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# Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term No.6 - Friday 14th February 2025

## DIARY DATES...

### February 2025

**17th - 21st HALF TERM BREAK**

**27th** Bags2School Drop Off

**28th** 10.00am 4LR Class Assembly  
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

### March 2025

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

**5th** 3.45pm-6.45pm  
Parents Evenings  
(Details emailed)

**6th** World Book Day  
(Details emailed)

**10th -** School Nursing Team Drop-in & Clinics

**10th - 14th** Yr6 Residential to Condover Hall

**17th** Yr4 Selborne Trip  
(Details emailed)

**17th** 3.30pm - 4.45pm  
Compute with Me Workshop  
(Details to follow)

**18th** Yr4 Selborne Trip  
(Details emailed)

**19th** 2.30pm Yr 3  
Musical Performance  
(Parents and family members welcome!)

**21st** 10.00am 5LS Class Assembly  
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

**25th** Potted Sports

**26th** Yr5 Saxons & Viking Creative Day  
(Details to follow)

**26th** 3.45pm - 4.15pm Choir Performance to Parents

### April 2025

**1st** Yr 3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm (Details emailed)

**1st** 4.00pm - 5.30pm & 6.00pm-7.30pm Chocolate Bingo (Details emailed)

**4th** 10.00am Gold Book Assembly

**4th** 3.15pm End of Spring Term

**22nd** Start of Summer Term

Dear Parents,

We have definitely ended this half term in a flurry of success and excitement at WJS! Firstly in terms of learning, in addition to their usual lessons, all of the classes have celebrated **Well-being Week** which has encompassed an array of special activities all focused around looking after ourselves and each other (including online as part of **Safer Internet Day!**). Perhaps most excitingly, and definitely most greatly anticipated... we shared our **Westfields Has Talent Showcase** on Wednesday afternoon! As a federation we have lots of crossover between our schools as part of these extended curriculum opportunities and in particular our fantastic Team Captains relished the opportunity to lead circuit sessions across Year 1 and 2 as part of their PE provision. Miss Stevens and I were particularly impressed with their communication skills, enthusiasm and patience!

Amongst all of this, on Thursday, we welcomed our **Hampshire County Council Inspector**, Nicky Rickman, to complete our annual review day. Once again this inspection visit gave us an opportunity to update County on our journey as a federation and school since their last visit in 2024. As part of this external monitoring process, the day included a series of meetings with staff and governors as well as two learning walks to see lessons with a focus on core provision of Maths and Writing. The inspector also reviewed an array of documentation and evidence including our internal monitoring, assessments and safeguarding procedures. Myself and Mrs Wilson, with our governors Tim Hart and Leigh-ann Ogborne were provided with some initial feedback, during which the inspector shared some exceptionally positive comments and observations and we are looking forward to receiving her full report once it is completed. Of course I will share more details with you in due course, but for now I wanted to express my genuine sense of great pride; Westfields continues to be a great school within a wonderful community, the staff team (or Dream Team as I like to call them!) work tirelessly to achieve so much which without doubt impressed our LEA inspector as did the children's conduct and learning behaviours!

In PAWS news, thank you for your support with our Mufti Day fundraiser today. I am pleased to share that this raised an impressive £253.55 which we will be sure to put to good use for the benefit of the children. Looking ahead, I would also like to mention the letter that has been emailed regarding our exciting **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 are once again limited, please book your places from Monday 24th February if you wish to join in with this egg-cellent family event.

Finally, I wish you all a fantastic half term; be sure to take some time to **rest and relax** as well as make some memories - fingers crossed its dry and mild so we can all get out and about!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## REMINDERS...

- We are looking forward to the start of the second half of our Spring Term on **Monday 24th February** when we will welcome everyone back to school.
- Please be aware that attached with this week's newsletter is a timetable of **'Free and Low Cost Activities'** for families over the half term break, if you are looking for something to do, please take a look.



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## WELLBEING WEEK

This week, as part of our extended curriculum, we have been focusing on well-being and the importance of kindness through our annual Well-Being Week. Each day, our children have taken part in daily acts of kindness, from giving compliments to inviting someone new to join in games and activities at playtime. The children also had the opportunity to take part in a range of staff led lunchtime activities to support their well-being, these included creative mindfulness activities, games and a nature walk; all of which provided a chance for children to relax, connect with friends and try something different. As part of our commitment to spreading kindness beyond our school, we also created thank you cards for local organisations, including community groups and the emergency services to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. The children took great care in writing thoughtful messages and designing their cards, hoping to bring a smile to those who do so much for others.

It has been a wonderful week, reinforcing the importance of kindness and looking after our well-being.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make it such a success!

Mrs Nasir, PSHE Co-ordinator



## Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday 11th February 2025, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. We began the event with a fantastic assembly led by our ever-enthusiastic Digital Leaders who introduced the theme for this year: 'Too Good To Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others From Scams Online.' To kick start our learning, we joined thousands of other children in a live lesson to learn what scamming is, signs of how it can be spotted and what phishing is. For the remainder of the day, each year group explored the dangers of scamming and phishing in creative ways. Year 3 played 'Fish for the Phisher' where they were equipped with their fishing rods and scamming spotter skills to identify where the crafty fishes were while Year 4 designed interactive games and shared them with other classes in the afternoon. Year 5 enjoyed working across the Federation with Year 2 putting their newly learnt computing skills to the test by editing images and playing Spot the Difference. Finally, Year 6 created adverts to help others recognise and respond to online scams.

It was a fantastic day all around and was an excellent opportunity for us to remind ourselves of how to keep safe whilst online.

Miss Orelie, Computing Co-ordinator



## WESTFIELDS HAS TALENT SHOWCASE 2025

On Wednesday afternoon our amazing School Councillors across the federation put on their judging hats for our annual WHT Showcase. In addition to our judges, the event was made all the more special with the attendance of staff across the school and Mr Furness (one of our governors).

Our talented finalists from across all of our year groups performed their varied talents to an awestruck whole school audience! As in previous years acts once again varied greatly from our favourites of musicians and singers, to gymnasts and actors as well as some new additions of karate, rubix cube solving and even sign language and virtual horse riding! We were all captivated by the level of talent, enthusiasm and confidence these bold pupils demonstrated and we were keen to show our appreciation through our clapping and cheering.

To add to the suspense, the winner(s) will be announced when we are back after half term following the strict collation and verification of the final scores - who will be crowned the WHT Champion 2025? But for now I must say that I could not be prouder of each and every participant, I think they are all superstars!



## Cross-Country Event @ FCC

After school this week our WJS Cross Country Team attended our final league run, where 13 children completed a course at Cove School. All of the children were eager and ready for the challenge, ensuring they maintained their pace and efforts for the entire length of the course. Every child set an excellent example for Westfields - a huge congratulations to everyone who has taken part in our first cross country league. As soon as the final results are available I will be sure to share them with you.

Miss Stevens, PE Co-ordinator

## S'COOL RADIO

3LF have uploaded their Class Radio Show to share some of their recent learning all about the Stone Age with a wider audience. The children would love you to find the time to listen to their wonderful recordings by visiting:

<https://www.westfieldsjuniorschool.co.uk/curriculum/scool-radio/>

Please also remember that the children would be truly delighted to hear what you think, so feel free to comment on the website!



## School Council News...

On Tuesday our School Council met for their fortnightly meeting. As well as reviewing a record number of actions, the councillors shared an array of suggestions from their class boxes; a number of these have been actioned and a few rejected (mainly due to health and safety considerations!) For full details, please visit our school website for our minutes on the display in the hall.



## Attendance Awards

Please find below this week's attendance winners, with these scores our class half termly winners are: 3LF, 3BL, 5DC and 6HC. Congratulations to you all!

Lower School		Upper School	
3BL	100%	5DC	99%

## CONGRATULATIONS...

Well done to Alex Babut who has achieved his 600m certificate for swimming, what a superstar!

