Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 - No.12 - Friday 27th November 2026

Upcoming Events

30th Nov	WISPA Secret Santa (details emailed)
1st Dec	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
3rd Dec	9:15am Year R Christmas Performance (details emailed)
4th Dec	9:15am Year R Christmas Performance (details emailed)
9th Dec	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance (details emailed)
9th Dec	6:00pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at St Peter's Church children to arrive from 5:30pm (details emailed)
10th Dec	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance (details emailed)
11th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (details emailed)
16th Dec	WISPA Christmas Raffle Draw
17th Dec	pm - All Year Group Christmas Parties
18th Dec	3:15pm End of Autumn Term
21st Dec 2026 - 1st Jan 2027 Christmas Holiday	

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that there are just three weeks left until the **end of the Autumn term?** I for one cannot, especially when there is certainly plenty to look forward to before the end of term! This week, alongside all of the exciting learning taking place in classrooms every day (with a few more year group details overleaf!), excitement is building across the school as we look forward to our extended curriculum opportunities and a dash of festive fun. Our hall has been filled with the sound of beautiful singing as Nativity rehearsals continue in full swing, while classrooms remain as busy as ever. We were also excited to welcome Gill from St Peter's Church on Wednesday for a special assembly all about the symbolism of light at Christmas.

Relating to parent views, emailed earlier today was a summary of our **Parent Questionnaire Results** collated during our Parents Evenings this term. I would like to thank all 247 parents who provided feedback. As ever, we greatly appreciate your overwhelmingly positive feedback and comments about our strengths and what you value so highly about WJS but equally we will take this opportunity to review your suggestions to make further improvements as we are always looking to evolve our school (and federation) provision. I will of course keep you updated relating to this!

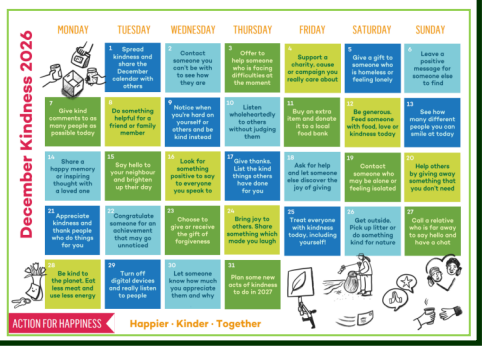
Our fantastic team of WISPA elves have also been super-busy preparing for the **Secret Santa Gift Shop** which will be open on Monday. Please may I take this opportunity to mention that if you have purchased gifts for your child to choose, please send them in to school with a named carrier bag so they are safely brought home - we are all looking forward to this festive fun!

As we journey closer to Christmas, which we recognise is not always full of festive cheer for everyone, our lovely **family support worker**, Mrs Kirby has themed December's Parent Pages around, 'the gift of doing nothing' to support all of the pressures and craziness that come with the festive season. There are an array of timely top tips, support suggestions and perhaps most importantly a little understanding and empathy so please do take a look if you think this could be useful. We have also attached next month's **Action for Happiness December Kindness** which once again provides a daily reminder of ways we can all spread a little kindness, in Aesop's words… *no act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.*

Have a lovely weekend - I hope to see lots of you at **Yateley Christmas Market** on Saturday afternoon particularly as our amazing choirs across the Federation will be performing (meeting at 4.00pm and performing at 4.15pm) - why not join in the fun?

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



A few reminders…

- **Year 2 Parents** - Please remember that applications are 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 - the closing date for applications is 15th January 2027.
- If your child will not be attending school, please inform us of the reason for your child(ren)'s **absence** by 9.00 am each day to support our safeguarding procedures.
- If you are looking for some **childcare over the Christmas holiday**, please be aware that ACE Kids are running an ACE Wonderland themed provision from our school and there is a **discount code** available: EWiHols10.



What have we been learning?

Reception



Despite the hustle and bustle of our Nativity rehearsals, Year R has still found plenty of time for lots of unique learning experiences in and around the classrooms too! In Maths, we have been learning important partitioning techniques for numbers to 5. The children have been using five/ten frames, part-part-whole models and lots of practical activities to deepen their understanding of how numbers can be broken into smaller parts. A particular class favourite has been partitioning groups of delicious snacks at break time, which has provided a very motivating way to practise our new skills! Outside, we have certainly been enjoying the change in weather. The children have begun an enquiry into how temperature changes by leaving little bowls of water outside and monitoring how different quantities freeze overnight. There has been great excitement each morning as we investigate and compare our findings. We have also loved writing our names in the frost and trying to dig in the frozen mud. These seasonal changes have sparked lots of curiosity and conversation, helping us to develop our understanding of the world around us.



Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher

Year 1



Despite it being very chilly, what a lovely week it has been in Year 1!

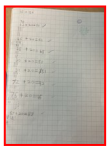
We started the week with a Geography filled Monday where we recapped our knowledge all about human and physical features. Then we re-read one of our favourite stories, The Jolly Postman. This gave us inspiration to draw our own story maps that included all of the locations that the Jolly Postman visited.

In our English lessons we also planned and drafted postcards pretending to be one of the characters from our current story, 'Meerkat Mail'. This gave us all the opportunity to practice writing in the first person using the pronoun I. Of course, we have also been getting super creative by making our Christmas hall decorations so that the hall looks wonderfully festive for the Nativities and other festivities coming up in the next few weeks.



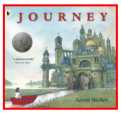
Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2



Alongside all of our preparations for our greatly anticipated Nativity at St Peter's Church, we have certainly had another busy week of learning in Year 2!

In English we were inspired by watching a wordless film called 'Journey' about a little girl, a magic crayon and an amazing adventure!We all thought carefully about the girl's character and generated some very descriptive vocabulary to describe her in vivid detail using powerful adjectives.



In Maths this week we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills. We have consolidated our learning on how to add as well as subtract ten to and from a number whilst beginning to look at multiple of tens too - we have been so impressed with the children's developing confidence!

In Computing we have been learning how to take good photographs using the iPads. We explored the effect that light has on photographs and how we can improve a photograph if it is too dark.

Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher

WISPA NEWS...

We were so delighted to have received a fantastic 85 decorations in this year's Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. With so many wonderful entries it was a very difficult task for our School Councillors and staff to vote for their favourites but we are delighted to share the year group winners are:

Year R
Nevaeh Wenham
Year 1
Evie Jackson
Year 2
Alex Harrison



Congratulations to you all!

To fully celebrate this success, everyone's decorations will be on display on our school tree - thank you all for making it so special with all of your creativity.

WISPA

KS1 Christmas Multi-Skills Sporting Event



After school on Tuesday afternoon, our team of ten enthusiastic, eager and excited children arrived at Calthorpe Park Secondary School to take part in a round-robin style multi-skills event. The afternoon began with a very special visit from Santa, who helped get everyone energised and ready to go with a warm up! The children then took part in a variety of festive activities including Christmas kurling, boccia, retrieving the 'snowballs', and even Santa sack races! Everyone had great fun, showed wonderful teamwork and embraced every challenge with huge smiles! At the end, each child was presented with a sticker and a lovely Christmas cracker as a reward for their fantastic efforts.





It was an absolutely brilliant event and the children absolutely loved participating in this extended curriculum opportunity. Well done, WIS Sports Superstars!



Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Co-ordinator

Christmas Lunch

Further to the full details shared previously, please remember the deadline for Christmas Lunch orders is **Monday 30th November.**

If you wish for your child to join in the fun, please click here to confirm your child's menu choice. If you have not placed your order by this date, please provide your child with a packed lunch on 11th December.



Eco-Champions





On Tuesday during lunchtime, the Eco-Warriors from Westfields Junior School joined forces to work with our WIS Eco-Champions to create some fantastic posters to be displayed at both schools. The posters they created included important messages to care for our environment such as "Turn off the Lights", "Reuse water bottles", "Recycle". We also talked about our successful campaign this term to ensure rubbish is placed in the correct bins! Well done Westfields, you are helping save our world!

Mrs Williams, Year 1 Class Teacher and Science Co-ordinator

Mad Hair Day—Thank You!







We just wanted to say a huge thank you for ALL of your generous donations to our **WISPA Rainbow Raffle** as part of our Mufti and Mad Hair Day celebrations! Our WISPA elves have been busy creating wonderful prizes for our **Christmas Raffle!** They look amazing! To be in with a chance of winning one of the ten hampers.... please remember there is still time to buy your **raffle tickets!**

LET'S CELEBRATE...

Amongst all of our Nativity rehearsals, our super pupils have once again worked hard throughout this week in terms of their learning so in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

Year R: **Isla Burningham, Millie Reynolds** and **Max Worner**

Year 1: **Kasper Szypkowski, Callum Godinho** and **Isabella Wilkinson**

Year 2: **Mason Lovell, Harriet Boakes** and **Jacob Owens**

This week's **Numbot Champions** who are continuing to develop their number fluency by practising were also awarded certificates. Congratulations to…

Year R: **Robyn Smith** Year 1: **Zayaan Ismail** Year 2: **Elijah Harding**



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



Well done also to our **Sporting Superstars** who represented WIS at a interschool multi-skills event at Calthorpe: Jorga Ayres, Hallie Butterworth, John Collins, Parker King, Thomas Lewis, Megan Lit Virk, Seth Mines, Luke Reid, Ella Sayers and Margot Shaw

Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Ella Sayers** who has been awarded her 50m swimming certificate.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are… Woodpecker Class … with a perfect 100%.

Well done to you all!