week of clubs
14th Sept	2:30pm - Year 1 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
15th Sept	2:30pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
16th Sept	9.00am - 12noon SNT WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
16th Sept	2:30pm - Year R Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
16th Sept	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Cheese, Wine & AGM Evening (all welcome!)
22nd Sept	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
22nd Sept	2:30pm - 3:15pm Federation Parent Forum at WJS (all welcome!)
23rd Sept	Individual School Photos
23rd Sept	8:45am - 9:30am Federation Parent Forum at WIS (all welcome!)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another new academic year! I sincerely hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved **summer break**, with plenty of sunshine (maybe even a little too much although I loved it!) and opportunities to relax and make memories. As always, the start of a new school year brings a great sense of excitement, and it has been such a pleasure catching up with our pupils (and many parents and staff too!) to hear all about their adventures during the summer break. We have had a very successful few days back and it has been wonderful to see the children looking so smart (and grown up!) as they settle into their new classrooms. Their enthusiasm and engagement in their learning have been an absolute pleasure to see. Our Reception Team have been busy conducting home visits, and we are looking forward to having all of our pupils in school full time from next Wednesday!

Over the summer, as many of you will be aware, our schools remained a hive of activity. In addition to the usual preparations for a smooth start to term, we are delighted that our new **electronic gates** were installed and even more delighted (and relieved!) that the first few days have proved to be so successful. As I mentioned in my communication on Tuesday, I do appreciate that any change will bring a few hiccups but as ever safeguarding is our first priority and your support is highly valued. In other safeguarding related matters, I wish to mention again that following consultation with you and our local cluster schools last year, our **Smartphone-Free Childhood Policy** is now in place and again your support in keeping our pupils safe online is also greatly appreciated. Although all families were emailed this previously, for your reference, please be aware a copy is also on our school website.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate our annual **Reading Matters Week**, intended to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading. This year's theme, 'Reading is Out of This World', will see children embark on a series of space-themed reading missions inspired by 'out of this world' texts. As our Reading Co-ordinator, Miss Redmond has organised a series of fun and engaging missions for all Year 1 and 2 classes - there are a few more details overleaf! This much-loved event aims to foster a lifelong love of reading and I look forward to sharing some of the highlights in next week's newsletter.

I am once again indebted to staff for their enthusiasm for our extended curriculum **clubs provision**. As such, on Monday, the eagerly awaited clubs list for this term will be emailed to you. We hope as many children as possible will take part in the varied and exciting activities on offer. **Booking will then open at 6:00pm on Tuesday** via a link sent through the Arbor app (just like last year). As places are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis, we recommend signing up promptly to avoid disappointment.

To start the year by strengthening our home-school partnerships, we hope to see many of you at our upcoming **Meet the Teacher** sessions. These short meetings once again provide an opportunity to hear more about the year ahead, daily routines, and how we can best work together. It is also a great chance to put names to faces and ask any questions you may have. Additionally, I will be hosting two **Parent Forum** sessions later this month, as outlined in our key dates. These informal gatherings are a chance to reflect on the many achievements at Westfields over the last academic year and look ahead, sharing ideas and suggestions to help us continue to improve and support our school and federation community. Everyone is warmly invited - please feel free to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea! I hope to see many of you there if you are able to share the time to give us a little feedback from your viewpoint!

Well-being is an ongoing priority for us all at Westfields and as such I will continue to send you **'Action for Happiness'** monthly calendars during this academic year. We all need to remember to look after ourselves, so **Self-Care September** is a welcome start and I hope you will be able to find a moment to take a look.

Finally for the first time this academic year, I wish you all a restful weekend; after a busy and exciting first week back, I think a few early nights might be needed (myself included!)

Kind regards,

Jo Redman

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



A few reminders...

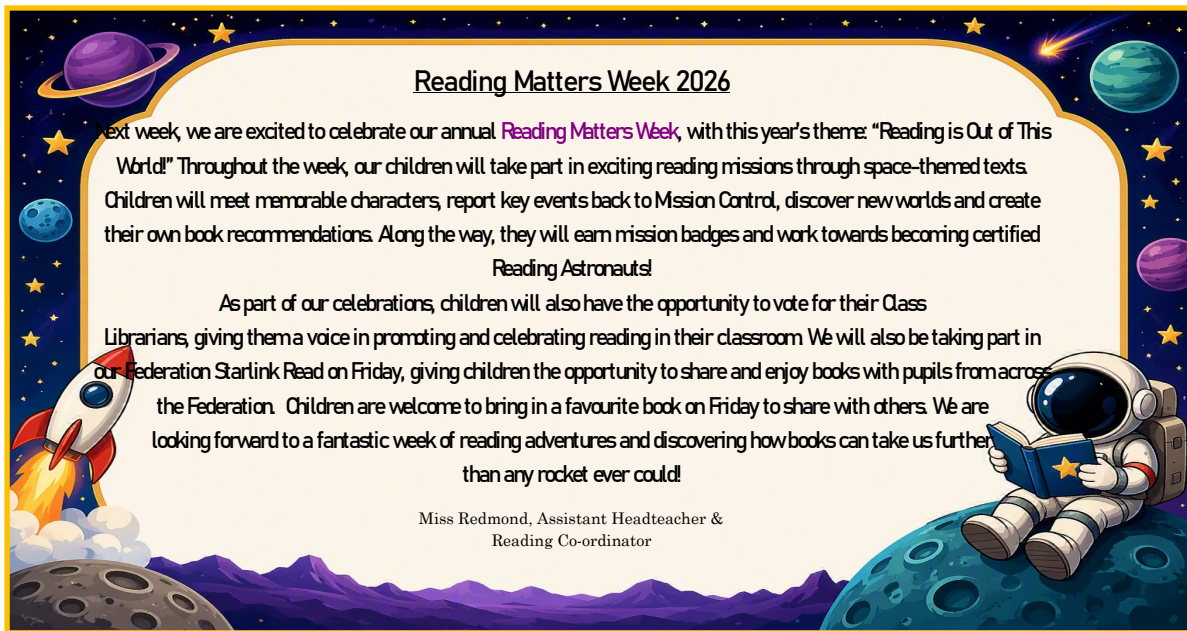
- Please remember to **name all school uniform** items just in case they become misplaced.
- If your child will not be attending school, please **inform us of the reason for your child(ren)'s absence by 9.00 am** each day to support our safeguarding procedures.

Reading Matters Week 2026

Next week, we are excited to celebrate our annual **Reading Matters Week**, with this year's theme: "Reading is Out of This World!" Throughout the week, our children will take part in exciting reading missions through space-themed texts. Children will meet memorable characters, report key events back to Mission Control, discover new worlds and create their own book recommendations. Along the way, they will earn mission badges and work towards becoming certified Reading Astronauts!

As part of our celebrations, children will also have the opportunity to vote for their Class Librarians, giving them a voice in promoting and celebrating reading in their classroom. We will also be taking part in our Federation Starlink Read on Friday, giving children the opportunity to share and enjoy books with pupils from across the Federation. Children are welcome to bring in a favourite book on Friday to share with others. We are looking forward to a fantastic week of reading adventures and discovering how books can take us further than any rocket ever could!

Miss Redmond, Assistant Headteacher &
Reading Co-ordinator



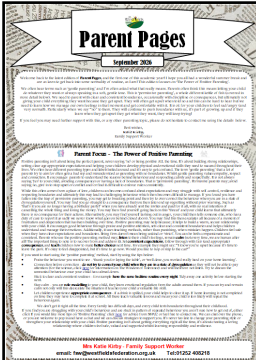

WISPA NEWS

We hope lots of you will join in the fun to find out about the work and exceptional success of WISPA as well as talk about future events and fundraising at their Wine, Cheese & AGM Evening... EVERYONE is welcome!



PARENT PAGES

Please remember to take a look at September's Parent Pages emailed to you earlier today from our fabulous Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby. This edition's theme is around 'The Power of Positive Parenting'.



Term Dates 2026/2027 Reminder

To help with planning your diaries for this academic year as well as avoid term time absence, please see our dates across the Federation...

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated as always!

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

AUTUMN TERM

~~Inset Days: 1st September~~
Start of Autumn Term: 2nd September
~~Inset Day: 23rd October~~
Half Term: 26th October – 30th October
~~Inset Day: 2nd November~~
End of Autumn Term: 18th December

SPRING TERM

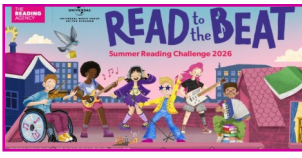
~~Inset Day: 4th January~~
Start of Spring Term: 5th January
Half Term: 15th February – 19th February
End of Spring Term: 25th March

SUMMER TERM

Start of Summer Term: 12th April
~~Inset Day: 28th May~~
Half Term: 31st May – 4th June
End of Summer Term: 21st July



Yateley Library Summer Reading Challenge 2026



I am delighted that so many of our pupils have shared they have participated already, but please remember the final day to complete the Yateley Library Summer Reading Challenge is **12th September 2026.**

LET'S CELEBRATE...

During this afternoon's first Celebration Assembly of the academic year, our Learning Superstars were awarded certificates in recognition of their outstanding learning behaviours. As always, copies of the certificates are on display in the entrance area. This week's proud award winners are:

Year 1: Ryan Thomas, Harvey Evans and Paige Taylor

Year 2: Zac Fitzsimmons, Edie Davies and Ella Brander

Numbot Champions who have made a fantastic start to developing their number fluency by practising were also awarded certificates. Congratulations to...

Year 1: Callum Godinho Year 2: Arianna Matvejeva

Out of School Achievements

As always, may I remind you that we absolutely love to celebrate our pupils' out of school achievements 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
This week's attendance winners are...

Rabbit Class
with 100%.
Well done to you all!