



Newsletter



Summer Term 2025 - No.11 - Friday 11th July 2025

Upcoming Events	
17th July	8:30am School Nursing Team Drop-in & Clinics
18th July	10:00am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly
18th July	3:30pm - 4:45pm WISPA Year 2 Leavers Party (Details sent)
22nd July	3:15pm End of term
23rd July - 2nd Sept Summer Holidays	
23rd July - 22nd Aug SCL Summer Holiday Club	
3rd Sept - Inset Day	
4th Sep	8:45am KS1 Start of Autumn Term
4th - 8th Sept	Year R Home Visits

Term Dates 2025 - 2026	
AUTUMN TERM	
Inset Day: 3 rd September	
Start of Autumn Term: 4 th September	
Inset Day: 24 th October	
Half Term: 27 th October - 31 st October	
Inset Day: 3 rd November	
End of Autumn Term: 19 th December	
SPRING TERM	
Inset Day: 5 th January	
Start of Spring Term: 6 th January	
Half Term: 16 th February - 20 th February	
End of Spring Term: 27 th March	
SUMMER TERM	
Start of Summer Term: 13 th April	
Inset Day: 22 nd May	
Half Term: 25 th May - 29 th May	
End of Summer Term: 22 nd July	

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! I cannot believe that there are only seven school days left of this academic year although I for one think it has been a very exciting one! Amongst our usual engaging curriculum coverage (further details overleaf!), we are also continuing to enjoy various transition activities and end of term preparations.

In governor news, on Thursday morning this week we held our **Assessment and Progress Committee Meeting** where we shared our analysis of end of year data with our governors. At our school this includes our EYFS attainment, Year 1 and Year 2 attainment in reading, writing and maths and of course the Phonics Screening results. Mrs Wilson once again provided an in-depth analysis of all our pupil's anonymised data. We are truly delighted that our strategic priorities and curriculum developments are having a positive impact on our children's achievements on an individual and group basis. As always, the whole staff team (with the support of you as parents) are working extremely hard to enable our pupils to achieve their potential whilst importantly maintaining a broad and rich curriculum full of exciting extended opportunities.

Although one of my least favourite aspects of my role, I must inform you that Mrs Leadbetter, who has been a much loved lunchtime supervisor, will be **retiring** at the end of this term. She has been a committed member of staff at WIS for in excess of 32 years so we definitely think she deserves a well earned rest but will miss her kindness! In addition to this, we will be saying a very fond farewell to our lovely school caterer, Linda Malcolm who has also made the decision to retire after no less than 29 years serving lunches to all of our hungry children across the Federation. I would not like to estimate how many meals she has served but each and every one has been served with a smile and our kitchen will not be the same without her! We are sincerely hoping neither of the ladies will be strangers and hope they will visit for special events as lifelong VIPs but I hope you will join me in wishing them every happiness.

Next week is destined to be a very busy one. Classrooms will be bustling with learning to complete final units of work alongside transition activities. We will also be welcoming the School Nursing Team for drop-in sessions on Thursday morning as well as St Peter's Church volunteer, Gill Weeks in for a special assembly and we will share our Year 2 Leavers' Assembly (we trust all of our Year 2 Parents received their invitations!) and of course the Year 2 WISPA Leavers' Party.

Finally, I am certainly looking forward to seeing many of you soon at our **Summer Fair** (5.00pm - 7.00pm this evening!) The team has once again put in a monumental effort to prepare what we hope will be a fun and entertaining early evening of fundraising. If you are able to join us (which we sincerely hope will be the case!), please do not forget to bring your tokens (these can also be purchased at the fair) and spare change to help support this fantastic community event.

Have a great weekend - be sure to stay safe in the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



A few reminders...

- If you are looking for some **summer holiday childcare** provision, please be aware that SCL will be hosting a themed holiday club at our school - to take advantage of 10% off please enter: EWiHols10, when booking.
- Please ensure your child is fully prepared for **sunny days** - suncream (applied before school), water bottle, cap or sun hat.



What have we been learning?



Year R

After two very successful move-up mornings with our Year One teachers we have begun talking more about transitions as well as our aspirations for the next year. We have looked at pictures of us at the beginning of Year R and compared them with pictures of us now, so much has changed! Using Jigsaw Genie to help, we thought about what has changed with our physical appearance but then also tried to think about how we have changed on the inside too! This really helped us to look ahead to Year One and feel confident about the change! Around our classrooms our topic has evolved from under the sea to pirates, mermaids and sharks! We have used old tea bags to create authentic treasure maps, written our own messages in a bottle and made tin foil ships. Next week we will become non-fiction authors by creating our own sea creature fact files!

Miss Ridley, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1

We have been busy learning in Year 1. In English we have been reading the story 'Tidy' and have written in the first person pretending to be Pete the Badger. We wrote a letter to the other animals in the forest to say sorry for destroying their environment. In Maths we have been practising sharing an amount between 2, 5 and 10. First we used practical objects, then we used drawings to work out the answers. We have also solved problems involving sharing. We have been out on the field in Science looking for examples of wild flowers and then we drew a map to show what we had found and where. Some of the plants we identified were daisies, buttercups, dandelions, ivy and stinging nettles. We have really enjoyed using the iPads in Computing and are learning how to code using ScratchJr.

Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been continuing with our story from Australia: Wombat Stew, which is about a naughty dingo and how he is tricked by some other animals. We enjoyed working in groups to act out the story and retell the events of what happened. In DT we have had so much fun making our pencil cases. We used our designs to try to make them look as similar as we could. After we had stitched them we made them even more amazing by adding embellishments and a button. In Geography we have finished our learning all about Yateley and Alice Springs. This week we worked in groups to summarise our learning throughout this topic. We made posters about leisure, jobs, climate, human features and physical features in the two places. We then presented our learning to the rest of our class.

Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS

Last call for the WIS Summer Fair! We trust you all received your fabulous programmes yesterday, detailing the impressive array of stalls, entertainment and refreshments that will be available.



We hope to welcome record numbers to support the event but as previously mentioned, many hands make light work. So if you are able to volunteer to help for a half an hour slot (or longer?!), please get in touch with the Committee as soon as possible, or let Rachel Moloney know when you arrive so she can allocate you a job - all help is GREATLY appreciated! We are all looking forward to a fun-filled event!



Yateley Library Summer Reading Challenge 2025

On Monday we were excited to welcome a volunteer from Yateley Library to introduce this year's Reading Challenge. We hope lots of our children will join in this valuable, fun filled and free summer holiday activity!



Community News...

We have been asked to share these community events with you...

Hart EVENTS

SOAK UP THE MAGIC OF SUMMER!

Feel the warmth of the season and enjoy long, sunny days outdoors.

JULY

Adult Bat Walk £5.00
Friday 04, 8.45pm - 10.45pm
Whitewater Meadows Country Park

AUGUST

Tales of the Heath FREE
Friday 01, 11.00am - 3.00pm
Hazeley Heath SPA

Nature Discovery Day FREE
Saturday 16, 11.00am - 4.00pm
Edenbrook Country Park

Pond Dipping and Bug Hunt £2.50
Tuesday 27, 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Flood Pond Nature Reserve

For more information, including how to book, scan the QR code or visit www.hart.gov.uk/events

SPOTLIGHT UK
Summer Holidays Week 1

DISCOUNTED FAMILY FUN 24th-27th July

24th July - Monkey Business Gosport 6.15-8.15pm - £3
25th Monkey Business Southampton 6.15pm - £3
26th July - Lagoona Waterpark Reading - 2pm - £7
27th July - 4 Kingdoms Family Day - £8.50
27th July - Marwell Zoo - £25 adults, £22 child

For more details please email louisa@spotlightuk.org

LET'S CELEBRATE...

As we conclude another successful week, the children have continued to showcase a range of learning skills in their lessons. During this morning's Celebration Assembly, our Learning Superstars were once again awarded certificates in recognition of their outstanding learning behaviours. Copies of the certificates are on display in the entrance area This week's proud award winners are:

- Year R: Amelie Rose, Zac Fitzsimmons and Liam Lam
- Year 1: Mason Lomas, Riley Thomas and Jacob Hepburn
- Year 2: Logan Hollis, Evie Castle and Beau Coggan

Congratulations to you all, what wonderful WIS superstars you are!

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Frankie Pennington** who completed the Yateley Fun Run and came first in the Under 7s category!

Well done to **Eve Muir** who has achieved her STAnley 4 Badge in Swimming.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to this week's attendance winners who are...

Woodpecker Class and Fox Class, both with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done everyone!