Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 - No.10 - Friday 13th November 2026

Upcoming Events

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)
24th Nov	3:45pm - 6:45pm Robin Class Parents Evening (details emailed)
26th Nov	3:45pm - 6:45pm Robin Class Parents Evening (details emailed)
30th Nov	WISPA Secret Santa (details emailed)
1st Dec	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
3rd Dec	9:15am Year R Christmas Performance (details to follow)
4th Dec	9:15am Year R Christmas Performance (details to follow)

Dear Parents,

Term seems to be flying by and it is remarkable to think that we are already in the middle of November! In usual Westfields style, this week has been another busy and valuable one, with highlights including Odd Sock Day, Friendship Week and of course on Wednesday our Remembrance commemorations.

Before we look ahead, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our families who attended the **Firework Display** hosted at WJS last Saturday evening. This local community collaboration ensured that the event was another fantastic success. We all hope that everyone who joined us had an enjoyable time. In addition to this, it was once again a privilege to take part in the **Yateley Remembrance Service and Parade** on Sunday afternoon. I felt immensely proud to see so many of our infant children representing their community groups and a group of our junior children represented the Federation including by laying a wreath. It was, as always, a very special occasion.

On Tuesday morning we welcomed more prospective families for next year's Reception intake and then on Wednesday evening we welcomed another group of potential new families to our **Prospective Parent Session**. Following a brief introduction to our vision, organisation and approach, prospective parents then had the opportunity to visit all of our classrooms and shared spaces where they were able to meet teaching staff, see a selection of our fantastic resources and ask any questions they may have. As usual, it was enjoyable and we again received some very complimentary feedback about our provision with one parent commenting, 'It feels less like a school and more like a home.' which I think is an impression to be incredibly proud of. We do have one more prospective parent session booked in for next Thursday so if you wish to join us, or know of any other prospective families who are looking for a Reception space for September 2027, please give us a call to book a space.

I also wish to remind you that next Friday (between 2.40pm and 3.10pm) brings our first **Open Session** of the year. For anyone who is new to this, these are an opportunity for all parents to visit your child(ren)'s classrooms, look at their books as well as share in an activity together.

As many of you know very well, Christmas is a special time at Westfields and we do not want anyone to miss out on any of the seasonal celebrations! As such attached to my newsletter this week you will find our **Festive Fun at Westfields** letter (the Juniors have one too!) As in previous years, this includes key details about the upcoming activities and events. We hope this helps you plan ahead and enjoy this wonderfully busy time of year!

Finally, I also wish to take this opportunity to mention that in community festive news the 3rd Bramshill Scout Group are once again selling **Christmas trees** from next weekend - so please consider supporting them if you are going to have a real tree at home.

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, 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!
- Please remember that there is **no Gymnastics Club** on **Tuesday 17th November** due to WJS Parents' Evening.

What have we been learning?

Reception



In Maths, Reception have been investigating the properties of 2D shapes and using this knowledge to create our own tessellation masterpieces,. During Drawing Club, we have enjoyed reading the dastardly tale of The Bad Seed and thought about the choices he makes throughout the story. As part of Friendship Week, the book inspired lots of discussion about how we can be kind, helpful and considerate towards others. The children loved role-playing as the Bad Seed and imagining the mischievous antics he might get up to around school, from emptying the bins onto the carpet to stealing all the puddings at lunchtime! These imaginative scenarios led to some thoughtful conversations about making positive choices and being a good friend!



Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher

Year 1



This week we have been inspired by the story of The Jolly Postman to plan a party, write invitations and then write all about what we would like our guests to enjoy to make it special. In Phonics the children have impressed us by starting to learn new split digraphs, whilst in Maths we have worked on our number bonds by finding different ways to make totals of 6 and 7. We have also tried our hand at digital painting on the laptops as well as enjoyed a geographical walk looking for human and physical features in our school grounds. In RE we are starting to look at the Nativity in relation to the idea of 'journeys'... what a varied week!



Mrs Grey, Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2



This week the children have taken part in lots of activities to help us be a better friend to those around us. They have made cards, said kind words, helped each other and passed on plenty of smiles! As part of our Science learning we have been investigating forces and motion and finding out how objects move down a slope. We explored with lots of different objects and next week we will be scientists and create our own test to find out what objects travel the fastest! In History we found an envelope full of pictures and we used them to learn about the past and a famous man called Samuel Cody. Next week we will investigate further to see what he did...



Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher

WISPA NEWS...



We hope you all received our letter about the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition sent last week.

In donation news, ALL of the staff and children wish to say a **HUGE** thank you to WISPA for their new Year 1 continuous provision resources, digital cameras to support our Computing curriculum and new rugs in Year R... Christmas seems to have come early and we all greatly appreciate how WISPA's hard work and the support of all our families makes such a difference for our children!

THANK YOU!





Friendship Week 2026...

BREAK THE SILENCE

We have had an exciting focus in school this week and have spent time thinking carefully about our friendships and remembering to **'Break the Silence.'** This has encouraged us to share our feelings, but to also talk to our friends in a kind and compassionate way. It all began with 'Odd Socks Day' when (wearing our array of jazzy socks) we talked in our classes about how important it is to understand that we are all different and unique. Throughout the remainder of the week, we have completed art work, circle times, playground games and writing activities. Year 1 and Year 2 spent time with some 'new' friends from WJS; Year 2 visited Year 6 and Year 1 were visited by Year 4. 'Friendship Colouring Club' was also a hit at lunchtimes where children were encouraged to share, chat and colour with friends. I think it is fair to say we shared lots of fun and reminded ourselves about some important messages and social skills.







Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator

Time to Shine & Mad Hair Day...

Please remember that we are combining our annual Time to Shine Day next Friday 20th November as part of Road Safety Week with Mad Hair Day to brighten up a dull November day! All of the children and staff are requested to make a Rainbow Raffle donation to WISPA to enjoy a non-uniform day. This time we hope everyone will wear their brightest clothes and also have mad hair! By participating in this opportunity we hope to prepare for our Christmas Raffle whist reminding everyone about the importance of keeping ourselves safe as the darker evenings set in!

THINK! Road Safety

LET'S CELEBRATE...

As usual, this afternoon we came together to celebrate our varied successes in our Celebration Assembly. We are excited to share this week's proud **Star of the Week Award** winners who were presented with certificates (copies are on display in the entrance area). Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

Year R: **Isabella Renwick, Tatum Smith** and **Nelly Beale**

Year 1: **Penny Bratt, Rue Brown** and **Ellis Tearall**

Year 2: **Rhea Banks, Jesse Field** and **Mia Hutchinson**

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

Congratulations to...

Year R: **Ada Lawson** Year 1: **Arthur Overton** Year 2: **Elijah Harding**

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



Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Joe Carpenter** who won a medal at his football match for scoring 3 goals. Congratulations to **Robbie Kidgell** who received a medal at his football club for his dribbling, passing, tackling and scoring a goal!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Owl Class, Badger Class, Mole Class and Rabbit Class... with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!