



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.4 - Friday 25th September 2026



Upcoming Events

28th Sept	Maths Day
<u>29th Sept</u>	9.00am - 12noon SNT WIS 1:1 Appointments (available to pre-book via Mrs Kirby our FSW)
30th Sept	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
30th Sept	6:15pm - 7:15pm Reading Workshop
6th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
7th Oct	9:10am Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited)
13th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details to follow)
15th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details to follow)
16th Oct	9.00am - 12noon SNT WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
<u>16th Oct</u>	9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop at WJS
<u>16th Oct</u>	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA & PAWS Quiz Night at WJS
<u>21st Oct</u>	9:10am Owl Class Assembly (parents invited)
<u>23rd Oct</u>	Inset Day (school closed to all pupils for staff training)

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we are nearly at the end of September already? The term seems to be passing incredibly quickly, but we are determined to make every moment count through the many exciting **learning experiences** and opportunities taking place at WIS. As is our fortnightly tradition throughout the year, each year group has shared an update overleaf about what they have been learning and enjoying in class this week, so please do take a few moments to read about their experiences.

Beyond the children's learning, it has also been a busy week for visitors to the school. Alongside welcoming our school photographers, we were delighted on Wednesday morning to host 22 visitors at our first **Prospective Parent Session** for families with children due to start Reception in September 2027. Following a brief introduction in the hall, Mrs Wilson, Miss Redmond and I had the pleasure of leading tours around our school and grounds, providing families with an insight into the high-quality provision we offer. As always, classrooms and shared areas were buzzing with purposeful, engaging learning, and, of course, our wonderful children proved to be the very best ambassadors for our school.

I would like to extend my thanks to the parents who joined me for our **Parent Forums** this week. Although the groups were small, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share the many successes achieved across both WIS and WJS during the last academic year. I am continually amazed by the wealth of achievements and positive developments across the Federation, and I could not be prouder of the journey we continue to undertake together. The sessions provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on our progress and discuss ideas for further strengthening our policies and practices. Alongside considerable positivity about our provision, parents also shared several thoughtful and constructive suggestions, particularly regarding communication and timetabling. We now look forward to exploring these ideas further and implementing improvements in collaboration with our stakeholders. I fully appreciate that attending such sessions is not always possible, so the presentation shared during the meetings is now available on our website and is also displayed in the reception area. Please do take a look when you have the opportunity.

Looking ahead, we have two valuable opportunities for parents to engage with us over the coming weeks. As highlighted previously through our newsletter dates and Meet the Teacher sessions, we will be hosting our **Reading Workshop** next Wednesday evening. Further details, along with the booking link, can be found overleaf. As in previous years, this promises to be an informative and practical session for parents across the school, and we would be delighted if you were able to join us. We greatly value our partnership with families in supporting children to develop this vital life skill. In addition, we would like to invite parents to attend a **Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop**, led by a specialist from Empower You and hosted at WJS. Please refer to the attached flyer for further information and use this link to reserve your place: [Neurodiversity & Mental Health Workshop Link](#).

In other parental support news, we would like to raise awareness of an **online safety** concern that has recently come to our attention. We have become aware that some children may have encountered *The Amazing Digital Circus*, a programme currently available on streaming platforms, including Netflix. Whilst its bright animation and cartoon-style characters may appear attractive to younger viewers, the programme is intended for an older audience. It carries a 12 rating on Netflix and includes themes such as violence, strong language and drug misuse. Some scenes may be unsettling for primary-aged children, featuring injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format. We would therefore encourage parents to remain aware of the content children may be accessing online at home and to check age ratings carefully to help ensure viewing choices are appropriate. If you have any concerns or would welcome further support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I must also apologise if your child has already informed you that **Christmas card** production is underway! I admit that, in the interests of fundraising, we have started somewhat early once again this year. However, I can assure you there is a sound reason behind our apparent enthusiasm. By completing the designs now, we are able to secure a significantly improved commission rate, making it an even more worthwhile opportunity for the Federation. This year, we are again using a single provider across both schools, and IQ Cards has now collected the children's designs. In the coming weeks, you will receive a proof, similar to the process used for school photographs, and can then decide whether you would like to purchase cards, gift tags, wrapping paper or other personalised products featuring your child's artwork. This initiative has consistently proved to be a successful fundraiser, and any support you choose to give is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would encourage you to take a moment to look through the attached **Action for Happiness Calendar** for *Optimistic October*. As the evenings begin to draw in and autumn settles around us, I hope these daily reminders offer a positive focus for families, children and staff alike. A little optimism can make a significant difference, and this month's theme feels particularly timely and welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



A few reminders...

- For **health and safety** please ensure your child(ren) do not go on the bank/field or any of the play equipment or learning resources at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.
- Thank you to all of the parents who have made **voluntary contributions** to support our enrichment opportunities via Arbor, please be aware if you wish to do so this is possible by logging-in to your child's account - your support is greatly appreciated!

What have we been learning?

Year R



In Year R we have been exploring traditional tales and have so far enjoyed Jack and the Beanstalk in our imaginative Drawing Club sessions. We have also been attempting to design and make our own beanstalks using different construction materials. The children have wowed us with their artistic abilities when painting self-portraits, using mirrors to focus on their facial features and we have all been very excited to start our PE lessons; during which we have already imagined being witches, wizards and pirates - what busy bees we are!



Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher

Year 1



Another week in Year 1 has flown by. We started the week off with Computing during which the children thoroughly enjoyed using the laptops to develop their track pad skills. In our English lessons, we have shared a beautiful story called 'What did the tree see?' The children have been writing sentences about what the magical tree saw throughout the pages of the book.



In Maths, we have been working on our number sense by finding out one less than a given number. We have also found time to get creative and experimenting with colour mixing which was great fun!

Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2



This week the children enjoyed watching a short film about a girl with a magic yellow bag. Amazing things came out of it and the children have been thinking about some fantastic words they can use to describe the objects. In Maths we have been investigating length and accurately using rulers to learn about centimetres. They have also been adding amounts of money and helping to solve money problems. Science has been so much fun as we investigated changing materials through blu-tack and elastic bands! Beyond the curriculum, our new Infant Librarians enjoyed their first meeting with Mrs Grey and are looking forward to supporting the class with their visits to the library.

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS

Huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Year 2 Cake Sale! which was a resounding success! If you have not yet had chance to take a look at the letter regarding **Your School Lottery**, please do so as this is an easy fundraiser. So please do take a look if you would like to join in the fun



There is still time to take advantage of the reduced rate Legoland tickets....



WIS Reading Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 30th September 6.15pm-7.15pm

As mentioned during our Meet the Teacher sessions, we are excited to invite you all to a reading workshop/briefing which we are sure will be a valuable opportunity to support your child(ren)'s development of this essential life skill. During the hour session, we will be talking about:

- Why reading is important
- The reading journey our children go on at Westfields Infant School
- Some useful tips and advice to support your child with reading at home.



We will also be able to answer any questions you may have about reading. To enable us to prepare refreshments and resources **please book** by clicking here:



[Parent Reading Workshop 2026](#)

Calling all parents of prospective Year R pupils September 2027 and current Year 2 pupils... you are invited!

It is hard to believe we are already making plans for the next academic year?!?

With application requirements, we most definitely are! As such... please be aware

prospective parents are invited to our Open Morning and Evening events as

detailed below ahead of the application window of

Sunday 1st November

until **Friday 15th**

January 2027

...it will be here before we know it!



LET'S CELEBRATE...

As ever, our super pupils have worked hard throughout this week in terms of their learning so our **Learning Superstars** were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). Year 1 and 2 enjoyed our usual Celebration Assembly with golden moments and it was a treat to once again visit our Year R classrooms.

This week's proud award winners are:

Year R: Hallie Franklin, Millie Turnidge and Rose Smith

Year 1: Isabel Smith, Harry Campbell and Finley Harvey

Year 2: Edith Tinkler, Otis Black and Isabelle Spraggett



Numbot Champions who have made a fantastic start to developing their number fluency by practising were also awarded certificates; including our first Reception Champion of the year! Congratulations to...

Year R: Margot Jones

Year 1: Oliver Hopkins

Year 2: Megan Lit Virk

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Ellis Tearall** who was awarded his 10m swimming badge - what a superstar!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Robin Class, Hedgehog Class and Badger

Class with an almost perfect 99%. Well done to you all!