



# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.5 - Friday 2nd October 2026



## Upcoming Events

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| 6th Oct                                                   | 9:30am - 10:30am<br>Prospective Parent Session                                                    |
| 7th Oct                                                   | 9:10am<br>Woodpecker Class Assembly<br>(parents invited)                                          |
| 13th Oct                                                  | 3:45pm - 6:45pm<br>Parents Evening<br>(details emailed)                                           |
| 15th Oct                                                  | 3:45pm - 6:45pm<br>Parents Evening<br>(details emailed)                                           |
| 16th Oct                                                  | 9:00am - 12noon<br>SNT WIS 1:1<br>Appointments<br>(pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW) |
| 16th Oct                                                  | 9:30am - 11:30am<br>Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop at WJS<br>(details emailed)                |
| 16th Oct                                                  | 7:00pm - 9:30pm<br>WISPA & PAWS Quiz Night at WJS                                                 |
| 21st Oct                                                  | 9:10am<br>Owl Class Assembly<br>(parents invited)                                                 |
| 23rd Oct                                                  | Inset Day<br>(school closed to all pupils for staff training)                                     |
| 26th Oct - 30th Oct<br>Half Term<br>ACE Kids Holiday Club |                                                                                                   |
| 2nd Nov                                                   | Inset Day<br>(school closed to all pupils for staff training)                                     |
| 6th Nov                                                   | 9:00am - 10:00am<br>Chit-Chat, Tea & Cake at WJS<br>(All Welcome)                                 |

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday, I hope you have had a wonderful week, managed to find some sunshine as well as experienced a few golden moments along the way - as ever, we certainly have at WIS!

This week we began with a truly memorable **Maths Day!** Mrs Fennell led our staff teaching team to deliver a creative and exciting themed day with a problem solving theme; more details overleaf but I wish to thank Mrs Fennell for such a truly inspirational day - the feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive and I love hearing them speak so enthusiastically (and confidently!) about Maths. We also managed to squeeze in some cultural celebrations of **National Poetry Day** with all of our children working together in their classes: Year R embarked upon a Bear Hunt, Year 1 explored a list poem by Simon Mole and Year 2 wrote nonsense poems. Organised by our Writing Co-ordinator, Miss Ridley this was another extended curriculum highlight that we hope will inspire our learners beyond their classrooms to be creative and curious.

Although every day at Westfields seems to be busy, Wednesday this week was more than most! We began with another **Prospective Parent Session** and then following our after school clubs and staff meeting, we held this year's **Parent Reading Workshop!** Once again, Miss Redmond led a very informative session which was attended by a rather impressive 26 parents. The aim of this session was to provide a summary of how we teach reading through Little Wandle, share the progression in reading skills, as well as to share resources, top tips and an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. Feedback was once again very positive and we all highly value the opportunities for us to work together. As always, I do appreciate that many parents are unable to attend workshops, so please be aware the slides and handouts have been uploaded to our school website, if you would like to take a look.

Relating further to our reading provision, we are pleased to share that we currently have a fantastic group of **volunteer readers** across Key Stage 1 (and two more signed up at the end of our Reading Workshop!) However, Miss Redmond is always keen to welcome more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office to make arrangements. Please be aware that a DBS check is required for safeguarding purposes, but this will remain valid for the duration of your child's learning journey at Westfields.

Next week presents us with a welcome opportunity to showcase the wonderful world of Westfields Junior School through our **Open Morning** for families. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming prospective Year 2 parents and children who are considering joining our Year 3 cohort in September 2027. If you (or a friend, neighbour or family member with a current Year 2 child) have not yet booked a place and would like to attend, please follow this link: [Westfields Junior School Open Morning and Evening](#).

I trust everyone received my letter regarding **Parents' Evening** arrangements for the 13th and 15th October 2026. Thank you to all of you who have already booked an appointment via Arbor. Of course we are looking forward to seeing you and sharing how your child(ren) have settled into their new classes which is such an important part of our partnership working.

I also hope you received your child's individual **school photograph proofs** which were sent home earlier this week. Please be aware that the order deadline is at the end of this half term, 22nd October. While orders can still be placed after this date, they will incur an additional postage charge, which we hope you are able to avoid. Similarly, **Christmas card proofs** have also been sent home via 'pupil post' with an online deadline of 15th October via the QR code on the form. All support of this fundraiser are greatly appreciated.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- Thank you to all of the parents who have made **voluntary contributions** to support our enrichment opportunities via Arbor, if you still wish to do so this is possible by logging-in to your child's account - your support is greatly appreciated!
- Please also be aware that this Sunday (4th October) is the deadline for booking **Legoland Fun Day** tickets - be sure not to miss out!



# Mathstopia

a world powered by maths

Monday was our exciting Federation Maths Day, and what a fantastic day it was! The children spent the day discovering just how important numbers are in our everyday lives. We challenged ourselves to think: *What would the world be like without numbers?*

To start the day, we became architects, engineers and builders! Each class designed and built its own town or city. There were towering skyscrapers, tiny houses and everything in between. We compared our creations and used our mathematical skills to find the tallest and shortest buildings. After playtime, our towns came to life as we created a variety of shops, including garden centres, pet shops and cafés. The children added prices, opening times and lots of items to count, making numbers and calculating an important part of every business!

Our final challenge was to work in teams to design brand-new playgrounds. We carefully selected different-sized pieces of equipment, made sure they fitted within the available space and planned safe pathways around them. Year 2 even had an extra challenge of sticking to a budget of £50 for their playground equipment!

There was a real buzz of excitement throughout the day as children collaborated, built, designed and solved problems. The best part? They were using mathematical skills every step of the way without even realising it! It was a wonderful day of creativity, teamwork and mathematical thinking, proving that, 'Maths really is fantastic fun at Westfields!'

Mrs Fennell, Maths Co-ordinator

## Year 2 Cross Country Event

After school on Wednesday, eight of our children took part in an Inter-School Year 2 Cross Country Fun Run.

Our children represented Westfields wonderfully, giving it their all and showing fantastic determination. I felt incredibly proud to see them following our school Golden Rules and demonstrating such positive behaviour! A special shout-out goes to Jesse, who showed exceptional kindness and compassion by stopping midway through the race to help another child who had fallen. What a wonderful example of looking out for others and putting our Golden Rules into action! Well done to our team, we are very proud of you:

Evie Greaves, Jesse Field, Nellie O'Connor, Orla Dunn, Oscar King, Phoenix Sagoo, Roman Fields, Sienna Shrieve

Miss Webster, PE Co-ordinator



## WISPA NEWS

We are so delighted to share that our first Cake Sale of the year raised an absolutely incredible **£360.31** which is more than any of the sales last year! Well done to Year 2 and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event (including by returning gift aid forms!)

What an absolutely wonderful start!



May we also share an updated link for the lottery because the one in the original letter is not working:

[https://](https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/westfields-infant-school)

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## School Council News...

We are delighted to share that this year's first

School Councillors at WIS are:

Evie Jackson, Ryan Thomas, Finley Hawksworth, Jolie O'Brien, Evie Lyons, Chester Hayward, Edith Trinkler, Abel Dixon, Macey Buckingham, Roman Fields, Ella Knights and Finley Kennedy. Congratulations one and all, we are looking forward to finding out what impact you are going to have on our school!

## Harvest Celebrations 2026

Once again next Friday (9th October), we will be following our Westfields tradition to celebrate harvest, with a special themed assembly supported by St Peter's Church as part of our school day. Each year group have prepared 'an offering' to celebrate this special time of year when we take the time to think about how fortunate we are.

We are once again supporting our local charity by collecting donations for Hart Foodbank who help individuals and families through the provision of emergency food supplies that have been kindly donated by people in our community. As such we ask that if you can donate an item of dried or tinned food and send your child to school with the item on Friday 9th October (please check 'best before' dates). Hart Foodbank have requested (if possible) cereals, pasta, rice, noodles and cooking sauces, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, jelly, long life milk (semi-skimmed or whole), tea, coffee, fruit juices and squash... however anything is gratefully received! Unfortunately they are not able to accept fresh or perishable food as they have nowhere to store it. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Community News...

We have been asked to share details of a Harry's Hat, Yateley Industries and Yateley United Football Club charity event... Race Across Yateley! Sunday 11th October 2.00pm-5.00pm Tickets and full details: <https://raceacrossyateley.co.uk/>



**PARENT PAGES...** Please remember to take a look at October's Parent Pages emailed earlier this week. This edition's theme is 'Connected & Calm', an edition to support calm and supportive connection which we hope you will find useful. There are also some great links for local family fun for the break and beyond alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so why not take five minutes to take a look? In other Family Support themed news, please also be aware of our upcoming parent workshop in collaboration with Empower You... you can book via this link: [Neurodiversity & Mental Health Workshop Link](#)



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another hardworking week has flown by and our super pupils have once again demonstrated excellent learning behaviours so in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional qualities and choices (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

Year R: Mason Dance, Charlie Weaver-Carman and Beatrice Wilde Year 1: Isla Fittall, Rosie Shaikh and Esme Li

Year 2: Charlie Hollis, Robbie Millard and Jaden Boudine

**Numbot Champions** who are developing their number fluency by practising were also awarded certificates; including our first Reception Champion of the year! Congratulations to...

Year R: Emmeline Moloney

Year 1: Ilyana Razaquai

Year 2: Jacob Owens

Following an introduction during our Maths Day, I was privileged to present our first **Numbots Class of the Week Award** to **Woodpecker Class** who will look after our Numbots Monster until next Friday!

### Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Benjamin Fordham** who was awarded a football medal for great delivery of his drills and a tennis trophy for his great listening throughout training. Well done to **Hudson King** who won 'Player of the Week' at his football club. Congratulations to **Oli Preston** who was awarded a football trophy. Well done to **Isabelle Smith** who received her 'Storytelling Badge' at Rainbows. Congratulations to **Lucas Collinson** who received a medal at his football club. Well done to **Nieko Robinson** who received a medal for good tackling and passing skills in football. Congratulations to **Dexter Wigman** who received a certificate from Ninja Knights for amazing rolls and work on vaults...What a lot of success this week!

### Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

**Badger Class** and **Robin Class** with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!