



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Edition 26

## Key Dates

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

- School re-opens for all children

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- Year 5 Parent Meeting 2:30pm – Osmington Bay Residential

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

- Forest School sessions start for Year 4
- Dacorum Family Services Coffee Morning 9am

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

- No Celebration Assembly
- Year 3 to 6 Mini Marathon – Parents welcome

### Advance Notice ....

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

- Year 1 Cake Sale

### A message from Miss Leach...



What a busy and enjoyable term this has been – as always thank you so much for your engagement and support, we really can't do it without you.

Over the Easter break, we are having a new cloud based server upgrade to our IT system, so please bare with us when we return as we will all be logging in to a new system on 15<sup>th</sup> April – anything could happen! All email addresses and communication with school will remain the same.

Please do have a restful break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the summer term!

Miss Leach

### W1SPA Events for the Diary!

**FRI 19th April** - Preloved Uniform Sale - Shorts and Summer dresses  
After school on the top playground.

**FRI 26th April** - Spring Disco!

YR to Y2 - 4.30 to 5.30

Y3 to Y6 - 5.45 to 7pm

Spring disco for all year groups now on sale! Buy your tickets at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa/> - sales close the night before!



W1SPA PRESENTS:

# SPRING DISCO

Friday 26th April

4:30-5:30pm - younger disco for Years R, 1 & 2  
(parents/carers MUST stay with reception children)

- £5 per child (siblings £4)
- Pre-book face paint / glitter tattoos with ticket £2
- DJ & quiet crafts & sweet treat included
- Bring your own water bottle

5:45-7pm - older disco for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

- £5 per child (siblings £4)
- Bring money for face paint / glitter tattoos / tuck shop
- DJ, quiet crafts included
- Bring your own water bottle

Book now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa)



W1SPA is Westfield Primary School's Parents Association, and every Westfield parent/carer is a member  
[wispowestfield@gmail.com](mailto:wispowestfield@gmail.com)  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa)

W1SPA is planning events for the Spring - please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas, comments, or suggestions. Together we can do great things for our kids!

Email us at [wispawestfield@gmail.com](mailto:wispawestfield@gmail.com). Join our Facebook Group [www.facebook.com/groups/wispawestfield](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wispawestfield) or follow us on Instagram [www.instagram.com/wispa\\_pta\\_group](https://www.instagram.com/wispa_pta_group) for all the latest.

## Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	92.07%	98.89%	85.71%	95.67%	94.4%	93.6%
6	10	3	7	4	9	4

**Congratulations to Reception class for 100% attendance last week – well done.**

**Our target is 95%. Being in school each day, if well, gives your child the best chance of learning and making good progress both educationally and socially. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time. Thank you**

## Red Nose Day – Thank You

Thank you to all the children and staff for wearing something red for Red Nose Day last week and to everyone who kindly donated to the charity – we raised £110.20 for Comic Relief. Thank you for your support.

## New Summer Term Lunch Menu

A new summer lunch menu comes into effect after the Easter holidays. Please refer to the email copy sent home today and paper copies are also available from outside the school office. If your child is on a special dietary menu you should have received an updated menu directly from Herts Catering Ltd.

A reminder also, that due to rising costs with our supplier Herts Catering Ltd, the cost of a school lunch will be £3.40 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

## Westfield Wander Years 3 to 6 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Children and parents from Year 3 to 6 are invited to take part in the WESTFIELD WANDER on **Friday 19th April at 9.15am** which is a mini marathon event taking place here, at school.

Family members are invited to join us and their children to run approximately 2.6 miles around the school grounds. Children will also have the option of completing the distance in parts throughout the week with their classes.

Children taking part can help raise money for our school by collecting sponsorship using the form sent home this week. Any money raised will go towards equipment and school facilities to enrich the children's learning and experiences at school.

If you would like to accompany your child for the Westfield Wander on the 19th April, please complete the Google form sent home this week. Thank you.

## Kids eat for free or less this Easter in Hertfordshire

Herts County Council have rounded up a list of places to eat this Spring school holiday where kids can eat for less or even for free! Please use the link below to access the list of which places will be taking part.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/kids-eat-free-easter>

## Wellbeing and Parenting Information

### Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Brain Spring-Clean' offers help and support on how we can parent purposefully and impactfully, the importance of connection when it comes to family relationships and teaching children about how their brain works:

<https://members.tooledupeducation.com/wednesday-wisdom/brain-spring-clean>

### Dacorum Family Support SEN Cuppa & Catch Up

Reminder, when we return after Easter, Dacorum Family Services will be **here at Westfield on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 9-10am** so please join us for a cuppa and chance to speak to the team and find out about the support available to help you and your child.

### **DSPL Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum – Summer 2024**

The Summer 2024 Parenting Courses and Support Brochure for Dacorum is now available to be viewed or download from their website, via:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Dacorum-Parenting-Course-Brochure-Summer-2024.pdf>

### **Hertfordshire Easter Holiday Vaccination Clinics**

Clinics are being run throughout Hertfordshire during the Easter break for those who have not had a MMR vaccine or have only had one vaccine. The nearest clinic to us will be held at Bennetts End Community Centre in Hemel Hempstead on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 9am – 3pm. To book, please call 0300 555 5055, option 1.

## **Local Events and Information**

### **Berkhamsted Library – Page One Sessions**

Berkhamsted Library is running a set of Page One sessions for children aged 7-11 years old in Key Stage 2. Page One is run in a four-week block starting on Monday 22 April and is being run every Monday to 20 May at 4.15pm to 5.15pm (excluding Monday 6 May bank holiday). The theme is Graphic -Novels, where children will be able to explore books series such Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dogman, build a 13-story Treehouse from Lego and draw their own comic strip. The block of four sessions is £10 per child and can be booked at the Berkhamsted Library. You can also contact the library on 0300 123 4040 asking for Berkhamsted Library to find out further information or to book over the telephone. Their Facebook page also highlights upcoming events at the library.

### **Storm Basketball**

Storm are back at Hemel Leisure Centre for a home match on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm vs London Elite. Tickets available online at [www.stormbasketball.net](http://www.stormbasketball.net) or on the night.

### **Hemel Storm Easter Camp**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Storm Basketball are running a basketball camp from 9am to 3pm at The Astley Cooper School in Hemel Hempstead. Cost £40 for the day. For more information and to book, please visit:

[juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net](mailto:juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net)

### **Berkhamsted Choral Society**

The Berkhamsted Choral Society are holding their next concert on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted. Please see the flyer below for more information and booking link or visit their website:

[www.berkhamstedchoral.com](http://www.berkhamstedchoral.com)

### **Fifty Thrifty Springtime Adventures**

This spring, not far from your doorstep and beyond the front gate, there's lots for you to do all over Hertfordshire. Herts County Council have put together a list of fifty 'no cost' or 'low cost' activities in our county, providing a whole world of wonder for you and your children.

We understand that we all need to make the most of every penny at the moment and, if you're finding times particularly tough financially, [there is support on hand](#)

Hours of fun and discovery await in their Fifty Thrifty Adventures, and these can be easily tracked down on foot or by cycling or scooting – and there's always the bus with [discounted £2 bus fares](#) to help get you going places, or [children under 10 can travel free on our HertsLynx buses from 29 March to 14 April](#)

The Local Offer SEND team have also organised a host of events across the county for a range of prices and a range of ages: [SEND Local Offer Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Whether you're in the north, east, south, or west of the county, the spring school holiday is a fantastic opportunity to explore all that's on offer right across the 600-plus square miles of Hertfordshire. You could build on your knowledge of Hertfordshire's history with a visit to the Herts Archives, a local museum, St. Albans Cathedral, Hertford Castle, or exploring the Roman ruins. Or simply explore the local natural environment, walking a canal tow path, building a den in or bird watching at RSPB Rye Meads. Why not have an Easter egg hunt in your garden or visit one of the Easter activities going on across the county organised by our District and Borough councils. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/springtime-adventures>

### Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Year 3 Planting Project
- Years 3 – 6 Mini Marathon
- Forest School Newsletter
- Clubs – Summer Term
- Reception Health Questionnaire
- Summer / Autumn Term Lunch Menu
- Osmington Bay Residential 2025 (Current Year 5 Families)

Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office and can also be accessed from our website within the '[Letters Home](#)' page

**Our School Value next half term is ..... Perseverance**



Please come and join us for a  
**Cuppa & a catch up**

Are you a SEND parent/carer?

What can I do to support my child?




Who can I go to, to get support?

How can school and I work together to best  
support my child?

Come & have a chat with a friendly face  
from Dacorum Family Support & let's  
see how we can help.



Westfield Primary School  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
9.00-10.00 am



**MMR vaccination  
school holiday sessions**

**Hemel Hempstead**

Bennetts End Community Centre  
Bennetts End  
HP3 9LZ

Monday 8 April  
9am - 3pm

Call 0300 555 5055, option 1 to book