


# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.2 - Friday 13th September 2024

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
w/c 16th Sept Autumn Term Clubs Start	
16th - 19th Sept Book Fair	
16th Sept	2:30pm - Year 1 Meet the Teacher
17th Sept	2:30pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher
18th Sept	2:30pm - Year R Meet the Teacher
18th Sept	7:00pm - 8:00pm WISPA Welcome Meeting (all welcome!)
19th Sept	3:15pm - Year 2 WISPA Cake Sale
24th Sept	8:45am - 9:30am Parent Forum
24th Sept	2:30pm - 3:15pm Parent Forum
25th Sept	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
26th Sept	Individual School Photographs
<u>2nd Oct</u>	9:10am Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited)
<u>2nd Oct</u>	6:30pm - 7:30pm Reading Workshop
<u>3rd Oct</u>	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of the **first full week** of this academic year and what an exciting and busy one it has been! In particular it has been a treat to **welcome our new Reception cohort!** What a truly wonderful start Fox, Squirrel and Hedgehog Class, have all made by getting to know their new teachers, classrooms, friends and routines in the wonderful world of Westfields. We have all been very impressed and are looking forward to sharing their learning journey with them.

Following last year's success, this week to promote the importance of reading and sharing books, Year 1 and 2 pupils have all enjoyed a number of themed activities as part of our **Reading Matters Week**. Overleaf are a few more details but it has been a fantastic Olympic inspired week to bring reading to life as an essential life skill. Further to this extended curriculum opportunity, we have arranged for our annual **Book Fair** to be available after school next week. We hope you will support this fundraising initiative by popping along.

Relating to this term's **clubs**, I am delighted with the breadth of our offer and indeed the popularity and response to booking places. Mrs Green has been working hard to confirm registers and has informed me that there are spaces still available for: Hamma Bead Club, Choir, Happy Minds Club and Street Dance. I sincerely hope these will be filled to maximise these opportunities for as many pupils as possible so please do follow the link if you wish your child to participate and we shall all look forward to sharing lots of fun.

Beyond the classrooms, this week we also held our first **Full Governing Body Meeting** of the year. The governors confirmed details and arrangements for the academic year ahead, confirmed committee membership and responsibilities, and ratified key policies including Safeguarding and Child Protection as well as approved our WIS Off-site Calendar 2024-25.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions next week. During these year group teams will share a few key details about routines in each of the year groups, plans for the year ahead as well as ways in which we can work in partnership to promote best outcomes for our children. Whilst of course we all hope we will be joined by record numbers, we will also be sure to share the slideshows on the school website for any parents who are unable to join us and as ever our open door policy encourages lines of communication between home and school on a daily basis. New to WIS this year, I also wish to invite parents along to our first **Parent Forum**. These informal sessions will be an opportunity for you to find out a little more about our successes last year, as well as share your feedback relating to what you consider our strengths as a school to be and make suggestions about future practice and development. Please do try to pop along for a cup of tea and slice of cake to share some forward thinking; we really do value your views and hope lots of you will join us.

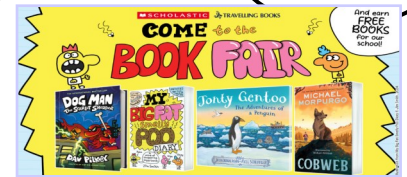
It seems unbelievable to be thinking about next year's new cohort already, but I must take this opportunity to mention that we have arranged our school tour dates over the next few weeks. So if you, or family, friends or neighbours, have a child who is due to start school in September 2025, please consider coming along to one of our **Prospective Parent Sessions** to see our fabulous school in action.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

16th - 19th  
September  
3:15pm - 3:45pm  
Nurture Room



**Prospective Parent Sessions for September 2025 School Starters**

We are delighted to invite you to join us at Westfields Infant School on the following dates for prospective parent sessions for children who are due to start school in September 2025. To support organisation, booking is required for these sessions.

**OPEN MORNINGS 9:30am - 10:30am**

29<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**OPEN EVENING 6:30pm - 7:30pm (adults only)**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

To book your place on a school tour, please call the school on 01252 873603 or email us at [info@westfieldsinfoschool.org.uk](mailto:info@westfieldsinfoschool.org.uk)

We look forward to meeting you soon.  
Please: feel free to contact us should you require any further information.

Westfields Infant School Tel: 01252 873603 [www.westfields-inf.co.uk](http://www.westfields-inf.co.uk)

## A few reminders...

- Please remember that our **Autumn Term Clubs** start from Monday next week.
- If you have made alternative collection arrangements for your child please call the School Office during the school day to advise of the new arrangements.
- I hope you received the flyer from HCC regarding their free 'Skills for Life' session.

# What have we been learning?



## Reception

Year R has been a hive of activity this week as the children have experienced their first days of school! We have begun by introducing our Golden Rules, forming friendships and carrying out a wide range of mathematical, literacy and fine motor activities to start the year. A particular favourite activity has been drawing themselves and their families as we all get to know a little more about each other. In addition to all of this, the children have especially enjoyed exploring our fantastic outdoor learning environment where they have been getting hands-on with their learning. What an amazing start to the school year!



Miss Phillimore, Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

Our first full week in Year 1 has certainly flown by and we have shared so much super learning already! We have had great fun reading *The Gruffalo* and then ordering the pictures from each part of the story. We have also expressed our creative sides by painting our own Gruffalos - it is clear there are some very talented artists in Year 1! In our Maths lessons, we have been working on our number fluency by counting forwards and backwards from 30 and finding one more and one less than any given number. We have also practiced quickly changing into our PE kits and have been using our listening skills to engage in throwing and catching activities.



Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher

## Year 2



Our Year 2 children have made a great start to the year as in our first full week they turned into detectives! When we came to school on Tuesday morning there were large footprints in all three classrooms and the children have been trying to work out what could have visited. We have explored some great theories from aliens to monsters. We have looked for clues about their feet, their colour, how they move and most importantly - are they friendly? We even drew what we think they might look like. We found a book about monsters called 'Where the Wild Things Are' and now we are trying to see if it was one of these monsters.



What an exciting time it has been!  
Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## WISPA NEWS...

We hope you all received our fabulous flyer for our reduced rate Legoland tickets and that there will be lots of Westfielders enjoying this family event.



Furthermore, we also wish to invite EVERYONE to our first gathering of this year...



We are looking forward to seeing you!



## Reading Matters Week!

What a fantastic time celebrating reading we have had! Throughout this week the children have been completing Olympic-themed reading activities to celebrate our love of reading and help them 'Go for Gold' to achieve virtual medals.

We have created bookmarks to recommend books, shared medal-worthy favourite book characters and the children have even displayed their favourite stories on podiums! A lot of fun has been had and we look forward to displaying some of the children's fantastic gold medal standard work around our school.

Each class has also had a 'Team Challenge' where they have moved their class athlete around the race track by reading, trying to be the class who reads the most this week. We enjoyed checking our race positions in Wednesday's assembly where Woodpecker were in 1<sup>st</sup> place but I can now reveal that the Gold Medal winners of the Team Challenge are...

**1st: Owl, 2nd: Woodpecker, 3rd: Rabbit**

Congratulations to you all!

Finally, today we had our Big Federation Readathon, which was a huge success and the children loved sharing their stories with their buddies from Westfields Junior School. It has been a successful week and all the children have developed their reading skills and shown they really are wonderful reading athletes!

Miss Redmond, Assistant Headteacher and Reading Co-ordinator

## LET'S CELEBRATE...

We have all enjoyed a successful first full week of the academic year (including our super new Reception cohort!) in terms of our learning. But as a special treat linked to our Reading Matters Week, 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: Archer Dunn, Nellie O'Connor and Mia Hutchinson**

**Year 1: Leo Mackenzie, Harper Warman and Olivia Kendrick**

**Year 2: Harper Lewis, Harper Young and Bradley Thomas**

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

## Out of School Achievements

What a wonderful start to celebrating out of school achievements of our pupils this week, we are delighted to share the following news...

Well done to our super readers **Chayse Hickey** and **Sienna Smither** who have both completed Yateley Library's Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to **Chayse Hickey** who has achieved a silver medal in a judo competition.

Well done to **Myles Cursons** who completed his first park run last weekend.

Congratulations to **Aria Whitman** for achieving her 5m and 10m swimming badges and certificates and **Max Mitchell** who has been awarded his Stage 3 Swimming and 10 metre badges

## Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...



Owl Class,

Robin Class,

Badger Class



and



Woodpecker

Class

... all with 99%.

Well done, almost perfect scores!