



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.6 - Friday 9th October 2026



Upcoming Events

13th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details emailed)
15th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details emailed)
16th Oct	9:00am - 12noon SNT WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
16th Oct	9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop at WJS (details emailed)
16th Oct	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA & PAWS Quiz Night at WJS
21st Oct	9:10am Owl Class Assembly (parents invited)
23rd Oct	Inset Day (school closed to all pupils for staff training)
26th Oct - 30th Oct Half Term ACE Kids Holiday Club	
2nd Nov	Inset Day (school closed to all pupils for staff training)
6th Nov	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea & Cake at WJS (All Welcome)
7th Nov	Fireworks at WJS Gates open at 5:30pm
w/c 9th Nov	Friendship Week
9th Nov	Odd Sock Day

Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully **busy and enjoyable week** it has been at Westfields! Our children have once again embraced a wide range of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum, alongside one of our favourite community events of the year, our annual Harvest Celebration (please find a few more details overleaf).

On Tuesday morning, we were delighted to welcome more **prospective families** for next year's Reception intake. As always, our children were our very best ambassadors. Their enthusiasm for learning, confidence and excellent behaviour made us incredibly proud and we hope will have left a lasting impression on our visitors. Similarly, we were pleased to welcome many of our Year 2 families to Westfields Junior School's **Open Morning** on Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to share a glimpse of life at the Juniors, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces. Following a short presentation and slideshow, fifty-two Year 5 pupils took on the role of tour guides, proudly showing families around the school and sharing their experiences. We received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from visitors, with particular interest in the woodland-themed library, nurture room and, of course, the pupil-run radio station.

A reminder to Year 2 parents that, if you were unable to attend the Open Morning and would still like to visit Westfields Junior School, there will be another opportunity at the **Open Evening** on 21st October. If you know of any local families with a child currently in Year 2 who may be considering applying for a place next September, please do encourage them to come along. They will be made very welcome.

We hope that you have received your child's **school photograph proof** which was sent home in book bags last week. If you would like to order photographs, please do so online before the deadline of Thursday 22nd October 2026. The children's **Christmas card designs** were also sent home recently and we hope you are as impressed as we were by their creativity and artistic flair! Orders for these should be placed by Thursday 15th October 2026. If you experience any difficulties when placing an order, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, where a member of staff will be happy to assist you.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to welcoming families to our first **Parents' Evenings** of the academic year next Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and share their next steps in learning. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please log into Arbor as soon as possible to do so. If you are unable to attend either evening, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made. As ever, working in partnership with our families is incredibly important to us, and we greatly appreciate your support.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please remember that there will be **no Board Games, Ukulele Club or WeeKicks Football Club** on Thursday 15th October 2026 due to Parents Evening.
- If you are looking for some **childcare over the half term**, please be aware that ACE Kids are running Active Discovery themed provision from our school and there is a **discount code** available: EWiHols10.



What have we been learning?

Reception

Over the past fortnight, Year R have thoroughly enjoyed our immersion into the mysterious world of traditional tales including The Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs. These stories have inspired a range of exciting STEM challenges across our enhanced provision; the children have designed and built houses using different materials before testing their strength and durability; working collaboratively, the children also tackled the challenge of constructing a bridge from lollipop sticks, developing their problem solving and teamwork skills. In addition to this, our art corners have been a hive of activity and glitter! The paint has flowed as the children designed colourful pig portraits and drawn atmospheric charcoal depictions of the troll from The Billy Goats Gruff. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, creativity and perseverance as the children brought these much-loved stories to life.

Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have spent some time exploring our new text 'Bothered by Bugs.' The children have not only enjoyed the story they have been thoroughly inspired by all of the fun learning activities surrounding it. In Computing, the children have had the opportunity to develop their trackpad skills even further by using a software called Paintz. The children had to click and drag carefully in order to paint a picture - the children were so skilled, there were certainly a few masterpieces! In Maths we have been recapping our number bonds up to 5 and have been practically figuring out ways to split each number into part-part-whole cherry models. Finally, in RE we have been continuing to develop our understanding of the concept of gratitude by discussing ways and reasons to be thankful.

Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher



Year 2



It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2! As part of our RE learning, we have been exploring different traditions and cultures by tasting breads from around the world. In English, we have been reading the wonderful story, Pattan's Pumpkin. In the story, Pattan and the other characters shelter from a terrible storm inside a giant pumpkin! We worked together in our classes to create story rivers to help us sequence the key events. In



Science, we have been learning about a range of

materials and their properties. This week, we discussed how we could carry out a fair test to find out which materials are waterproof and which are not. The children shared an array of fantastic ideas and reasons which we are very excited to put to the test next week!

Miss Anderson, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS...

We hope you will join us for our first Parent Quiz Night of the year on the 16th October 2026

ALL WELCOME!
Please click here to book



Woodpecker Class Assembly Success...

On Wednesday morning, Woodpecker Class proudly shared so many of their learning highlights in our first Class Assembly of 2026/27! We were delighted to welcome an impressive 46 family members. The children confidently shared a whistle-stop tour of what a typical day in Year 2 looks like: from taking the register to their various lessons, the children shared highlights from the term so far (and even a rumpus of Wild Things!)

They sang a couple of songs and showcased some wonderful crown designs... well done Woodpeckers!



Firework Fun at WJS

We certainly hope lots of our Westfields families will support this year's Firework event which WJS host in collaboration with the Yateley Lions and Scouts.

If you wish to take advantage of discounted pre-booked ticket prices, please purchase these via the

link:

[Fireworks 2026 - Yateley and District](https://bit.ly/yad1fw26)

[Lions](https://bit.ly/yad1fw26)

FIREWORKS 2026

Hot Food
Hot + Cold Drinks
Entertainment
Stalls
Fireworks @ 7:00pm

NOVEMBER 7TH
Gates Open @ 5:30pm

Tickets on sale now!

Scan for tickets
bit.ly/yad1fw26

Scouts 3rd Bramshill (Yateley Green)

NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS ARE PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT

Ticket Dates	Type	Cost
Early Bird 1-Oct - 31-Oct	Child (4-16)	£3.00
	Adult (17+)	£5.00
In Advance 1-Nov - 6-Nov	Child (4-16)	£3.00
	Adult (17+)	£5.00
On the Day 7-Nov	Child (4-16)	£4.00
	Adult (17+)	£7.00

WIS Harvest Celebration 2026

Mrs Grey Welcome Year R and Gill from St Peter's Church

Whole School - Sing
Thank you God for the Harvest

Year 1 - Sing
The Farmer Plants the Seeds

Year R - Sing
Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
Gill from St Peter's Church shared a story of Harvest with a prayer

Year 2 - Autumn Leaves Poem

Whole School - Sing
Big Red Combine Harvester
Miss Redman - Thank you

Harvest Festival 2026

Today we came together for our Harvest Celebration; as such we did not hold our usual Friday Celebration Assembly, so there are no awards to share this week. However, we are delighted to share that the whole school joined together to reflect on this special time of year. Our Harvest Assembly began with children and staff bringing in their generous donations for our ~~Hart~~ Food Bank Collection - thank you so much all for your kindness and support for our local community. We then sang a WIS favourite song all about harvesting crops after which each year group performed their own Harvest-themed songs and poem which were a real pleasure to see and hear; the children delivered their performances with great enthusiasm and the occasion gave us all a chance to pause and be thankful for what we have. To make the time even more meaningful, we were joined by Gill from St Peter's Church, who shared a story and prayer with the children. What a memorable occasion we shared - thank you one and all!



Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Owl Class,
Rabbit Class,
Robin Class,
Woodpecker and Fox Class

... all with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!

