



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2026 - No.8 - Thursday 22nd October 2026



Upcoming Events

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
10th Nov	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
11th Nov	6:00pm - 7:00pm Prospective Parent Session (Adults only)
w/c 16th Nov	Road Safety Week
18th Nov	9:10am Robin Class Assembly (parents invited)
19th Nov	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
20th Nov	Time to Shine and Mad Hair Day
20th Nov	2:40pm - 3:10pm Open Session (opportunity for parents to visit classrooms with their own chn)

Dear Parents,

How did we possibly reach the end of the **first half term** already? It has certainly been a long one, spanning almost eight weeks, but we have packed so many exciting, memorable and valuable experiences into that time. Our classes have certainly kept themselves busy, and our teachers have captured some of this week's learning **highlights** from each year group overleaf. Despite having just four days together this week, we have ended the half term with another lovely flurry of celebration and excitement. The children having the opportunity to get out and about in our school grounds and Owl Class Assembly were particularly memorable events that provided a wonderful way to bring such a busy half term to a close!

On Tuesday morning, the Senior Leadership Team and I were delighted to welcome another 11 **prospective families** for one of our parent tours. These mornings are always a real highlight of the term. Alongside sharing key information during our introductory talk, something you know I always enjoy doing, it is a genuine privilege to visit our classrooms and shared learning spaces and share the wonderful teaching and learning taking place across our school. Of course, our children are always our very best ambassadors, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and warmth they show to our visitors. We still have three more opportunities for families with children starting Reception in September 2027 to come and discover the wonderful world of Westfields for themselves. If you know a family who might be interested, please do spread the word. Tours can be booked through the school office or by emailing infants@westfieldsfederation.org.uk.

Equally, it was also such a pleasure to see so many of our **Year 2 families** at the **WJS Open Evening** on Wednesday, which proved to be another great success. There was certainly an air of excitement and familiarity among our Year 2 children, many of whom have subsequently been sharing their enthusiasm at the prospect of moving up to the juniors next September. As we have come to expect, the Year 5 tour guides did a fantastic job of expertly leading prospective families around the school and sharing their own experiences of life across Key Stage 2. Throughout the different learning spaces, equally enthusiastic junior pupils and staff welcomed visitors and showcased our junior school's approach to teaching and learning across the curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us and also for the exceptionally positive verbal and written feedback that we received. It is, of course, always wonderful to hear such lovely comments!

In terms of **governance**, Wednesday morning saw our Assessment and Progress Committee meet to discuss the validated data from the previous academic year; there was much to be positive about across the Federation, from Year R right through to Year 6. Alongside all of these important numbers, we shared strategic plans for pupil attainment during the year ahead and ratified our Attendance Policy.

Finally, have a fabulous and very well-deserved **half term break**! I hope that all of our families joining in with the Legoland fun tomorrow have a wonderful time. Whatever your plans, please make sure that you find some time to relax, recharge and enjoy being together, because the next half term is destined to be another wonderfully busy and festive-filled one!

Kind regards,

Jo Redman

Miss Jo Redman
Executive Headteacher

Don't forget **EVERYONE** is invited to join us for...

CHIT-CHAT, TEA & CAKE

9.00am - 10.00am Friday 6th November 2026

All parents and family members across the Federation are welcome to join our Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby to have a chat over a cup of tea. The theme this time is **Resilience**; so if you think you may benefit from informally chatting about this aspect of parenting, please do come along to the Parent Pod at WJS!



A few reminders...

- Applications for Year R and Year 3 places for September 2027 open on Sunday 1st November 2026.
- Please remember our school (and WJS!) is closed to pupils tomorrow and on Monday 2nd November for staff training so we are looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026**.

What have we been learning?



Reception

Despite the soggy weather (which just gave us the opportunity to get out in our puddle suits!), it has been a wonderfully spooky week in Year R as we have explored all things autumn and Halloween. The children have investigated pumpkins, created repeating patterns, tackled some spooky addition and practised their pre-writing skills with pumpkin-themed patterns. We have also been busy threading Halloween pasta shapes and mixing our very own spooky potions; from the children's excitement levels, the biggest highlight was definitely watching the potions fizz, pop and bubble! There were certainly plenty of amazed squeals!

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1

Continuing on with our Autumn theme in Year 1 we have enjoyed sharing a book called 'The Leaf Thief'. The children have enjoyed describing what the animals were doing in the story using the suffix 'ing'. We also enjoyed a walk to investigate any signs of Autumn that we could observe and hear. In Maths the children have been working hard to find the number bonds of numerals above 5. In History we have concluded our learning of old and new toys and have compared old, new and toys in the future. Finally, in PSHE we have concluded our learning on belonging and understanding the importance of rules and our rights and responsibilities.

Mrs Mallett, Year 1 Class Teacher



Year 2

What a superb week we have had in Year 2! The children have been exploring the seasons and took their learning outdoors to use their senses to discover the signs of Autumn. We spotted leaves changing colour, noticed those that had already fallen from the trees and used our listening and smelling senses to explore the world around us. In Science, the children have had a fantastic time putting on their scientist coats and carrying out exciting experiments! We investigated different materials and discovered that foil and shiny paper are waterproof. In English, the children loved becoming authors as they wrote their own versions of the story we had shared, Patten's Pumpkin. Everyone worked hard to bring their stories to life; using some wonderful expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to their writing. We have been so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm - what a fantastic end to the half term!

Miss Anderson, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS...

Thank you to all who came to our joint Quiz Night at WJS. In particular HUGE thanks to Mr Shrieve who expertly hosted as our fabulous quizmaster! We are delighted to share that we raised a super £267 which will be shared across WISPA and PAWS. Congratulations to Quizteam Aguilara who were the evening's winners! We hope everyone received our letter regarding our Secret Santa Event sent earlier this week...



Owl Class Assembly Success...

What a treat we shared on Wednesday morning! Owl Class expertly shared many of their learning highlights from their first half term in Year 2 as they performed their Class Assembly. The children shared a retelling of Patten's Pumpkin, Picasso inspired works of art and even some circus themed dancing! Expressive and confident voices and some very impressive dance moves entertained us all, well done one and all, you were brilliant!



PARENT PAGES

Please remember to have a look at Mrs Kirby's latest Parent Pages attached with this week's newsletter.

November's theme is 'Boundaries that Build'. We all recognise that maintaining boundaries can be challenging at times so our Family Support Worker has gathered a few wise words and signposted support which we hope our families will find useful. There are also some 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?



Firework Fun at WJS

Please remember we hope to welcome lots of you to our Fireworks display at WJS and that if you wish to take advantage of discounted pre-booked ticket prices, please

purchase these via the link:

[Fireworks 2026 - Yateley and District Lions](#)



LET'S CELEBRATE...

As we find ourselves at the end of a very busy and successful half term during which our pupils have worked exceptionally hard we are excited to share this week's proud Star of the Week Award winners. Each of these pupils were presented with certificates in our Celebration Assembly (and in class for Reception!) this afternoon (copies are on display in the entrance area).

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

Year R: Isla Husted, Callie Barnfield and Blue Brennand

Year 1: Tommy Spires, Rio Coggan and Mason Crowley

Year 2: Kobi Duncan, Arthur Ogborne and Theo Down

Numbot Champions who are continuing to develop their number fluency by practising were also awarded certificates. Congratulations to...

Year R: Toby Dixon **Year 1:** Oscar Sponder **Year 2:** Rhea Banks

Our **Numbots Class of the Week Award** was awarded to **Owl Class** who will look after our Numbots Monster until next time!



Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Badger Class ... with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!



Out of School Achievements

Please remember that we love to take the opportunity to celebrate out of school achievements of all our pupils so please do pop any details of any success at out of school clubs or groups.

