

Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 - No.1 - Friday 10th January 2025

 Upcoming Events	
15th Jan	Application Deadline for Year R and Year 3 Places
15th Jan	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Committee Meeting
16th Jan	9:00 - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake at WJS (Boundaries)
16th Jan	3:15pm - Year R WISPA Cake Sale
17th Jan	3:15pm - Year R WISPA Cake Sale (if required)
20th Jan	Spring Term Clubs start
27th Jan	Year 1 Space Workshop –Moon Landings
5th Feb	9:10am - Badger Class Assembly (parents invited)
6th Feb	8:45am - 9:30am Open Session
w/c 10th Feb	Wellbeing Week
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
14th Feb	WISPA Mufti Day
14th Feb	3:15pm– Break up for Half Term
14th Feb	3:15pm - 4:15pm WISPA Year R Party
14th Feb	4:30pm - 5:30pm WISPA Year 1 Party
w/c 17th Feb Half Term	

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the **Spring Term 2025!** It has certainly been a rather chilly start but equally an absolute pleasure to see all of our children and families back at school after a well-earned break. Despite being a shorter week, we have ensured that we have started as we mean to go on with lots of exciting experiences including New Year Assemblies and new learning across our curriculum. There are a few extra year group details overleaf and in addition to this, as introduced last year, today a copy of your child(ren)'s **Learning Overview** which provides a summary of the year group learning journeys across the whole curriculum, are attached, have been uploaded to ClassDojo and are available on our school website; we hope you find them informative in ensuring you are aware of what your children will be up to in the coming weeks.

On Thursday morning, I also completed my final tour for **prospective parents** for our September 2025 cohort. Once again, our visitors were very complimentary about our wonderful facilities and grounds as well as (most importantly!) the atmosphere and enjoyment of children in their learning across our year groups.

In final Christmas news... I trust you have all now received the Nativity **photo orders** via pupil post which I hope will help you to recall treasured memories of the children's fantastic performances as milestones in the learning journeys.

Thinking ahead, I am absolutely delighted that our **spring term clubs** have once again proved to be very popular with places being booked. There are however a few places still available, so if you wish for your child to participate in these valuable extended curriculum opportunities, please book via the link or contact the school office as soon as possible so our registers can be confirmed.

In terms of parent partnerships, we hope some of our families will attend Mrs Kirby's (our Family Support Worker) next drop in **Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake** Session. Some of you have met Mrs Kirby on a 1:1 basis for some support which is fantastic, but in addition to this, she also hosts an informal drop-in session each term. These tea and cake fuelled events are a great opportunity to chat about different challenges that we all face. This term's session is around instilling boundaries with children, so if you think you may benefit from informally chatting about this aspect of parenting, please do come along via the School Office at the Juniors.

In addition to this, please be aware that attached to the newsletter this week is Mrs Kirby's next **Parent Pages** one-pager which contains some useful information regarding 'Healthy Relationships with Food' which is such an imperative life skill for us all. In addition to a few wise words and links to other further reading, there are some great links for some local family fun alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so why not take five minutes to have a read? We have also attached the next calendar from **Action for Happiness** which focuses on a Happier January which I think we could all aspire to achieve!

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



A few reminders...

- Please remember Gymnastics, Judo and Street Dance clubs start next week and all other Spring Term Clubs start week commencing **20th January**.
- Please remember that **Reception and Year 3 applications** are open and the deadline for applications is fast approaching next week: **15th January 2025**.

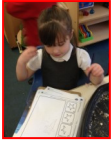
What have we been learning?

Reception

In Year R we are filled with anticipation for our upcoming topic 'Space and Our Planet'. We will start by learning all about the rocky planets, moving on in the following weeks to the



gas giants and then having some time to investigate the mysterious Kuiper Belt. We will be conducting state of matter experiments with water and ice, using our manipulative skills to create clay model planets as well as enjoying lots of opportunities for space themed dancing and role play throughout the classroom.



Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher

Year 1

What a busy start we have had to this half term. We discovered a rocket had crash landed on our school field and predicted where it may have come from and who it might belong to. After making our predictions, we found out it belonged to an alien called Q Pootle 5. We have shared his story and talked about what we liked and disliked about the book as well as what we thought of books it is similar to. In Maths we have been revising our knowledge of number bonds to 10. We have also been on a winter walk spotting different signs of winter including frost, ice, evergreen and deciduous trees. In



Computing we have started our new unit of learning, 'Moving a robot' and had fun using the Beebots by exploring how we can make them move. Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher

Year 2

What a chilly but fantastic first week back we have had in Year 2! We started the week with a frosty winter walk and spotted many different signs of winter. We discussed which animals hibernate throughout these colder months and thought about how we keep ourselves warm - drinking hot chocolate being a firm favourite!



We listened to a new story in English, The Hare and the Tortoise. We learnt that this is a famous fable and thought about the moral of the story which is 'slow and steady wins the race'. We worked in pairs to create story maps to help us sequence the events. In Maths we have practised addition and subtraction using our own number lines. In DT we had great fun learning how to make sliders as part of a moving picture.



Mrs Anderson, Year 2 Class Teacher



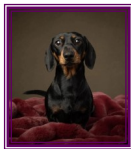
WISPA NEWS...

We are so excited to share that as a result of all of the hard work of our fantastic WISPA Team and the support of our families and staff, last term WISPA raised an extremely impressive £6164! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Next week they hold their first meeting of 2025 and everyone is invited to attend on Wednesday evening 7.00pm - 8.00pm. The agenda is set to include some feedback from all of the Christmas festivities, upcoming events and suggestions for uses of the funds raised so if you are able to join us, please do so, the more the merrier!



Dexter's News!



Please remember Dexter's latest blog (December) is available on our School website (and was emailed and sent on ClassDojo) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by [clicking here](#).

FINAL CALL

Year R and Year 3 Applications for September 2025

Please remember that the deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications in September 2025 is drawing closer and will close at midnight on Wednesday 15th January 2025.



Community News...

Firstly, I am so excited to share that I received a lovely email from Reverend Tim at St Peter's Church to let us know that the water pump appeal for the community in Uganda that was shared at the Year 2 Nativity Performance achieved their target of £5000 over the Christmas break. He wanted me to pass on their thanks as our donations have supported this - what wonderful news! For more details please follow this link: <https://www.stpetersyateley.org/christmasappeal>.

In addition to this, once again funded by the Government Skills for Life Multiply Project, Hampshire County Council have asked us to share these flyers for free support sessions themed around money habits including being more eco-friendly...



LET'S CELEBRATE...

All of our classes have enjoyed a very successful first week back in terms of learning so of course, in our Celebration Assembly today, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area).

Year R: Oscar King, Oscar Arnold and Matilda Beaven

Year 1: Jaycee Jenkins, Mia Johnson and Amy Allery

Year 2: Liam Leason, Chayse Hickey and Ezra Walker


Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Eve Muir** who was awarded Gymnast of the Month at her Gymnastics Club.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Fox Class, 

Badger Class, 

Rabbit Class, 

Owl Class and 

Robin Class 

... all with a perfect 100%.

Well done to you all, what a fantastic start!