



Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.15 - Friday 20th December 2024

 Upcoming Events	
6th Jan 2025	Inset Day (school closed to all pupils for staff training)
7th Jan	8:45am - Start of Spring Term
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 Year R Party
14th Feb	4:30pm - 5:30pm Year 1 Party
w/c 17th Feb - Half Term	
w/c 17th Feb - WISPA Sponsored Scavenger Hunt & Reading Challenge	

Dear Parents,

What a truly exciting and action-packed final week of the **Autumn Term** we have enjoyed! As well as working hard completing some exciting learning and creating some Christmas crafts, everyone has definitely shared plenty of festive fun; from Nativity rehearsals and final performances, to class parties and of course our final Celebration Assembly of the year, excitement has definitely been building. It was such a privilege to review our golden moments for the term with so many highlights and memorable learning experiences from themed days and events to competitions, workshops and class assemblies - the children loved spotting themselves in photographs of these events.

We now find ourselves at the end of an exceptionally busy Autumn term so I would like to take this opportunity to say a few 'thank you's'. Firstly, I must mention our truly fantastic **WISPA Team** for all of their support throughout this term; they have introduced and maintained some exciting fundraisers which have resulted in amazing experiences and of course, funds for the benefit of all our children. I am incredibly aware of the hours of time (and no doubt stress!) that goes along with organising these and whilst I have no doubt seeing the enjoyment on our children's face is a great reward, I wish to thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment as it is to be admired. I must also say thank you to you (and all of our extended families!) who support these events by attending as this is essential and without this, they could not be the success they are!

I am also so indebted to the **whole staff team** who have worked tirelessly throughout this term to ensure the children have enjoyed their learning, made progress and developed new skills, knowledge and understanding (with a bucketful of fun and creativity along the way!) We are so fortunate to have such a committed and professional team who go above and beyond on a daily basis. For my final thank you, I would like to thank our governors, who as volunteers, also give up so much time for the good of our school and federation; Westfields is certainly lucky to have such dedicated support.

Finally, in more general terms I would like to thank you for all of your support and involvement this term, it has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our varied events and share your children's exciting learning journeys. I wish you all a very **happy and relaxing Christmas break**. I hope amongst all of the Christmas fun, you find some time to relax and recharge as the Spring Term is destined to be a busy one! We will look forward to seeing you in 2025 - who know what adventures we will share?

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman,
Executive Headteacher

Happy Christmas everyone! Take care and stay safe! See you in January!



A few reminders...

- Spring Term starts for all pupils on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.
- For Health and Safety please ensure your child(ren) do not go on the bank/field or any of the play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

SCL Provision

Don't forget if you are looking for some Christmas holiday childcare please be aware SCL are hosting a club at our school.

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Nativity Magic!

What a fabulous Nativity themed week we have shared!

I have had the privilege and pleasure of watching our Nativity performances from Year 1 and Year 2 and I must say that I thought they were wonderful! It is such a treat to see the children's confidence and joy in performing and I am certain that the audiences would be inclined to agree! All of the children have worked so hard to prepare and practise their lines, songs and actions; but it was abundantly clear that the final shows were certainly worth the effort! We were delighted to be joined by so many VIPs from our local community and of course we love welcoming our families. Thank you for your support and of course, well done to each and every one of our fabulous pupils, what a fantastic festive treat!



WISPA NEWS...



The fun of the fair... I just wanted to say a great big thank you to everyone for their support of our Christmas Fair last Friday.



So much fun was had despite chilly temperatures, our children and families made memories, ate some truly delicious food and did some amazing fundraising!

The committee worked incredibly hard with their band of volunteers to ensure it was a roaring success!

I must also mention that our School Choir performed brilliantly and led by Mrs Fennell - you were all superb!

Thank you everyone!



Mackenzie Smith Christmas Colouring Competition

Well done to everyone who completed the Mackenzie Smith Colouring Competition. We were very proud to enter so many beautiful designs. Staff at Mackenzie Smith have judged the entries and we presented prizes to... The WIS winner, Zach Worner and the runner up, Oliver Junior!

Congratulations to you both!



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.



Spring Term Clubs...

We are excited that so many of our children are signed up to join our Spring Term Clubs in the new year.

Please be aware there are still spaces available at: Cartoon Drawing, Singing, Street Dance, Book, Weekkicks Football and Drama.

If you wish your child to join in, please follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1RpADB1eQE>

LET'S CELEBRATE...

Amongst various special festive events and their Nativity performances, all of our classes have enjoyed a successful week in terms of learning too! But to avoid taking time away from parties, we celebrated the children's achievements, in our Celebration Assembly yesterday afternoon when our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area):

- Year R: Marley Dunn, Margot-May Shaw and Owen Valler
- Year 1: Arya Vernon, Isla Cruickshank and Oscar Green
- Year 2: Logan Hollis, Rory Fields and CJ Lewis

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Evelyn Wilkes** who achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 Tap Exam.

Well done to **Evelyn Smith** who has achieved her Bronze Award at Rainbows.

Congratulations to **Reuben Gardner** who has achieved his Chief Scout's Acorn Award.

Well done to **Olivia Benson** who has achieved her STANley Level 6 in swimming.

You are all superstars!

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Woodpecker Class

... with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!