

# Westfield Infant News

February 2026



## Message from Mrs Ruane



It has been a fantastic month of wider opportunities and it has been wonderful to be able to invite our parents and carers into school for the various events we have had recently. I have shared some of the photos below.

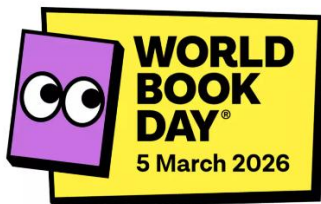
Part of our **whole school vision and values** is for our children, families and staff to be part of a **warm, safe and inclusive environment**. Our family breakfast week enabled us all to enjoy breakfast together, at school, whilst talking with our children and other friends and families. Our discos meant that our children could have fun, dance, sing and express themselves in different ways and our visit from KZ Dance last week gave us a valuable opportunity to come together and celebrate creativity, dance and the Hindu festival of Holi.

We value **parent partnerships** and if you have any ideas thoughts on further ways we can work together, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are here to support you, your family and your child.

**Parent consultation meeting appointments** will be going live on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 5pm. We do hope that you will come in and discuss your child's progress with their class teacher(s). We will also be sharing a survey, later this week to gain your views on how we are doing as a school. **We appreciate your feedback** so we can continue to grow and shape our school.

Below, you will also see a letter for staff and parents/carers due to the recent **resignation of Laura Taylor, our SENDCo**. Laura will be missed by all the staff and children who knew her. **Mrs Toms also retired** earlier this month after 20 years at Westfield infant School and we would all like to wish her well in her retirement.

This month we continue to provide lots of **wider learning experiences** for our children, including World Book Day, an Author visit from Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Red Nose Day.



Help us celebrate on **Thursday 5th March 2026** for **World Book Day!** Details of dressing up as a book character have already gone out on dojo and in bookbags. We're sure to have a fantastic day to celebrate reading at Westfield Infant School.

Your child has a **World Book Day book voucher** which entitles you to exchange it for a free £1 book from participating retailers - Tesco and TG Jones (previously WHSmith) in Hinckley.



## MARCH

- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parent/carers evening (provisional date)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parent/carers evening (provisional date)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Share and Shine event
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Team Generosity class assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Author visit (Rashmi Sirdeshpande)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Bingo
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Last day of the Spring term.

We will return to school after the Easter break on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**.

## Red Nose Day

As Red Nose Day is fast approaching we will be having a 'wear red' non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be asking for voluntary donations for this worthy cause.



Dear Staff and Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, sadly, Mrs Taylor has decided to leave her role as SENCO at Westfield Infant School, effective immediately due to personal / family circumstances.

On behalf of Westfield Infant School, I would like to express our thanks to Mrs Taylor for the commitment and dedication she has shown during her time at the school. Ms Taylor has been a hugely valued member of the team and we extend our gratitude to her for the positive achievements and impact in school she has made during her time with us. We send Ms Taylor our very best wishes for the future.

Mrs Taylor has asked that I pass on her thanks and appreciation to the many staff she has worked with during her time with us. Mrs Taylor is extremely proud of the achievements made by all of the pupils, has loved being part of such an amazing community and school and will take with her many cherished memories.

Mrs Taylor would also like to wish all the staff, pupils and their families at Westfield Infant School success and happiness for the future.

Yours sincerely  
*Mrs J Ruane*  
Headteacher

## Wider Opportunities

### Healthy Schools Week

#### EYFS

EYFS completed a couple of sessions of 'Cosmic Yoga' which combined physical exercise with storytelling and mindfulness and we loved it. EYFS also talked about healthy foods and had experience in the food tech room making and eating a delicious vegetable stir fry! We were taught how to cut peppers and spring onions safely with a knife using the bridge technique and the teachers were impressed with all the empty bowls after trying some of these vegetables for the first time!

#### Year 1

In Year 1, we took the opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of a healthy mind for a healthy life! We enjoyed relaxing to Cosmic Yoga as well as revisiting and having a go at different breathing exercises.

We talked about big feelings – it's OK to have big feelings - and how to manage these feelings at home and at school. Children spotted the Zones of Regulation charts, our Worry Monster and the chance to talk to a trusted adult at school or home.

We finished off the week with a relaxing colouring session, reminding each other that taking some time on our own can be a great way to be calm.

## Year 2

Year 2 had a lovely Healthy Schools Week, focusing on looking after our bodies *and* our minds. The children took part in calming mindfulness activities, including a relaxed Cosmic Kids session and mindful colouring to help them unwind and notice their feelings. We also explored the BBC Mood Boosters resources, learning simple breathing strategies to help manage big emotions. The children really enjoyed taking time to slow down, breathe, and recognise how these small habits can help keep our brains and bodies healthy.

It was also wonderful to have so many families who visited school to have breakfast during the week. A special thank you goes out to Debbie Union and the catering team for the range of delicious breakfast items they provided.



## KZ Dance

Our whole school had a lot of fun during our special visit from Kalpesh. He taught us all some fantastic dance moves as part of the Bollywood dance workshops and we were able to showcase our dancing during whole school dance event at the end of the day. Thank you to all the families who were able to come along to join us for this special event. As you can see from the photos, we all had the opportunity to wish each other a 'Happy Holi' and splash a bit of colour around!



## Team Empathy Class Assembly

A big well done goes to Team Empathy this month as they performed their class assembly. Thank you to all the families that were able to come in and see the assembly, where we learn about our whole school core values and how our team names support the 5R's.



## 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. This core value also links to our British Values – Respect and Tolerance.

# Kidspace Easter Holiday Club

**30th March - 2nd April**  
Monday - Thursday

## Locations

- Richmond Primary School
- Burbage Junior School
- All Saints Primary School

## Paid Sessions

- Core Day 9am-3pm
- Extended Day 8am-4pm
- Full Day 8am-5:30pm

## HAF Funded Places

8:45-12:45pm OR 1-5pm  
(Max 4 funded sessions per child)

Email codes to: [Kidspaceclubs@gmail.com](mailto:Kidspaceclubs@gmail.com)

Eligibility checked before confirmation

- ★ Childcare Vouchers & Tax-Free Childcare Accepted
  - ★ Experienced, Caring Staff
  - ★ Fun, Inclusive Holiday Care
  - 👶 For children aged 4-11
- 🎮 Games, crafts, sports, themed activities & more
- 🍎 Safe, supportive environment
- ★ Limited spaces available



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