




# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2025 - No.1 - Friday 5th September 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
w/c 8th Sept	Reading Matters Week
8th Sept	Year R Home Visits
9th & 10th Sept	Year R Classroom Visits
11th Sept	8:45am - Year R Start Full Time
12th Sept	The Big Federation Read
<u>w/c 15th Sept</u>	<b>First week of clubs</b>
15th Sept	2:30pm - Year 1 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
16th Sept	2:30pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
17th Sept	2:30pm - Year R Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting
<u>17th Sept</u>	<b>7:15pm - 8:15pm WISPA Welcome Meeting</b>
<u>18th Sept</u>	<b>8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in Clinic at WIS</b>
<u>23rd Sept</u>	<b>9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session</b>
<u>23rd Sept</u>	<b>2:30pm - 3:15pm Federation Parent Forum at WJS</b>
<u>24th Sept</u>	<b>8:45am - 9:30am Federation Parent Forum at WIS</b>

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2025/6 at WIS! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break, filled with sunshine (in between the torrential downpours!), relaxation and memorable moments with family and friends. The start of a **new school year** is always an exciting time, and as ever it has been a real pleasure to catch up with our pupils - as well as staff and families - to hear all about their holiday adventures. We have had a lovely first two days back after a rather soggy start, and it has been fantastic to see the children looking so smart (and grown up!) as they settle into their new classrooms. Their enthusiasm and engagement in their learning have been a joy to see. Our Reception Team have been busy conducting home visits, and we are looking forward to having all of our pupils in school full time from next Thursday! This week we have also welcomed two **new staff members**, Miss Daly and Mrs Hutchinson who both join our super learning support team; I am sure you will give them a warm Westfields welcome!

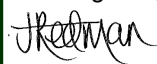
Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to once again be holding our annual **Reading Matters Week**, an extended curriculum event designed to highlight the importance of reading. This year's theme is *'Reading as a Passport to New Adventures'* focusing on the exciting and magical journeys we can all take through books. As our Reading Co-ordinator, Miss Redmond has organised a series of fun and engaging challenges for all Year 1 and 2 classes - there are a few more details overleaf! This much-loved event aims to foster a lifelong love of reading and I look forward to sharing some of the highlights in next week's newsletter.

In other news, our greatly anticipated **clubs list** for this term will be emailed to you on Monday. We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of exciting opportunities, and we hope as many pupils as possible can take part. As was the case last year, booking will open at 6.00pm on Monday via a link sent through the Arbor in-app message system. As places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, we recommend signing up as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

To start the year by strengthening our home-school partnerships, we hope to see many of you at our upcoming **Meet the Teacher** sessions. These short meetings provide an opportunity to hear more about the year ahead, daily routines, and how we can best work together. It is also a great chance to put names to faces and ask any questions you may have. Additionally, I will be hosting two **Parent Forum** sessions later this month, as outlined in our key dates. These informal gatherings are a chance to reflect on the many achievements at Westfields over the last academic year and look ahead, sharing ideas and suggestions to help us continue to improve and support our school and federation community. Everyone is warmly invited - please feel free to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea! I hope to see many of you there if you are able to share the time to give us a little feedback from your viewpoint!

Well-being is an ongoing priority for us all at Westfields and as such I will continue to send you **'Action for Happiness'** monthly calendars during this academic year. We all need to remember to look after ourselves, so *Self-Care September* is a welcome start and I hope you will be able to find a moment to take a look. For the first time this academic year, I wish you all a wonderful **weekend**, after a very busy but exciting first week back!

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



## A few reminders...

- Please remember to **name all school uniform** items just in case they become misplaced.
- 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 have made alternative collection arrangements for your child please call the School Office during the school day to advise as soon as possible.

## READING MATTERS WEEK 2025...

Next week, we are holding our annual **Reading Matters Week** to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading. During the week, Year 1 & 2 will celebrate reading through this year's theme: "Reading is a Passport to New Adventures". This event is important as a celebration of reading and opportunity to discuss good reading habits. During the week children will 'travel' through their new class reader to destinations, completing activities and collecting virtual passport stamps for each stage of their journey to help them explore their class book. Some examples of 'destinations' they will travel to are 'First Landing' where children will explore the front cover, make predictions and learn about the setting; 'Meet the Locals', where they will design 'passports' for the characters in the story and 'Adventures Ahead' to predict the journey the characters might take next. Each class also has a special 'Team Challenge' to complete. Amongst all of this reading fun, we will also be holding our **'Big Federation Read'** where each year group will be buddied up with another from across our infant and junior schools to share a story. If your child has a favourite book, they are welcome to bring it into school on Friday to share.



We are all looking forward to a fantastic week of **'Reading as a Passport to New Adventures'** and look forward to sharing some photographs with you in our next newsletter!

Miss Redmond, Assistant Headteacher and Reading Co-ordinator

## New Caterers at Westfields!

Further to our communication last term, over the summer holidays we continued to work hard to make final arrangements with our new catering company, **Stir**. Alongside our wonderful kitchen ladies at Westfields they were fully prepared to present the new menu to our pupils and it is without doubt that it has been a great success! I have spent time in the hall chatting to the children who shared some exceptional initial feedback! We are all looking forward to embedding these changes and the children enjoying their school lunches as we all know how important this is. Thank you for your support in completing documentation, we will continue to share updates and information as appropriate.

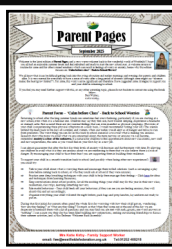


## WISPA NEWS

Looking ahead to the new term... we hope lots of you will join in the fun to find out about the work and exceptional success of WISPA as well as talk about future events and fundraising at their Wine and Cheese Welcome Evening... **EVERYONE is welcome!**



**PARENT PAGES...Please remember to take a look at September's Parent Pages emailed to you from our fabulous Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby. This edition's theme is around worries returning to school. As we discussed in assembly this week, change of routine can be difficult for many of us...**



## Term Dates 2025/2026 Reminder

To help with planning your diaries for this academic year as well as avoid term time absence, please see our dates across the Federation... Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

**AUTUMN TERM**

*Inset Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> September*  
Start of Autumn Term: 4<sup>th</sup> September  
*Inset Day: 24<sup>th</sup> October*  
Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> October  
*Inset Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> November*  
End of Autumn Term: 19<sup>th</sup> December

**SPRING TERM**

*Inset Day: 5<sup>th</sup> January*  
Start of Spring Term: 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term: 16<sup>th</sup> February - 20<sup>th</sup> February  
End of Spring Term: 27<sup>th</sup> March

**SUMMER TERM**

Start of Summer Term: 13<sup>th</sup> April  
*Inset Day: 22<sup>nd</sup> May*  
Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May  
End of Summer Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Yateley Library Summer Reading Challenge 2025

I am absolutely delighted that so many of our pupils have shared they have participated already, but please remember the final day to complete the Summer Reading Challenge is **Saturday 13th September 2025**



## Dexter's News!

Please remember **Dexter's latest blog (August) is available on our School Website (and has been emailed!) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by [clicking here](#).**



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

As we have only enjoyed two days of the new academic year, we did not host our usual weekly Celebration Assembly but I am certainly looking forward to presenting our first fabulous superstars with certificates next Friday; copies will be on display in the entrance area as usual!

### Out of School Achievements

As always, may I remind you that we absolutely love to celebrate our pupils' out of school achievements so please do pop any details of any success at out of school clubs or groups on an email to school and we will gladly mention them each week.

### Attendance Awards

Despite being a very short week, **attendance still counts!** As such, this week our attendance winners are...



**Mole Class and Owl Class**



... both with 99%. **Well done, almost perfect scores!**