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Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term No.6 - Friday 13th February 2026

DIARY DATES...

February 2026

16th - 20th HALF TERM BREAK

26th Bag2School Drop Off

27th 10.00am 5LP Class Assembly
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

March 2026

3rd 3.45pm-6.45pm Parents Evenings
(Details emailed)

4th 3.45pm-6.45pm Parents Evenings
(Details emailed)

5th World Book Day
(Details emailed)

6th 9.00am-10.00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake - SNT Sleep
(All welcome!)

9th Yr3 Butser Farm Trip
(Details emailed)

10th Yr4 Selborne Trip
(Details emailed)

11th Yr4 Selborne Trip
(Details emailed)

13th Federation Science Day

16th - 20th Yr6 Residential to Conover Hall

17th Yr5 Saxons & Viking Creative Day
(Details to follow)

Dear Parents,

We have definitely ended this half term in a flurry of success and excitement at WJS despite the unexpected emergency **school closure** on Tuesday! Relating to this, I do wish to thank all of our families once again for their support. Of course this is beyond our control but the calm supportive approach that our families showed is greatly appreciated and is another example of what a wonderful community we have.

In terms of **learning this week**, Year 3 have begun their writing learning journey based on the book *The Wild Girl* after making predictions about the text based on images, the children generated expanded noun phrases using their ever growing creative vocabulary. The children have also been enjoying PE with Mr Arnold this half term and this week played some great attacking and defending mini football games. In Year 4 our pupils could barely contain their excitement as they finally discovered how Ariki's adventure ended during our guided reading lessons. In DT, they have also practised back stitch, running stitch and cross stitch - some amazing skill progress has been made to support their creations after the half term break. Following some thoughtful taste-testing, Year 5 have been critically evaluating different types of bread in preparation of designing their own recipes to make bread rolls. In History they have also used our fabulous library to research life in the times of the Vikings; carefully selecting texts to find clues about life in the past. Finally, in Year 6 this week, having used the text 'Shackleton's Journey', the children have been inspired to write compelling letters of complaint to Shackleton about all of the perils that were faced on the expedition to Antarctica! As well as this, they have also applied their RE knowledge of rituals to design their own school ritual including ideas such as Fruit Fridays and Workout Wednesdays... maybe these could be proposed through School Council?!

In addition to their usual curriculum lessons, all of the classes have celebrated **Well-being Week** which has involved an array of special events and activities all focused around prioritising looking after ourselves and each other (including online as part of **Safer Internet Day!**). Potentially most excitingly, and definitely most greatly anticipated... we shared our **Westfields Has Talent Showcase** on Wednesday afternoon! There are more details and a few photographs overleaf... but it was certainly one to remember!

Furthermore, in PAWS news, we were delighted that an amazing 107 pupils joined us for our **PAWS Film Night** after school on Thursday. As always, this was a fun (and snack!) filled event! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAWS and staff volunteers who lent a helping hand to make this possible for our children. In addition to having fun, I am delighted to share that we raised a super £330.41 from the event. I would also like to say thank you for your support with our Mufti Day fundraiser today which raised an impressive £262.05; all of which we will be sure to put to good use for the benefit of our children! Looking ahead to the next egg-cellent big family event, I would also like to mention the letter that was emailed earlier today regarding our egg-citing **Federation Chocolate Bingo!** Full details are in the letter but I wanted to highlight that we are hoping this will prove to be a popular event. As spaces will be limited, please book your places from Monday 23rd February if you wish to join in.

Have a wonderful weekend and indeed half term - be sure to take some time to **rest and relax** as well as make some memories and we will look forward to starting the second half of this academic year on Monday 23rd February!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

REMINDERS...

- We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the start of the second half of our Spring Term on **Monday 23rd February**.
- Please be aware we have arranged a **Bag2School** drop off for 26th February so please keep hold of any unwanted: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, socks, belts to donate - any contributions from family, friends or neighbours will also be gratefully received. This is a super fundraiser and it will save you a trip to the charity shop!
- I trust you all received Mrs Long's letter about our exciting plans for **World Book Day** including this year's **Storybook Stones Competition** - it sounds like a lovely half term activity that cannot be spoilt by the forecast soggy weather to me!



WELLBEING WEEK

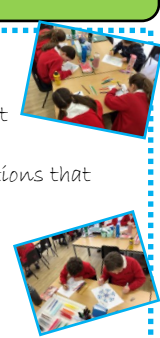
To launch this year's **Well-being Week**, we came together for a whole school assembly to explore what it truly means to look after our well-being. Through a series of engaging videos, the children learned about healthy habits that can support their physical and emotional health, including staying active and making


balanced food choices. These discussions helped the children think about the small (achievable), everyday actions that contribute to feeling happy, healthy and confident. Alongside this, children took part in a variety of staff-led lunchtime activities designed to promote calm and creativity. These included mindful colouring, board games, cupcake-design challenges and origami. Each activity provided a relaxing break in the day and offered children the chance to enjoy new experiences with friends.

As part of our ongoing commitment to showing kindness in our wider community, the children also created bookmarks for Yateley Library. They approached this task with great enthusiasm, hoping their creations would bring a smile to local readers and inspire a love for books.

It has been a wonderfully positive and enriching week for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of how thoughtfully and enthusiastically the children embraced every activity!

Mrs Nasir, PSHE Co-ordinator





Safer Internet Day 2026

Despite a slightly unexpected turn of events on Tuesday, this week we have still continued to celebrate Safer Internet Day! This year, the theme was **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**. We started the day by ensuring we all knew what we meant by AI and identifying where we use it in our daily lives (there were some surprises!) Then, throughout the week we have completed a series of activities including design our own AI inventions (which included cleaning robots and health detectors!), identifying bias opinions on AI as well as designing our own escape rooms with AI based puzzles! In addition to this, the Digital Leaders did a fantastic job of leading an assembly for the whole school where they discuss safe and appropriate ways that we can use AI in our lives. It was a fun week all around and hopefully the children are now clearer in what AI is and how we can be safe when using it.

Miss Creelie, Computing Co-ordinator

WESTFIELDS HAS TALENT SHOWCASE 2026

What a Wednesday! On Wednesday afternoon this week our fabulous School Councillors (across the federation!) took on the prestigious role of official judges for this year's greatly anticipated WHT Showcase! I may well be biased but I think this was the best yet! Our incredibly talented 53 finalists (including one staff member—you will be able to guess which one!) from across all of our year groups performed their varied talents (including a few never seen before!) to a spellbound whole school audience!

As in recent years, acts once again varied greatly from our favourites of musicians and singers, to dancers and joke-tellers as well as some new additions of aerial sling and balloon modelling. Back by popular demand, a signed song was another highlight and singing with cups in unison dazzled us all.

It was such a pleasure to see the awe of the audience who dutifully clapped, cheered and gasped in all the right places. Best of all it was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to celebrate and share their talents with such enthusiasm and confidence.

Although I believe I may have been asked approximately 100 times, when the winners will be announced (and I have shared this during the showcase and again via School Council) the winner(s) will be announced when we are back after half term. It is imperative that full verification of the final scores is completed! Who will be crowned the WHT Champion 2026?

In the meantime (as suspense builds...) I have to say that I could not be more proud of every participant; they are all superstars!


Go Westfields!



Menu Change...

Please be aware that the school lunch menu for Monday 23rd February has changed to:

Homemade Sausage Roll, Chow Mein Noodles, Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato



Attendance Awards

Please find below this week's attendance winners:

Lower School		Upper School	
4RF	99%	5LP	98%

This means that this half term class winners are: 3AM, 4RF & 6ZN. Congratulations to you all! Keep up this fantastic effort...

CONGRATULATIONS...

Well done to Ariel Roderick who has completed her Stage 3 Swimming Badge and has received her certificate and new swimming cap to start her Stage 4 next week.

