

Westfield Infant News

October 2025



Message from Mrs Ruane



I hope you all had a wonderful half term break and welcome back to school. The children have come back full of excitement and energy and we have had a lovely time seeing all the children who attended our year group discos enjoying the music, fun and games.

This half term is my favourite and always one of the busiest with lots of different wonderful events so I will do my best to give advanced warning and reminders to you all via Class Dojo. Please also see the diary dates below.

WISA, our Westfield Infant School association is running really low on members. If you or any relatives/friends from our community would be interested in helping to plan, organise or run any events throughout our school year, please let me know via Class Dojo message or come in to our school office and we can share further information with you.

After school clubs – we have a growing range of clubs at school with external agencies to lead the clubs. Support staff also volunteer to stay behind to support the children at many of our clubs. This is a gentle reminder to please ensure that you collect children promptly at the end of a club.

During November we recognise two very important weeks on the school calendar; Anti Bullying Week and Road Safety week. During recent assemblies we have also shared safety messages for Halloween Trick or treat with the children, reminding them to stay close to their grown ups if they are going out, to be bright and be seen, especially now the evenings are dark.

Our new catering manager has been busy creating recipes for you to try at home. See overleaf!

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

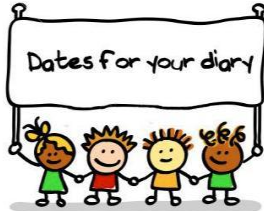
- 3rd – Open evening for 2026 entrants 5-7pm
- WB 3rd November – Phonics live workshops
- 10th – Anti-bullying week (odd socks day)
- 11th – Flu vaccinations
- 12th – Team Honesty class assembly
- 14th – Children in Need 'Challenge yourself to 25'
- 17th – Road safety week
- 26th – Team Justice class assembly
- 26th-2nd – Book fair

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market is fast approaching and we are doing things a little differently this year! Each class will be having their own stall at the fair so you will be able to visit the different areas of the school to see the different stalls. Classes have chosen either a game, an activity or an item to sell. We will still have our usual stall holders as well as a visit from Santa!

DECEMBER

2nd – EYFS nativity 9:30am and 2:30pm
3rd – Christmas Market
11th Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
16th – Year 1 Christingle 9:30am and 2:30pm
18th – Christmas party afternoon
19th – School closes for Christmas break.



Author Visit

We are incredibly excited to welcome local author Laura Jeffcote to Westfield on Friday 6th December 2025. Look out on dojo for the fantastic opportunity to order a signed copy of her book – Spider Hair!



Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is coming to Westfield Infants from 26th November. Books and gifts on sale will make super Christmas presents so come along to see the wonderful fair!



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child to miss those crucial greetings and a sense of belonging within their class team. In some circumstances, it can count as unauthorised absence.

If you are facing any challenges with attendance or getting your child into school on time, please let us know as we can also offer support.

[Back to school week – Everything you need to know about school attendance – The Education Hub](#)

Attendance Ladder



GREAT ATHLETES! WE RAISED AN AMAZING £1929.31 FOR OUR SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS EVENT!

Admissions

For any **new EYFS entrants**, applications must be made for a school place by 15th January 2026. Please use the link below to apply for your child.

All **year 2 families** will need to apply for a place at the school of your choice for Year 3. Please use the link below to apply. You will need to do this before 15th January 2026.

[Apply for a school place | Leicestershire County Council](#)



For new 2026 EYFS entrants, we will be holding an open evening and a number of school tour dates for new starters. Our open evening begins at 5pm on Monday 3rd November. The evening will begin with a presentation from the Headteacher and teaching team and then there will be an opportunity to view the school environment, talk to staff, try samples of our school meals and ask any questions.

Core Values

Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships and Recognition.



This month it is **Respect**. We treat others the way we would like to be treated. We always show good manners and we are honest and tell the truth.

We teach the children about **respect** during our assemblies and through conversations with have both in the classroom and around the school.



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Recipe of the Month

Name of Dish

Honey Pokey Cookies

Prep Time: 30 Min

Ingredients Makes 22

- 125 g butter
- ½ Cup Sugar
- 1 Tbsp Golden Syrup
- 1 Tbsp Milk
- 1 ½ Cups Flour
- 1 Tsp Baking Soda



Important Info

Enjoy and IF there is any left you can always freeze for 3 months!

Cook Time: 15- 20 Mins

Instructions

- Pre heat oven to 180 c. Line baking tray with baking paper.
- Heat butter, sugar, golden syrup
- Stir constantly until the butter melts and mixture is almost boiling
- Remove from the heat. Allow to cool to lukewarm
- Stir in flour and baking powder to the mix
- Roll tablespoons of mix into balls. Place on baking tray
- Flatten with a floured fork. Bake 15 - 20 minutes until golden brown
- Lay on tray for 1- 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack



Eat Healthy & Enjoy
- Chef Deb x

Westfield is taking part in

Friday

14th November



CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 25

FOR
BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

During the day the pupils will be taking part in various different active challenges that total 25.

This is going to be a really fun day and we would like all the pupils to come to school wearing their P.E Kits

By taking part in Challenge Yourself 25 we are hoping to raise money for Children in Need.

If you would like to make a donation please send it into school with your child to give to their class teacher or you can drop your donation off at the school office Thank You

