Newsletter

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

Upcoming Events

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)
23rd Nov	WISPA Christmas Tree Decoration Competition Deadline (details emailed)
30th Nov	WISPA Secret Santa (details emailed)
1st Dec	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! I trust you all enjoyed your half term break as well as the additional inset days. I hope that families were able to enjoy some valuable time together and that the children returned feeling refreshed, rested and ready for all of the exciting learning and experiences that this busy term has to offer. With the festive season beginning to appear on the horizon, there is certainly plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

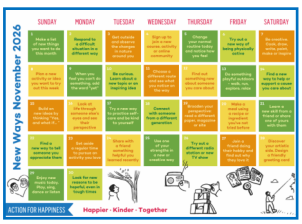
Our children have enjoyed a fantastic start to the half term with a range of exciting **learning opportunities** across the school. In Reception, the children have been inspired by fireworks and Diwali (see overleaf) to create some epic works of art in the form of painting and clay modelling. Year 1 have become scientists who have been busy investigating properties of materials. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been travelling back in time to find out all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot as well as extending their understanding of the concept of sharing in Maths.

As part of our learning this week, the children have also been reflecting on the importance of **Remembrance Day**. Through a variety of thoughtful discussions, research activities and creative work, they have developed their understanding of the sacrifices made by others and the significance of remembrance today. We were delighted to hear in Celebration Assembly that many of our children will be taking part in the Yateley Community Parade this weekend through local organisations such as Beavers and Rainbows. Mrs Wilson and I are looking forward to attending and hope to see many familiar faces there. We also hope that many of our families will be able to enjoy the Yateley Lions Firework Display at Westfields Junior School on Saturday evening - tickets can still be purchased at a reduced rate up until midnight tonight so please don't miss out!

Working closely with families remains an important part of everything we do. Mrs Kirby was delighted to open her doors to parents for this term's **Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake** session this morning which focused on developing resilience in children and exploring practical ways to nurture this important life skill. We feel fortunate to be able to offer opportunities for families to come together, share experiences and support one another. Alongside this partnership working, we were also pleased to welcome the **School Nursing Team**, who carried out individual appointments with some of our families.

Dare I say in **festive news**, we hope that all families who ordered Christmas cards and gifts have now received them. We have also received a number of enquiries regarding our Christmas performances. As such, I wish to assure you that extensive planning is well underway and we are looking forward to sharing further information next week, including dates, arrangements and details about requesting tickets for each of the performances.

Have a lovely weekend - please don't forget to take a look at this month's Action for Happiness Calendar too!



Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman,
Executive Headteacher

A few reminders…

- **Year 2 Parents** - Please remember that applications are now open for you to apply for your child's **Year 3 school place,** please click here to apply if you have not yet done so and don't forget that if you need any clarification with the application process, please pop in to the School Office and a staff member will be happy to help.
- **Lost Property Reminder** - our year group boxes are overflowing already, if your child has lost an item please ask them to check or pop into school to take a look...



Friendship Week 2026

We are once again all looking forward to our **Friendship Week** which starts on Monday. As part of this annual reminder, we will be spending some of our learning time thinking about the **'Break the Silence'** where we will be aiming to demonstrate that children should talk about their feelings and think about which words will help others to feel happy. Each KS1 class will be completing an art activity (buddied up with pupils from WJS) as part of Friendship Week and to remind us all how we are unique and special. We are hoping that on **Monday 9th November** each child (and staff members!) will come into school wearing odd socks! They can be as bright, decorated and as different as you wish (but there is no need to buy any new ones!) It will be an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes everybody different so we hope everyone will join in the fun!



Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator

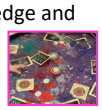


Diwali comes to WIS...

This week, Reception enjoyed a special visit from Ms Ponuganti who came to teach us all about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. The children listened carefully to the story of Diwali and learned why this important celebration is observed by many people around the world. They discovered how families come together to celebrate, enjoy delicious food, decorate their homes and spend time with loved ones. We also explored the beautiful rangoli patterns that are created using colourful designs and learned about the exciting fireworks and lights that are often part of Diwali celebrations. The children were fascinated to hear about the traditions and customs associated with this special festival and enjoyed asking thoughtful questions throughout the session. We would like to thank our visitor for sharing their knowledge and helping to bring Diwali to life for the children.







Year R Team

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



Flu Nasal Immunisations - 1st December 2026

Further to our previous email please click here to complete the Flu Vaccination Consent Form by **27th November 2026.**

NHS

WISPA THANK YOU...

We wish to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who joined in the Legoland fun on the Inset Day before the half term. Your support resulted in an absolutely fabulous £615 being raised. We hope everyone enjoyed a fun-filled family day - even if it was a little soggy!



Westfields Infant School

WISPA NEWS...

We hope everyone received our letter regarding our **Secret Santa Event** sent before half term...



And our letter about the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition sent earlier this week.



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LET'S CELEBRATE...

Despite only being a short first week due to our inset day on Monday, we still had so much to celebrate in our Celebration Assembly. We are excited to share this week's proud Star of the Week Award winners who were presented with certificates this afternoon (copies are on display in the entrance area). Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

Year R: **Vanessa Stoskute, Felix Paker** and **Elowen Mansfield-O'Neill**

Year 1: **Amelia Pursey, Kyra Gajjar** and **Athena Deasy**

Year 2: **Oscar Arnold, Nevaeh Perkins** and **Tallulah Baker**

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

Congratulations to...

Year R: **Toby Dixon** Year 1: **Zayaan Ismail** Year 2: **Isaac Avaan**

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

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Emmeline Moloney** for passing her Stage 1 Swimming Badge.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

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

Well done to you all!