



This week has been yet another busy and memorable one here at Westfield. As many of you know, we welcomed Ofsted into school during the week. I want to extend my sincere thanks for your support - your encouragement and positivity truly make a difference. Our children showed great resilience and pride and our staff demonstrated the teamwork and commitment that sit at the heart of our school.

It has also been an exciting week on the sports field. Football trials have now taken place and both our boys' and girls' teams are selected, prepared and raring to go. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part, and we look forward to seeing how both teams grow and represent Westfield this term.

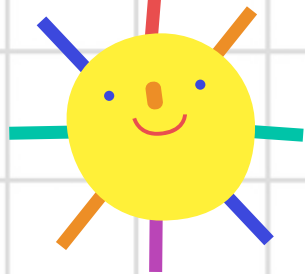
There are lots of exciting things ahead as we move further into the autumn term. With this newsletter, you will find our termly dates for your diary. There may be some additions as the term progresses, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Martin



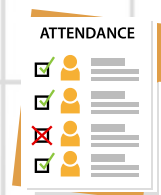


Attendance Matters!



Every day matters and every second counts. The more we are in school, the more we learn — and this week our children have shown just how committed they are. Well done, Westfield! We have beaten last week's attendance and are now above our target.

This week, our whole-school attendance stands at 98.21%, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all of our families for supporting us with morning routines, punctuality and ensuring children are ready for learning each day. Your partnership makes a real difference. Let's keep this brilliant momentum going as we move through the term.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are proud to be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning again this year. Our event will take place on Friday 25th September, and we would love to welcome families to join us in raising as much money as possible for this incredible cause.

To help us prepare, Thursday 24th September will be a dress-down day. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of cake - homemade or shop-bought - to support our coffee morning. Every contribution helps, and together we can make a real difference.





What have we been learning?

Nursery



The children have continued to settle wonderfully into the nursery environment, growing in confidence each day. They have enjoyed welcoming new friends, exploring the different areas and becoming familiar with our routines.

Next week, we will be sharing the story Incredible You and using it to guide our learning. We will be celebrating our similarities, our differences and all the things that make each of us special. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to talk about themselves, recognise what makes them unique and appreciate the uniqueness of others.

Reception

Reception have been learning all about feelings this week through our focus story The Colour Monster. We have spent time thinking about our transition into Reception and making sure every child feels safe, settled and confident in their new environment.

Next week, we will be exploring the theme of families with our focus text Families, Families, Families by Suzanne and Max Lang. We will be talking about the people who are special to us, celebrating the many different types of families and recognising that every family is unique.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week of learning. The children have enjoyed exploring plants and living things in science, asking questions and noticing the world around them. In history, they have begun learning about the past and have shown great curiosity as they start to think about how life has changed over time.

In English, the children have loved reading Wow! Said the Owl and have produced some wonderful work linked to the story. Next week, we will continue with our exciting English activities, building on everything they've learned so far.

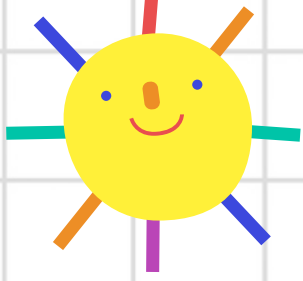
In maths, we will be deepening our understanding of counting and numbers to 10, and we will also begin our computing lessons — another exciting milestone for Year 1. It's shaping up to be a very busy and enjoyable week ahead.

Year 2

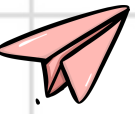
Year 2 have been working incredibly hard this week, focusing on writing the perfect sentence inspired by The Magic Porridge Pot. Mrs Martin thoroughly enjoyed reading their fantastic work earlier in the week — well done, Year 2!

In maths, the children have been exploring numbers to 100, paying close attention to the tens and ones within each number. They have shown great determination and growing confidence.

We have also begun our geography learning, and next week the children will continue their role as street detectives, discovering what you might find in different types of settlements. It promises to be an exciting week of investigation and discovery.



What have we been learning?



Year 3

Year 3 have been developing their skills in writing well-constructed sentences and have shown great focus throughout the week. In maths, they have been working hard to strengthen their understanding of place value up to 1000. In history, the children have begun learning about the different ages of the Stone Age and have shown real curiosity about life long ago.

Next week, Year 3 will continue their exciting art topic, exploring insects through creative and detailed artwork

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderfully busy week. The children have continued to strengthen their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, showing real determination. In history, they have been learning about the Romans and particularly enjoyed discovering more about Julius Caesar.

Next week in science, Year 4 will be classifying vertebrates and invertebrates, and in maths they will continue building their knowledge of number to move their learning forward.

Year 5

Year 5 have been punctuation detectives this week, using a range of punctuation to make their writing even more engaging for the reader. In maths, they have focused on place value and have worked hard to use inequality symbols accurately.

Next week, Year 5 will be using their historical skills to learn more about local history.

They will also become scientists as they investigate materials and deepen their understanding of their properties.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed using ambitious vocabulary and a variety of complex sentence structures to describe mythical sea monsters, inspired by their class text *Malamander*.

Their creativity and language choices have been impressive.

Next week, Year 6 will be delving into their geography unit *Where in the World?* They will be strengthening their map-reading skills and learning about lines of longitude and latitude — an exciting step in their geographical understanding.



Shout Out!

A huge well done to Lola and Millie for showing incredible kindness, creativity and community spirit over the summer. The girls set up their very own homemade lemonade stall at the bottom of their road to raise money for the Dudley Stroke Association, the charity Lola's mom now works for after experiencing a stroke a few years ago.

This thoughtful idea came from Lola herself and together the girls worked brilliantly as a team. Over just two days, they raised an amazing £78.40, along with almost £10 each in tips — a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of our children making a real difference. We are incredibly proud of them both. Their compassion, initiative and determination truly embody the values we celebrate here at Westfield.

A gentle Reminder: No Dogs on the Playground



For the safety and comfort of all our children and families, we kindly remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school playground. This includes drop-off and collection times, as well as when arriving for or leaving School Care Club.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe, calm and welcoming for everyone.



Dates for your Diary

- 16 - Phonics workshop - Y1 parents (5pm)
- 23 - School Photographs
- 24 - Dress Down Day (Cake and pastries donations)
- 25 - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 28 - Y6 Residential departs