

Westfield Infant News

January 2025



Message from Mrs Ruane



This is our first newsletter of 2025, so I would like to start off by saying Happy New Year to all of our Westfield families! The children have come back to school with fantastic attitudes towards their learning and they have shown such enthusiasm both in class and around our school.

Children have been recognised by visitors to our school for their warm and caring attitudes and the relationships with adults and children around school are strong. Children demonstrate their knowledge of our Core values and British values through their talk and their actions. Team Empathy performed a wonderful assembly around empathy and what this means. Our school really is a special place to be!

Teaching and learning is something that we are very proud of as the children engage in a broad and balanced curriculum as well as lots of wider opportunities. It is wonderful to see and hear our peripatetic music lessons in full swing as well as our range of extra-curricular activities. We really have started 2025 with positivity, excitement and engagement!

Dates for your diary

February

- 3rd February – Mental Health Week & family breakfasts
- 3rd February - Year 1 disco 3:15-4:30pm
- 4th February – Year 2 disco 3:15-4:30pm
- 6th February – EYFS disco 3:15-4:30pm
- 12th February – Team Generosity class assembly
- 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- 11th February – Phonics Year 1 meeting (5-6pm)
- 14th February – school closes for half term
- 27th February-4th March – Scholastic Book Fair

March

- 6th March – World Book Day (dress as a character/non-uniform)
- WB 10th March – British Science Week
- 18/19th March – Parent/carer meetings
- 19th March – Team Hope assembly
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day – wear RED!
- Friday 28th March – all Share and Shine work in

everyone's
welcome

'Everyone's Welcome' is a whole school approach that uses the 'No Outsiders' resources and framework to teach children about equality and diversity, in line with British Values, Ofsted guidelines and the Equality Act (2010).

'No Outsiders', a scheme that provides teachers with a curriculum that promotes equality for all sections of the community, was written originally in 2015 by practising Deputy Headteacher, Andrew Moffat. His work to promote equality has been globally celebrated. Further information about the No Outsiders

April

7th April - 3:30pm Share and Shine event in hall

9th April – Team Courage assembly

10th April – Easter Egg Bingo night (WISA)

11th April – School closes for Easter

As and when more events arise we will add to the diary dates and inform you on Class Dojo.

School closes for our half term break on Friday 14th February and we return on Monday 24th February.

approach can be found at <https://no-outsiders.com/about-us>

You can also see information on our school website at [Westfield Infant School - Everyone's Welcome](#)

We will be holding a short information event for parents and carers after the half term break. Details to be confirmed.

Governor vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a parent governor and a co-opted governor to join our Governing Board.

Serving as a school governor is a highly rewarding experience, offering numerous personal and professional benefits. At a glance, the main benefits of being a school governor are:

- ✚ Having the chance to experience leadership at board level at any point in your career.
- ✚ The opportunity to develop and improve your technical and interpersonal skills.
- ✚ Building professional networks with people who work within the same and different industries to yourself.
- ✚ Using your lived experience and skills to bring a new perspective to a governing board/school.
- ✚ Ensuring voices from different groups and communities are represented. This includes voices from groups which may often struggle to be heard within education.
- ✚ Self fulfilment from making a difference to a school within your local community and helping to shape people's futures.

If you would be interested in joining our Governing Board, please contact our school office or Mrs Ruane for further information.

Phonics Workshops



We would like to thank everyone who was able to visit our phonics lessons during January. Our teachers love to teach phonics and the children are achieving so much through their daily phonics lesson and our reading squad groups.

We had such amazing feedback and we are keen to organise more workshops next term so you can see how the phonics programme progresses.

WISA

WISA are a group of parents and staff, past and present, who plan and organise fundraising events for our school. They are currently planning our Easter Egg Bingo night on Thursday 10th April and our Summer fair. If you would like to join the WISA team, please contact the school office as we would welcome any further support and fresh ideas from our school community.



Core Values

Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships and Recognition.

Each month we will share some information about the core values and how children learn about them.



This month it is **Recognition**. We celebrate everybody's achievements and efforts so that we feel good about ourselves and others.

We teach the children about **Recognition** during our assemblies and we invite children to share their achievements from outside of school as well.

After School Clubs – Spring term 2025

All payments must be made through the company.

Day	Club details	Year group
Monday	Ben Pearce Nerf Adventures	All
	Drama Club	All
Tuesday	Future School Fitness – Football club	Years 1 and 2
	Mini Singers	All year groups
Wednesday	Future School Fitness – Dodgeball	Years 1 and 2
	Kidslingo – Spanish club	Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Future School Fitness – Multi sports	Years 1 and 2
Friday	Ben Pearce -Multi sports for PP children	Invite only – discuss with office.
	Drama Club (this will move to Thursday after half term)	All

All clubs run from the end of the school day until 4:15pm.