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Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term No.8 - Friday 7th March 2025

DIARY DATES...

March 2025

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 emailed)

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 emailed)

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

22nd World Earth Day

23rd 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Yr 5 Fantastic Finish

24th 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Yr 3 Fantastic Finish

28th Summer Term Clubs
Start

28th - 30th Yr 4
Residential to Upton Court

30th 7.00pm - 8.00pm
PAWS Meeting (ALL WELCOME!)

Dear Parents,

How can we possibly find ourselves in **Marvellous March** already? The year certainly seems to be flying by and with the welcome appearance of a little sunshine this week it finally feels as though spring has finally sprung. In particular, the Year 6 team are somewhat relieved as they have been busily preparing for their adventurous residential next week - please join me in keeping your fingers crossed for them that temperatures at the very least are mild and I know they would love to see some sunshine too!

In this week's news, I absolutely must begin by mentioning the joys of our WJS **World Book Day** celebrations which took place on Thursday! The day was full of so much excitement from beginning to end. From costumes, pyjamas, shared stories and even a federation writing task, we all had so much fun! Mrs Long, in her capacity as Reading Co-ordinator, led the rest of the teachers and staff to plan an inspiring day packed with an array of enrichment activities. There are more details and photographs overleaf but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Long for once again sharing her passion for reading with our whole school. From a special assembly to class activities, federation buddy reading and even a reading themed 'Masked Reader' Quiz; we are so lucky to have inspirational teachers like her at Westfields! I would also like to thank you all, for supporting the dressing-up fun; I am aware that not everyone loves this element of our celebrations but I do feel that this adds to making the day even more special; so thank you! In addition to all of this, the children's efforts in creating book characters out of wooden spoons impressed us all! It was wonderful that no less than 115 of our children created book characters which made the judging by School Council and some staff even more difficult!

In other news, thank you again to everyone who joined us for our **Spring Term Parents' Evenings** after school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. As we are proud to share, we were delighted to welcome almost every parent and definitely appreciate your support to work in partnership with us to support all of our children on their learning journeys. I may be slightly biased, but I feel that these evenings are always such a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and successes. It is abundantly clear that at this mid point of the school year and as a result of the support, challenge and exciting provision alongside our learners own hard work, all of our children are making progress that we should all be proud of.

Of course, we are always reflecting on next steps and ways to improve and as many of you already know, one of my other favourite aspects of parents' evening is of course our **parent questionnaires**. We are in the process of collating these responses and I will provide a summary to you as soon as I am able. In the meantime, thank you to all 262 parents who took the time to share their views and provide constructive feedback as well as appreciation. As ever, your comments are highly valued and used as a means of developing our practice and policy. My final thank you relating to parents evening must also be for Mrs Colyer and her rather enthusiastic team of Junior Librarians for hosting another fantastic **Book Fair**. The librarians were so keen to support this in terms of organisation and book recommendations. Their hard work and your support has resulted in a very impressive £513.53 of commission for more books for our school library.

Finally, I wish to mention that **secondary school placements** were communicated to parents this week. I believe that everyone is pleased with their allocation and as in previous years I can assure you that the process of transition is a very thorough one which we will wholeheartedly support. In addition to our staff continuing to work tirelessly to prepare our children themselves for the next stage of their education, now places have been allocated, specific collaboration across schools also begins but we shall enjoy the last few months of their Westfields learning journey.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

REMINDERS...

- To ensure all of our children keep hydrated throughout the day, please provide your child(ren) with a water bottle every day.
- Please don't forget to spend your **World Book Day vouchers**! They can be exchanged for special titles or for a £1.00 discount on any book!
- SCL** are offering a 15% **discount** off their Easter and May Half Term holiday clubs using the code SPRING15! - this offer expires midnight on 16th March 2025, please do make use of this if you need childcare over the Easter or May Half Term break.
- Don't forget to book your tickets for our Chocolate Bingo event. [Chocolate Bingo Tickets Link](#).



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World Book Day at Westfields 2025!

On Thursday, we had a jam-packed day of reading celebrations with our annual World Book Day! We celebrated our love of reading through a variety of enriching reading opportunities. It was incredible to see the efforts that children (and staff!) made with their costumes. From wizards to inflatable aliens as well as lots of comfy pyjamas - it was wonderful to see such imaginative and thoughtful costumes!

This year our school's theme was... 'Amazing Authors!' and each year group have explored a range of books from their author. Year 3 went on an adventure with Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, Year 4 laughed as they shared the comic stories of Swapna Haddow, Year 5 travelled into the imaginary lands of Jenny McLachlan and Year 6 solved mysteries with Katherine Woodfine! Across the school, the children have produced detailed and beautiful pieces of work as well as creative displays linked to their authors and their stories. We will be sharing examples of these (along with lots more photographs!) on our school website soon. We were also very excited to see the efforts that the children made with our Book Character Spoon Competition - we had record numbers of entries across the school! All of the creations were imaginative and the time and effort put into creating them was evident; thank you to all parents for their support with this.

As well as our classroom activities, we also buddied up with WIS to create three 'Stories Through the Years'. Each class, starting with Reception wrote a paragraph of a story and then passed it on to each year group, all the way to Year 6! It was certainly interesting to read the final stories! We also held our Big Federation Read where the children had the opportunity to read with children from across the federation. It was lovely to see children in all year groups sharing stories and talking about books.

Finally, we must mention the return of our Masked Reader where WJS staff had secretly prepared videos reading extracts from mystery books for our fun challenge. The children (and staff!) really enjoyed trying to work out who each of our characters were - including some who had disguised their voices!

We want to thank everyone for their amazing efforts and hope that they all had a fabulous World Book Day!

Spoon Character Competition...

We had an amazing 115 entries for our Spoon Character competition, bringing beloved literary figures to life in spoon form! Well done to everyone who entered and was awarded team points. School Council loved judging the entries but it was a very difficult task with such incredible creations! Thank you to all of the children (and parents) for their support in our World Spoon Day competition!

Winners

Year 3: Reuben Hudson (1st), Olivia Lee (2nd), Titan Kent (3rd)
Year 4: Mia Hatton (1st), Paige Coffin & Jenson Brice (2nd), Jemima Hawkes (3rd)
Year 5: Alex Babut (1st), Finley Wilkes (2nd), Ivy Edwards (3rd)
Year 6: Dexter Hudson (1st), Thea Wilcox (2nd), Bethany Crowley & Charlotte Eldrett (3rd)

	St Patrick	St David	St George	St Andrew
Entry Points	150	125	160	135
Winning Spoon Points	125	50	525	125

Compute With Me Workshop

On Monday 17th March, Miss Orelie and her fabulous team of Digital Leaders, will be hosting our annual **Compute With Me Workshop**. We hope many of our families will join us. For full details please refer to the letter emailed and to book a place, please follow the link: [Compute Workshop Booking Form](#)

Governor News...

On Tuesday morning, our Finance and Personnel governors met for this half term's meeting. Priorities that were covered at this point in the financial year, included reviewing our budget spending at both WIS and WJS against their retrospective budget plans. In addition to this, both of our schools' Financial Values Statements (like a checklist for schools to ensure they are committed to appropriately spending/prioritising their funding) were discussed and agreed. The committee had the opportunity to review our strategic plan targets as well as discuss the Governing Body Action Plan. As you will know, this committee has the responsibility of monitoring our staffing and personnel matters which were also discussed - recruitment and retention of teaching staff continues to be challenging in the current climate so this is also an important monitoring task and we are so lucky to have such a committed and professional team across our two schools.



School Council News...

School Councillors met for their fortnightly meeting on Wednesday afternoon this week. There was such a busy agenda and much discussion that we were unable to share our usual class suggestions. Instead we reviewed previous actions and discussed the organisation and content of our Potted Sports event. Councillors reviewed last year's activities, shared feedback and made some new suggestions for this year. These have been shared with Miss Stevens (our PE Co-ordinator) so she can consider their ideas when confirming our Spring Term event. We are all looking forward to having some team point fitness fun before the end of the term! As always, if you wish to read our full minutes, please take a look at them on our school website, or if you are in school, they are hanging on our School Council board in the hall.

S'COOL RADIO

SDC have uploaded their Class Radio Show to share some of their most recent historical learning 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!

Attendance Awards

Please find below this week's attendance winners, congratulations to you all!

Lower School		Upper School	
4CB	99%	6JL	99%

CONGRATULATIONS...

Our very own Lewis Weaving (aka our resident Cross-Country Superstar) competed in his first County

Competition and came an absolutely amazing 36th out of 150 runners! We are so proud of him, congratulations Lewis!

