

Westfield Infant News

January 2026



Message from Mrs Ruane



Happy New Year! We have had a really positive start to the Spring term as we welcomed the children back just a few weeks ago. We have planned a busy and exciting term with lots of visits and wider experiences for children and families to enjoy.

Please remember that newsletters and information is regularly updated and present on our school website. If there is anything you cannot find, please let the school office know and we will do our best to accommodate. Recently, we added our new school menus to our website.

Our new school menu has had a positive impact. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying new and interesting meal options and the variety of desserts are very tempting! Mrs Union and the team are now busy designing a summer menu which will be ready for when we return after the Easter holidays.

The children are looking very smart in either their uniform or their PE house team colours. Please remember that we have our nearly new shop in our school reception area, if you need any further uniform items. They are available to all for a small donation. Please ensure children come to school with warm outer wear as we do enable the children to go outside and have some fresh air as much as is safe and possible during these cold and wet months.

Punctuality is very important and more recently, a lot of late arrivers have been recorded which impacts on a child's start to the school day. Please can I remind you that children should be in school by 8:45am so that they are warmly greeted and welcomed into school and into their class team. This supports readiness to learn. May I also remind you that collection should be prompt, either at 3:15pm or at the end of a club.

Thank you so much to the families who were able to join us in our Phonics live sessions. These sessions are so important and I hope you found them both enjoyable to watch and informative. Supporting your children with phonics and reading is the best thing you can do. The ability to read opens up a whole world of imagination, knowledge and wellbeing!

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We are aware that Leicestershire Local Authority have consulted on changes to be made for children who attend specialist preschool settings. Currently the Local Authority have 4 specialist settings around the county which they plan to repurpose for statutory school aged specialist provision. The aim is for SEND preschool children to attend mainstream settings within their local community. To have your say, please see the link below and complete the consultation regarding this proposal.
[Plans to provide more SEND nursery places in local communities | Leicestershire County Council](#)



JANUARY

Tuesday 6th – Children return to school

21st - Team Hope class assembly

FEBRUARY

2-6th – Healthy Schools week

9th – Year 2 disco

10th – EYFS disco

11th -Team Empathy assembly

12th – Year 1 disco

HALF TERM 16-20th February

25th – Phonics meeting for Y1 parent/carers (5-6pm)

26th – Dance event (details to follow)

MARCH

5th – World Book Day

11th Parent/carers evening (provisional date)

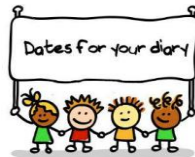
12th Parent/carers evening (provisional date)

19th – Share and Shine event

25th Team Generosity class assembly

26th – Author visit (Rashmi Sirdeshpande)

27th – Last day of the Spring term.



Westfield infant School has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts vote. We applied to raise the funds to create a safe, fun and inclusive outdoor learning environment within our EYFS playground.

Voting is now open and you can collect tokens when you shop at Tesco, Hinckley. Please support our school and drop the tokens in the Westfield Infant School pot! :)

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your supporters and within your community.

2070 Barwell Express Express LE9 8AG
5495 Hinckley Express Express LE10 1HH
5902 Hinckley Superstore LE10 1UE
8008 Hinckley DC DC/CFC LE10 3BZ

We will be notified of the vote outcome in May 2026.

Educational visitors this month

This month, EYFS had a visit from St John's Church to learn about infant baptism and how some Christian families welcome their babies into their God's family. The children loved to learn about what happens in a Baptism ceremony and they asked lots of thoughtful questions!



Year 2 had a visit from the Road Safety team to learn all about how to stay safe on the roads. They had to use critical thinking skills to assess the dangers of different situations and then think about how they could be safer.

The year 2 children have been so fortunate this week to receive a visit from Mrs Yousuf to share how she practises Islam. The children thought of interesting questions to ask her to deepen their previous knowledge. It was good to find out more about special festivals, clothing and special foods Muslims eat. Mrs Yousuf kindly showed the children her beautiful prayer mat and explained how she prays 5 times a day facing towards Mecca.

Team Hope Class Assembly

A big well done goes to Team Hope 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 **Recognition**. We celebrate everybody's achievements and efforts so that we feel good about ourselves and others. We teach the children about during our assemblies and through conversations with have both in the classroom and around the school.

Our school has been **recognised** for our valuable work supporting children and families in different areas of wellbeing.



We **recognise** our children each week in our achievement assemblies. We celebrate with certificates, golden table winners and achievements that have been achieved outside of school as well.