




# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2025 - No.4 - Friday 26th September 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
1st Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
1st Oct	6:30pm - 7:30pm Reading Workshop (details overleaf)
<u>7th Oct</u>	9:00am - 11:00am WJS Open Morning
8th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
<u>10th Oct</u>	Harvest Assembly
14th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details to follow)
15th Oct	9:10am Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited)
16th Oct	8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in at WJS
16th Oct	9.00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
16th Oct	9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop at WJS (details to follow)
<u>16th Oct</u>	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening (details to follow)
<u>17th Oct</u>	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WJS (details to follow)

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that next week marks the beginning of October already? The term seems to be moving very quickly, and we are making sure to use every minute meaningfully with exciting **learning experiences** and events at WIS. As is a fortnightly feature throughout the year, overleaf each year group has shared some details about what they have been up to this week in their classes so please do take a look. Beyond the children's learning we have had a busy week with visitors. In addition to the school photographer, on Wednesday morning, we were delighted to welcome 17 visitors to our first **Prospective Parent Session** for children starting Reception in September 2026. After a brief introduction in the hall, Mrs Wilson and I had the pleasure of taking families on tours of the school and its grounds to showcase our provision. As always, the classrooms and shared spaces were full of engaging learning, and of course, our fantastic children were the very best ambassadors for our school.

I wish to thank the group of parents who joined me for our **Parent Forum** this week, I was very pleased to welcome a group of six parents; I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the wide range of successes from both WIS and across the Federation over the last academic year - there is so much to celebrate and I could not be more proud of our continuing journey. With those who attended, I welcomed the opportunity to reflect on our progress and discuss suggestions to further improve our policies and practices. There was overwhelming positivity around our ethos and approach as well as some very constructive suggestions including about transition arrangements; we now look forward to reviewing and implementing these ideas in collaboration with our stakeholders. I do appreciate how difficult it is for some parents to attend so the document that was shared during the meeting is now available on our website and is also displayed in the front reception area - please do take a look when you get the opportunity.

Sadly we did also spend some time discussing some frustrations (as well as a few successes!) around the new provision of school lunches. Further to the correspondence directly from **Stir**, I wish to take this opportunity to assure you that we are working incredibly hard to address all of the concerns raised as a matter of urgency. Appointing a new provider (as a result of Education Catering ceasing to trade) was always going to be a significant undertaking. This has taken extensive planning as part of a cluster group of thirteen schools to mobilise and of course, we recognise there has been a number of challenges since the start of term. These have included staffing levels, as well as suppliers, deliveries, changes in menus (including special dietary requirements) and we have even endured an issue with our gas supply! I wish to make you aware that we have met with senior staff, made adjustments and I have even donned my special apron to lend a hand (much to the confusion of our new Reception children!). On a positive note, many children (and staff!) have also shared feedback relating to variety, nutrition and presentation and although the start has not been as we hoped, we remain optimistic that Stir will address concerns as quickly as possible. We are hopeful the service will be of an excellent standard long term and I can assure you we will continue to prioritise this.

Looking ahead, we have two valuable **parent workshop opportunities** coming up. Firstly, as shared through the newsletter dates and at our Meet the Teacher sessions, we will be hosting our **Reading Workshop** next Wednesday evening (further details and the link to book a place are overleaf. As in previous years, this promises to be an informative and useful session for parents across the school, so please do join us if you are able. We hope to continue working in partnership with you to support the essential skill of reading. In addition to this, we would like to invite parents to a **'Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop'** led by a professional from Empower You. This session will be hosted at WJS. Please see the attached flyer for more information and follow the provided link to book a place:

[Embracing Neurodiversity Link](#)



I must also apologise if your child(ren) have informed you that they have been creating **Christmas cards** this week but I must confess that in the name of fundraising, we have started early! I assure you that there is a method to the madness - as this fundraiser offers us a much better early commission rate - it made sense to take advantage of the opportunity. We are using the same provider across the Federation, so this year IQ Cards have collected the children's designs. In due course, you will receive a proof (similar to the school photograph process), and you can then decide whether you would like to order any cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, or other personalised items. Over the years, this has proven to be a very successful fundraiser, and any support you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to urge you to take a look at the attached **Action for Happiness Calendar** for Optimistic October... I hope you, as well as our children and staff, will find these daily positive reminders helpful.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



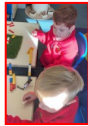
## A few reminders...

- 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.
- Thank you to all of the parents who have made **voluntary contributions** to support our enrichment opportunities via Arbor, please be aware if you wish to do so this is possible by logging-in to your child's account - your support is greatly appreciated!

# What have we been learning?

## Year R

This week in Year R we have been exploring traditional tales and have so far enjoyed favourites of, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff in our imaginative Drawing Club sessions.



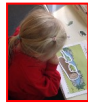
We have also been using our practical and logic skills to attempt to make our own bridges to escape the grumpy troll! The children have wowed us with their artistic abilities when painting self-portraits, using mirrors to focus on their individual facial features. We have also all been very excited to start our new PE curriculum, in which we have already imagined being witches, wizards and pirates, which has been so much fun!



Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher

## Year 1

We have been very busy in Year 1 and the children have impressed us all with their fabulous learning behaviours and skills. In English we have been learning to use prepositions to describe where something is. We used pictures of an array of animal characters in the story 'The Gruffalo' and wrote sentences to explain the location of each animal. In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards as well as completing missing numbers to 20. We have also enjoyed making a timeline of toys from the past to the present day in our History lesson - we were fascinated to discover just how much they have changed!



Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher

## Year 2

It has been a busy week in Year 2. In Maths we have been learning to measure using rulers. We worked in pairs to measure items around our classrooms and we talked about the words 'longest' and 'shortest'. As in English we have been reading the story, 'Where the Wild Things Are', we had the opportunity to paint our very own wild creatures using our imaginations and artistic skills - they look amazing! In Geography we have been looking at different places where people can live. We looked at some pictures of coastal areas, cities and the countryside and then we gave our opinion about where we would like to live and the reasons why.



Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS

If you have not yet had chance to take a look at the letter regarding **Your School Lottery**, please do so as this is an easy fundraiser that we hope will help us achieve our Courtyard goal this year.



There is still time to take advantage of the reduced rate Legoland tickets...



Finally, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our Year 2 Cake Sale!



## WIS Reading Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 1st October 6.30pm - 7.30pm

As mentioned during our Meet the Teacher sessions, we are excited to invite you all to a reading workshop/briefing which we are sure will be a valuable opportunity to support your child(ren)'s development of this essential life skill. During the hour session, we will be talking about:

- Why reading is important
- The reading journey our children go on at Westfields Infant School
- Some useful tips and advice to support your child with reading at home.

We will also be able to answer any questions you may have about reading. To enable us to prepare refreshments and resources **please book** by clicking here:

[Parent Reading Workshop 2025](#)



## Calling all parents of prospective Year R pupils September 2026 and current Year 2 pupils... you are invited!

It is hard to believe we are already making plans for the next academic year?!? With application requirements, we most definitely are! As such... please be aware

prospective parents are invited to our Open Morning and Evening events as detailed below ahead of the application window of **Saturday 1st November** until **Thursday 15th January 2026**

...it will be here before we know it!

**Prospective Parent Sessions for September 2026 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 2026. To support organisation, booking is required for these sessions.

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

- 23rd September 2025
- 1st October 2025
- 8th October 2025
- 15th October 2025
- 22nd October 2025

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

- 12th November 2025

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

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

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**OPEN MORNING** 7th October at 9:00am

**OPEN EVENING** 22nd October at 6:00pm

You are invited to visit our school with your child to meet our Executive Headteacher, Miss Jo Reuben and the rest of the staff at Westfields Junior School. There will be an opportunity to have a tour of our site, explore our outstanding facilities and see school life in action. Please RSVP by clicking a space via the following link:

[Booking Form for Open Morning and Evening 2025](#)

We look forward to meeting you. If you wish to get a preview of what we have on offer, we invite you to share our 360° virtual tour and visit our school website for a sample of our provision at WJS.

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## LET'S CELEBRATE...

As always, our wonderful pupils have worked hard throughout this week in terms of their learning so our **Learning Superstars** were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). Year 1 and 2 enjoyed our usual Celebration Assembly with golden moments while Dexter made an appearance in each of our Reception class presentations of certificates to officially introduce himself. This week's proud award winners are:

**Year R: Oscar Wallace, Kasper Szykowski and Brooklyn French**

**Year 1: Jorga Ayres, Rhea Banks and Zac Fitzsimmons**

**Year 2: Hudson McAngus, Wilf Wilde and Olivia Kendrick**

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

## Out of School Achievements

We would also like to say a great big congratulations to **Isla Cruickshank** who cycled an incredible 10k raising money for local charities at the Blackbushe Airport Twilight Challenge - what a superstar you are!

## Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...

**Hedgehog Class,**



**Mole Class and Fox Class**



... all with 99%.

**Well done, almost perfect scores!**