




# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2025 - No.5 - Friday 3rd October 2025

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
7th Oct	9:00am - 11:00am WJS Open Morning
8th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
10th Oct	Harvest Assembly
14th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening <i>(details emailed)</i>
15th Oct	9:10am Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited)
16th Oct	8:30am - 9:00am School Nursing Team Federation Drop-in at WIS
16th Oct	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments <small>(pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)</small>
16th Oct	9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop at WJS <i>(details emailed)</i>
16th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening <i>(details emailed)</i>
17th Oct	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WJS <i>(details emailed)</i>
<u>22nd Oct</u>	9:10am Robin Class Assembly (parents invited)
<u>22nd Oct</u>	6:00pm - 7:30pm WJS Open Evening

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday; further to sharing this month's Action for Happiness' **Optimistic October** calendar last week, I hope you have had a wonderful week, managed to find some sunshine (even if it has had to be metaphorical!) between the showers as well as experienced a few golden moments along the way - as ever, we certainly have at WIS!

This week we began with a truly memorable **Maths Day!** Mrs Fennell led our staff teaching team to deliver a creative and exciting themed day with a problem solving theme; more details overleaf but I wish to thank Mrs Fennell for such a truly inspirational day - the feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive and I love hearing them speak so enthusiastically (and confidently!) about Maths.

Although every day at Westfields is busy, Wednesday this week was a particularly full day for us! We began with another **Prospective Parent Session** (attended by 15 families), completed a fire drill with all of the children (who did us all so proud by quickly and safely evacuating the building!) and then following our after school clubs and staff meeting, we held this year's **Parent Reading Workshop!** Once again, Miss Redmond led a very informative session, which was attended by a rather impressive 32 parents. The aim of this session was to provide an overview of how we teach reading, share the progression in reading at WIS, as well as to share resources, top tips, and offer an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. Feedback was once again very positive and we all highly value the opportunities for us to work together - thank you for joining us. Once again, I do appreciate that many parents are unable to join us in the evenings, so please be aware the slides (and handouts provided) have been uploaded to our school website, if you would like to take a look.



In connection with our reading provision, we are pleased to share that we currently have a fantastic group of **volunteer readers** across Key Stage 1. However, Miss Redmond is always happy to welcome a few more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Green in the school office to make arrangements. Please note that a DBS check is required for safeguarding purposes, but this will remain valid for the duration of your child's learning journey at Westfields.

Next week presents us with an opportunity to showcase the wonderful world of Westfields Junior School through our **Open Morning** for families. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming **prospective Year 2 parents** and children who are considering joining our Year 3 cohort in September 2026. If you (or a friend, neighbour or family member with a current Year 2 child) have not yet booked a place and would like to attend, please follow this link: [Westfields Junior School Open Morning and Evening](#). In addition to these valuable partnership opportunities, this is my final reminder to join Mrs Kirby (our Family Support Worker) and an expert from Empower You for our **Neurodiversity Workshop**. You can book your place via the following link: [Neurodiversity Workshop](#). We sincerely hope that as many parents as possible take advantage of this opportunity, as the feedback from last year was overwhelmingly positive.

I hope you received my letter regarding **Parents' Evening** arrangements for the 14th and 16th October 2025. Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment via Arbor. Of course we are looking forward to seeing you and sharing how your child(ren) have settled into their new classes.

Finally, I trust you received your child's individual **school photograph proofs**, which were sent home via 'pupil post' yesterday. Please be aware that the order deadline is at the end of this half term (24th October). While orders can still be placed after this date, they will incur an additional postage charge, which we hope you are able to avoid.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- Thank you to all of the parents who have made **voluntary contributions** to support our enrichment opportunities via Arbor, if you still wish to do so this is possible by logging-in to your child's account - your support is greatly appreciated!
- If you are looking for some **childcare over the half term**, please be aware that SCL are running Active Discovery themed provision from our school and there is a **discount code** available: [EWiHols10](#).





## WIS Celebrates Maths Day 2025

Monday was not just any Monday but Maths Day! The terrible Mrs Fennell had stolen all of the class reward jars and the children had to find the code to unlock the padlocks – a whole school escape room!

Each class had 9 challenges to complete to earn puzzle pieces which revealed the special code. The children made numbers in the outside areas, investigated the playground for shapes, clocks and measurements, practised counting in twos, played maths games and even made charts to find out the most popular dinners. We had

lots of children saying 'Maths is fun!' and the children certainly got to see just how much Maths is in the world around them.

Mrs Fennell, Maths Co-ordinator



## School Council News...

We are delighted to share that this year's first School Councillors at WIS are:

Jaden Boudine, Orla Dunn, Bailey Smith, Elsie James, Zac Fitzsimmons, Bellamy Harvis-Bragg, Zak Mytskiy, Isla Grufokshank, Ellie Meredith, Roman Cole, Arla Brown and Zach Wormer.

Congratulations one and all, we are looking forward to finding out what impact you are going to have on our school!



## Dexter's News!

Please remember

Dexter's latest blog (September) is available on our School (and was emailed and sent on ClassDojo earlier this week!) Find out all about Dexter's adventures (including his Reception Class visits!) by clicking here:

[Dexter's September Blog](#)



## Harvest Celebrations 2025

Once again next Friday (10th October), we will be celebrating our Westfields tradition to celebrate harvest, with a special themed assembly supported by St Peter's Church as part of our school day.

Each year group have prepared 'an offering' to celebrate this special time of year when we take the time to think about how fortunate we are. I will be sure to share some photographs next week.

We are once again supporting our local charity by collecting donations for Hart Foodbank who help individuals and families through the provision of emergency food supplies that have been kindly donated by people in our community. As such we ask that if you can donate an item of dried or tinned food and send your child to school with the item on Friday 10th October (please check 'best before' dates).

Hart Foodbank have requested (if possible) cereals, pasta, rice, noodles and cooking sauces, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, jelly, long life milk (semi-skimmed or whole), tea, coffee, fruit juices and squash... however anything is gratefully received! Unfortunately they are not able to accept fresh or perishable food as they have nowhere to store it.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another hardworking week has flown by and our super pupils have once again demonstrated excellent learning behaviours so in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional qualities and choices (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

**Year R:** Evie Lyons, Robbie Kidgell and Evie Jackson

**Year 1:** Archer Dunn, Ellie Rutherford and Thomas Lewis

**Year 2:** Callum Chase, Eden McChesney and Mason Lomas

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

## Out of School Achievements

Please remember that we love to take the opportunity to celebrate out of school achievements of all our pupils 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.



## PARENT PAGES

Please remember to take a look at October's Parent Pages emailed earlier this week. This edition's theme is 'Tantrums to Triumphs', an edition to support successful management of challenging behaviours which we hope you will find useful. There are also some great links for local family fun for the break and beyond alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so why not take five minutes to take a look?



In other Family Support themed news, please also be aware of our upcoming parent workshop in collaboration with Empower You...



**EMPOWER YOU** **Embracing Neurodiversity** **Westfields**

9.30am-11.30am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

We are delighted to once again invite parents and family members across The Westfields Federation to join us in meeting with Emma Holmes, at Westfields Junior School, to discuss supporting children with special educational needs, specifically, 'Neurodivergence how our brains work differently'.

Emma, from Empower You, is a passionate neurodivergence trainer and advocate who brings warmth and her own lived experience. She has previously supported families in such services as Future in Mind and Ask About Autism, in addition to this she has previously visited us at Westfields with glowing feedback from our parents who attended her sessions.

Emma has an abundance of knowledge and resources which enable her to offer advice and support parents to appropriate organisations. She creates a safe, judgement free space where real life stories can be shared alongside good humour. Whether you're navigating daily challenges or just seeking connection, we hope you'll leave feeling less alone and equipped with practical strategies to make life a little easier!

If you would like to attend, please register your place by completing this link: [Embracing Neurodiversity Link](#)

**Aims of the session:**

- Opportunity to understand and discuss neurodiversity
- Gain ideas, strategies and knowledge to support you at home
- Feel empowered and less isolated by sharing experiences and meeting with others



## WISPA NEWS

We are so delighted to share that our first Cake Sale of the year raised an absolutely incredible **£412.57** which is more than any of the sales last year! Well done to Year 2 and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event! What an absolutely wonderful start!



Please also be aware that today is the deadline for booking Legoland Fun Day tickets - be sure not to miss out!



## Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...



... all with 99%.

Well done, What a lot of classes this week!