



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.2 - Friday 11th September 2026



Upcoming Events

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!)
28th Sept	Maths Day
30th Sept	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
30th Sept	6:15pm - 7:15pm Reading Workshop

Dear Parents,

It is without doubt that the **first full week** of this academic year has raced by! But it has certainly been an exciting and busy one; I am sure I am not alone in suggesting that many of our children (staff...and parents!) are feeling more than a little tired this afternoon and are ready for the weekend. Of course, following all of our home and classroom visits, it has been a great pleasure to welcome all of our new **Reception cohort!** What a truly super start Fox, Squirrel and Hedgehog Class have all made by getting to know their new teachers, classrooms, friends and routines in the wonderful world of Westfields! We have all been very impressed and are looking forward to sharing their learning journey with them.

A now established event on the Westfields' Calendar, this week, to promote the importance of reading and sharing books, Year 1 and 2 pupils have all enjoyed a number of themed activities as part of our **Reading Matters Week**. Overleaf are a few more details but it has been a spectacular space mission inspired week to promote reading as an enjoyable (and essential!) life skill. The children have thoroughly enjoyed completing an array of reading tasks with a highlight being the **Big Federation Read** this morning.

In relation to our **Autumn term club provision**, I am once again so proud of the breadth of our offer and indeed the popularity and response to booking places. Mrs Green has been working hard to confirm registers and has informed me that there are spaces still available for: Singing, Board Games, Ukulele and Tag Rugby. As ever, I certainly hope these will be filled to maximise these opportunities for as many pupils as possible so please do follow the link previously sent if you wish your child to participate and we shall all look forward to sharing lots of fun.

Beyond the classrooms and school day, on Wednesday evening this week we held our first **Full Governing Body Meeting** of the year led by our Chair, Mrs Leigh-ann Ogborne. The governors confirmed details and arrangements for the academic year ahead, committee membership and role responsibilities. Additionally they ratified key policies including Safeguarding and Child Protection as well as approved our WIS Off-site Calendar 2026-27.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions. For anyone who is not aware, during these informative sessions, year group staff teams will share a few key details about routines, plans for the year ahead as well as ways in which we can work in partnership to promote best outcomes for all of our children. Whilst of course we all hope we will be joined by record numbers, we will also be sure to share the slideshows on the school website for any parents who are unable to join us and as ever our open door policy encourages lines of communication between home and school on a daily basis.

Furthermore, in the spirit of continuing strong home-school partnerships, I would also like to invite all parents to attend our annual **Parent Forum**. These informal sessions offer the chance to briefly hear about our achievements last year across the Federation and to share your views and suggestions for our future development. Please do join us for a cup of tea, a slice of cake and some forward-thinking discussion; we genuinely value your input and hope to see many of you there. To help with arrangements, please confirm if you are able to attend by completing the online form: [Westfields Federation Parent Forum](#), I hope to see you there!

And finally – although it may seem incredibly early – we are already preparing to welcome **next year's Reception cohort**. If you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school in **September 2027**, we would love for you/them to come along to one of our upcoming **school tours** which will be taking place over the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend, see you on Monday!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

Prospective Parent Sessions for September 2027 School Starters

We are delighted to invite you to join us at Westfields Infant School on the following dates for prospective parent sessions for children who are due to start school in September 2027. To support organisation, booking is required for these sessions.

OPEN MORNINGS 9:30am – 10:30am

22nd September 2026
30th September 2026
6th October 2026
10th November 2026
19th November 2026

OPEN EVENING 6:00pm – 7:00pm (adults only)

11th November 2026

To book your place on a school tour, please call the school on 01252 873603 or email us at infants@westfieldsinfant.org.uk

We look forward to meeting you soon.
Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information.

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A few reminders...

- Please remember that our **Autumn Term Clubs** start from Monday next week.
- If you have made alternative collection arrangements for your child please call the School Office during the school day (as early as possible!) to advise of the new arrangements.

What have we been learning?



Year R

Wow what a fantastic start we have had in Year R! It has been a hive of activity this week as the children have experienced their very first few days of school. We have been learning our Golden Rules, making new friends and diving head-first into Westfields life. One of the highlights has certainly been meeting Barney the dog at lunchtimes. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring our outdoor learning environment, getting hands-on and curious as they begin their learning journey. What an amazing start to the year, well done, Year R!

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1

We have had a fantastic first full week in Year 1. We are so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new routines with smiles on their faces. This week we have enjoyed our first PE sessions where we have practised getting changed quickly and listening carefully to instructions to get as active as possible.

In Maths we have revisited finding 1 more and 1 less using practical equipment as well as calculating in our heads.

In English we have been practising our letter formation and checking our spelling of key words.

Continuing on from Year R we have enjoyed exploring and learning in our new classrooms and the teachers have been dazzled with the children's purposeful play.

Mrs Grey, Year 1 Class Teacher



Year 2

What an interesting start we have had to Year 2! In our very first full week, the children became real-life detectives when a mysterious surprise appeared in school... On Wednesday morning, we arrived to find huge footprints in all three classrooms! The mystery sparked lots of excitement as the children set out to discover who, or what, had visited us. The children have suggested some fantastic theories, from friendly aliens to enormous monsters, as they have been busy hunting for clues. Following careful investigation of the footprints, the children thought about what colour the creature might be, how it moves and, most importantly, whether it is friendly!

In Maths, we have been showing off our place value knowledge by exploring patterns in the number system. We have practised counting in 10s, investigated number relationships and developed our confidence in ordering numbers within 100.

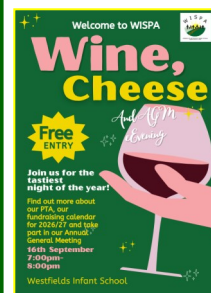
It has also been a fun-filled week with lots of great books about Space as part of our Reading Matters Theme. We can't wait to see what adventures await us next week!

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



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 next Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm - 8.00pm



EVERYONE is welcome!



Reading Matters Week 2026!

What a fantastic time we have had celebrating our love of reading this week! The children have embarked on an exciting space-themed reading mission, completing a range of activities linked to their class texts. Along the way, they have earned lots of virtual badges for their mission logs, showing just how brilliantly they have worked as reading explorers!

Year 1 set off on a rhyming adventure with *'Field Trip to the Moon'* by Jeanne Willis. They had great fun exploring the story and hearing all about the aliens' colourful adventures with crayons. Their imaginations certainly travelled far beyond the stars! Year 2 blasted off into Space with *Astrosaurus 'Mind Snap Menace'* by Steve Cole. They enjoyed exploring the exciting world of the Astrosaurus and following their intergalactic adventures. Throughout the week, all of our young readers have been busy making predictions, exploring characters, drawing settings and creating their own book reviews. There has been plenty of creativity, curiosity and most importantly, lots of reading! We have been incredibly impressed by the children's enthusiasm and the high standard of work. We are looking forward to displaying some of their superb creations around school for everyone to enjoy.

Each class also took part in a special 'Team Challenge', working together to create a space-themed photograph of themselves reading. We think the children have shown that reading really can take you anywhere! Finally, today we completed our Startlink Bg Federation Read, which was a huge success! The children loved sharing stories and talking about books with their reading buddies from WIS. It was a wonderful way to finish our reading mission and celebrate everything that makes reading so special.

Miss Redmond, Assistant Headteacher and Reading Co-ordinator



LET'S CELEBRATE...

We have all enjoyed a successful first full week of the academic year (including our super new Reception cohort!) in terms of our learning. As usual, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates in our Celebration Assembly (and in their new classes for Fox, Hedgehog and Squirrel classes) for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

Year R: Olive Langley-Chuter, Brooke McCullugh and Margot Jones

Year 1: Alice Lokhman, Nieko Robinson and Erin Spindlow

Year 2: Margot Shaw, Macey Buckingham and Finley Kennedy

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

Year 1: Oscar Sponder

Year 2: Oliver Kedzior

Out of School Achievements

Firstly, well done to all of our super readers who completed Yateley Library's Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge.

Congratulations also to all of our fabulous Summer Fitness Challenge participants:

Kyra Gajjar, Jace Ofori, Huxley Smith, Piper Neilson, Ella Sayers, Evie Lyons, Alice Lokhman, Monty Haskins, Joe Carpenter, Lucas Collinson, Callum Godinho, George Hutchinson, Jessica Knights, Paige Taylor, Florence Heppenstall, Zack Goddard, Finley Hawksworth, Rue Brown, Evie Jackson, Clara Heenan, Erin Spindlow, Zac Fitzsimmons, Hunter Jones, Abel Dixon, Jesse Field, Robbie Millard, Jessica Kortlang, Robin Keeley, Rudy Sanghera, Elijah Harding, Orla Dunn, Ella Brander, Megan Lit Virk, Liam Lam, Oscar King, Sienna Shrieve, Nellie O'Connor, Lucy Haines, Owen Valler, Ella Knights, Edie Davies, Marley Dunn, Thomas Lewis, Amelie Rose, Mia Hutchinson and Alex Harrison

Well done to **Isaac Aavan** who has completed his Stage 3 for swimming.



Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Fox Class, Squirrel Class and Mole

Class with a perfect 100%.

Well done to you all!