

Westfield Infant News

March 2026



Message from Mrs Ruane



This is our final newsletter of the Spring term and what a busy term it has been. I would like to say thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Bingo event. We raised just over £800! We will be purchasing lots of things for the children, including some new outdoor play equipment.

I would also like to thank WISA for all the fundraising events that they have planned and organised over the past few years. WISA have been able to use their funds to provide wider opportunities - creating memories for our children and families. Some of these funds have been used for our visiting author, KZ Dance and for the treehouse in our trim trail. I am sad to say that WISA will not be continuing as we don't have enough members moving forward. I am sure you will join me in sharing our appreciation with Sarah Park, the Chair of WISA, and the WISA team who have dedicated their time to our school over the years. As a school we will continue to fundraise and provide events for our community.

Thank you for your time in completing our survey. We really appreciate your feedback and will share the outcomes in the Summer term.

This term we have had a focus on Oracy and writing and I had the privilege of visiting classes and seeing some wonderful writing that has been produced by the children. I can see a real improvement in presentation, handwriting and examples of ambitious vocabulary. The children have also been really proud of their work.

I am also very fortunate to spend Friday lunch times with children who are invited to join me on the golden table. Our golden table winners are children who have demonstrated one of more of our core values. They receive a golden ticket which they can exchange for a certificate and a little gift. We eat our lunch together and eat a home baked cupcake. I also get to speak with the children to find out what they like best and least about school! This is a lovely way to end each week.

Below, there is lots of information including term dates and upcoming events. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support during this term and I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and restful Easter holiday.



Rashmi Sirdeshpande Visit

We had a fantastic day welcoming author Rashmi Sirdeshpande to Westfield Infant School on Thursday 26th March. Rashmi kick-started the day with a whole school assembly where she introduced herself and told us that she always wanted to be an inventor when she was a little girl. She said she now has the best job ever because she's an author and gets to invent stories using her imagination. Rashmi told us about her interests and she listened to some of ours. Rashmi shared the importance of reading about things that we love because it will make reading fun! She told us that she loved visiting her local library to borrow books and asked us if we did the same.

Rashmi got the chance to meet all of our children across the different year groups and within the Resource Base where she shared some of her stories - 'Never read a book to a T-Rex' and 'Never let a Diplodocus draw.' Can you remember what happened in her stories?

There was plenty of laughter and participation from all. Some children took part in a Dino quiz! She showed us her special notebook and told us - 'you never know when you're going to get a great idea'. She reminded us that as writers, it's fine to make changes to make something even better!

At the end of the day, she kindly signed the books some children had pre-ordered and she met the children. They told her their favourite part of the day and asked her a few more questions about being an author!



Summer Term After School Clubs

Mondays	Year Groups
Gymnastics	All
Sing & Shine	All
Tuesdays	Year Groups
Football	1 & 2
Gardening club	All
Wednesdays	Year Groups
Dodgeball	2
Spanish	1 & 2
Thursdays	Year Groups
Multi sports	1 & 2
Fridays	Year Groups
Multi sports (invite for PP pupils)	1 & 2

Please sign up using the information/flyers on Class Dojo.

For Gardening Club, please come to the office for a consent letter.



Diary Dates

April

13th Return to school

21st Gardening club begins

29th Resource Base class assembly

30th SEND coffee morning @ 9am

May

4th May – Bank Holiday Monday

8th May – David Attenborough day

11th May – Year 1 disco (3:15-4:30pm)

12th May – Year 2 disco (3:15-4:30pm)

14th May – EYFS disco (3:15-4:30pm)

25-29th May- Half term week

June

5th - Sports day/Book fair arrives

15th – Team Courage sports day (Den)

22nd – Team Courage sports day (Forest)

23rd – New to EYFS meeting (5-6pm)

24th – New to Year 1 meeting (3:30-4pm)

25th- New to Year 2 meeting (3:30-4pm)

WB 29th – End of year reports to go home

30th – Year 2 production (9:30 and 2pm)

July

3rd – Transfer day – new class visits

8th – Year 2 leavers assembly (9:30 and 2:30)

8th - Year 2 leavers party (3:15-4:30pm)

10th – Last day of the Summer term.

David Attenborough Day

On **Friday 8th May 2026**, the incredible natural historian, Sir David Attenborough will be turning 100 years old! We want to recognise his wonderful achievements throughout his life by celebrating! David Attenborough is a world-wide significant individual who has changed the way we learn about our world and what is in it.

We welcome the children to **dress up as their favourite animal, or Sir David Attenborough himself**, as we transform Westfield Infant School into a Wildlife Park!

More details about this special day will be shared after the Easter break.



Oracy project

As a whole school, we embarked on an Oracy project at the beginning of the school year. We have now established our Oracy vision for the school and Mrs Proctor, our Oracy Lead, has been busy training the staff and children to use Oracy strategies across all areas of learning.

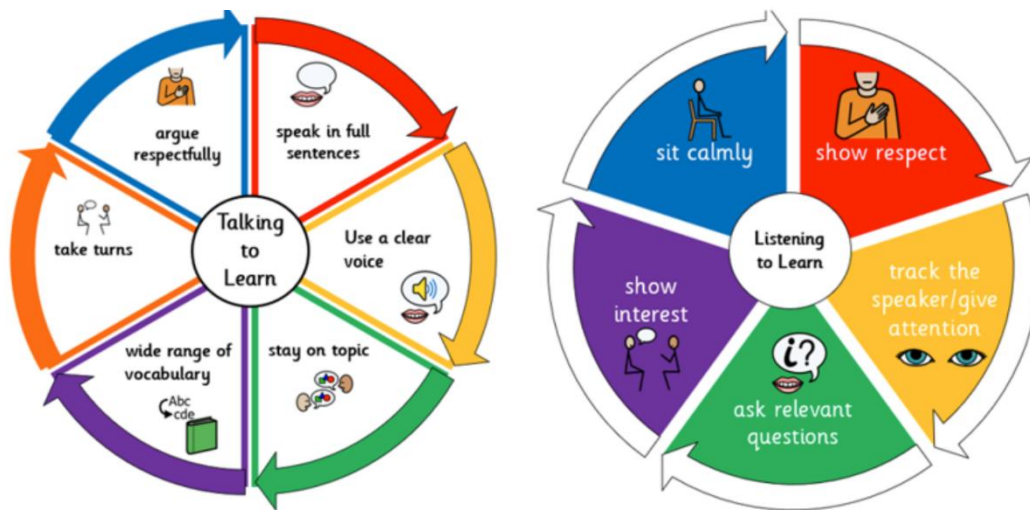
What are the benefits of teaching Oracy?

Teaching oracy in schools gives children the tools to think clearly, communicate confidently, and learn more effectively. Strong speaking and listening skills help them understand new ideas, build vocabulary, and engage more deeply across every subject. Oracy also supports wellbeing by helping children express themselves, collaborate with others, and develop confidence in social and academic settings. Most importantly, it prepares them for life beyond school, where clear communication is essential for relationships, further study, and future employment.

Our School Oracy Vision

Our Oracy vision is to foster confident, articulate students who can use their voice effectively for academic success and prepare for life beyond school. This involves creating a culture where speaking and listening are central to learning, empowering children to express themselves, listen attentively, and engage in meaningful dialogue across all subjects. Every person within our school community has a voice that is valued.

During the Summer term we will be holding an Oracy meeting to share more information with you about our project and how you can help at home. Below are some images that the children will recognise in school. The Oracy wheels show the different aspects of Oracy that we will explicitly teach the children to improve their Oracy skills.



Core Values

Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships and Recognition.



This month it is **Responsibility**. We show that we can do things for ourselves, and not always rely on others to do things for us. We try to make the right choices about how we learn and behave.



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