



# Wildground Federation Newsletter

Newsletter 235: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Executive Headteacher – Mrs. Mullett**

Head of Infant School – Mrs. Summers, Head of Junior School - Ms. Mason-Hewitt

## Message from Mrs Mullett

Thank you for all of your efforts to enable your child to take part in World Book Day yesterday. We all enjoyed seeing the variety of costumes depicting characters from nursery rhymes, stories and comics alongside an array of rainbow colours too. Reading is at the heart of all we do and it was lovely to hear children reading throughout the day and be proud of their efforts. After lunch the children were able to share their books with a paired class and that opportunity saw positive interactions reflecting our values of Ambition and Care. All the children will have been given a World Book Day voucher and we hope you will be able to give them the opportunity to use it. I know that Miss Groves will be looking through all the book reviews and recognising the efforts with some vouchers to spend at the book fayre just before Easter.

This week we have seen the start of our extra-curricular activities so thank you for getting your child involved. Some of the timings were adjusted as children had shared they would like some clubs before school and at lunchtime, and I hope you found it supportive too. I particularly enjoyed seeing all the children outside in the sunshine on the new bikes and scooters complete with helmets as they navigated their way around the infant playground.

Please enjoy your weekend as a family and can I remind you that Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March is an INSET Day for all children and Nursery, Infants and Juniors will be closed for staff professional development.

## Y2 RNLI Visit

Year 2 were thrilled to welcome a member of the RNLI who delivered a presentation on water safety. This visit served as a fantastic hook into our new topic on 'Rescue'. The children learned all about water safety, including how to float, signal for help from a lifeguard and recognise important beach symbols. A big thank you to the RNLI for their time and expertise!



## Themed Learning Plans

We hope you've enjoy reading about what the children will be learning this half term. Look out for key dates of when some classes will be welcoming parents and carers in to share learning outcomes.

## Celebrating Success

We are incredibly proud of the students who recently took part in From Page to Stage, a dance production by Shine Studios that brought well-known stories and themes to life through movement and performance. Their dedication, creativity, and confidence were wonderful to see, and they represented our school brilliantly. As part of this celebration, Shine Studios will also be offering a complimentary dance class to students from our school when their enrolment reopens, giving children the opportunity to explore dance in a fun and supportive environment.



## Spring into Action 2026 – Time to Walk, Talk, Listen

This year's theme is Time to Walk, Talk, Listen and included in the Toolkit are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or travel by car either to and from school or during your leisure time.

### Time to Walk, Talk, Listen Activities

#### Colour hunt

Choose a colour of the day.

As you walk or wheel, your challenge is to find objects of that colour – signs, shoes, flowers, bags, coats, bikes, anything!

You could keep a record. Which colour did you spot the most?

**Why this activity matters:** This simple game strengthens observation skills and builds confidence by celebrating small successes.

#### Would you rather...?

Take turns asking fun, light-hearted questions and explain your choices.

Some ideas include: Would you rather...

- ... explore space or the deep sea?
- ... have a magic bag or magic shoes?
- ... live in a treehouse or a cave?
- ... jump like a frog or run like a cheetah?

**Why this activity is great:** Silly, imaginative dilemmas make talking feel easy and fun, encouraging children to share ideas without pressure.

#### Nature on your path

Look around, can you spot something natural? Talk about it and how noticing it makes you feel.



What made you notice it? Will it look different in another season? If it could talk, what would it say?

**Why this activity is great:** Noticing nature and focusing on something together makes conversations easier and more relaxed.

#### Journey storytelling

Start a shared story as you walk.

One person begins with a simple sentence such as,

*"On my way to school, I found a tiny door under a leaf..."*

Others then take turns adding one sentence at a time, letting the story grow and change with every step.

**Why this activity is great:** Creative play lowers barriers, sparks imagination and encourages relaxed, natural conversation.

#### Let's notice

Enjoy this mindful noticing game together:

- ☞ Look for signs of spring – a tree bud, the shoot of a bulb, birds collecting materials for building their nests.
- ☞ Listen carefully for three different sounds.
- ☞ Spot something smooth, something rough and something moving.

**Why this activity matters:** Looking closely at your surroundings together encourages shared attention, invites natural chat and builds gentle connection.

#### Do you know me?

Take turns being the quiz master and asking fun, friendly questions. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ☞ What's my favourite snack?
- ☞ What makes me laugh?
- ☞ Where's my favourite place to visit?
- ☞ What's something I'm good at?

Answer together and enjoy discovering new things about each other.

**How this builds connection:** Light, positive questions help us notice strengths and understand each other better.

### Dates for the diary

09/03/2026	Inset Day
12/03/2026	Fossa class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
20/03/2026	Red Nose Day
24/03/2026	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-7:00pm
26/03/2026	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-5:00pm
26/03/2026	Tamarin class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
30/03/2026-10/04/2026	Easter Holidays
13/04/2026	First day of Summer Term
29/04/2026	Tigers class assembly 2:45pm: infant hall
11/05/2026-14/05/2026	KS2 SATS
21/05/2026	Gazelle class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
25/05/2026-29/05/2026	May Half Term
01/06/2026-12/06/2026	Y4 Multiplication Check
08/06/2026-12/06/2026	Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Check
11/06/2026	White Rhino class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
17/06/2026	Lemurs class assembly 2:45pm: infant hall
23/06/2026	Y5 invited to attend Noadswood Arts Week
24/06/2026	Sports Morning
02/07/2026	Cheetah class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
13/07/2026-17/07/2026	Y6 Residential Trip to Avon Tyrrell
21/07/2026	Y6 Leavers Performance
22/07/2026	Last Day of Term
23/07/2026-31/08/2026	Summer Holidays

## What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

### Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



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## Calendar of events this spring

Lyndhurst Community Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
Leigh Park Community Centre, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
Andover Community Church, Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
Farnborough Library, Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Hampshire County Council HQ, Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
Xperience Youth Centre, 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
Gosport Discovery Centre, High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Alton Maltings Centre, 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
Pavilion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
Petersfield Festival Hall, Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit [connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer) or scan the QR code.



## Local Events

### Dancewise Studios

We're excited to announce a small number of **Spring Term Dance Start** spaces are now available for March.

If your dancer has been thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to begin their dance journey with us.

To welcome new starters, we're offering a **limited March enrolment incentive**:

👉 Two-Week Starter Pass - just £20

👉 FREE Dancewise T Shirt - feel like part of the family straight away

👉 FREE Friend Pass - join in March and receive a complimentary friend pass to invite a classmate to classes when we re-open enrolment in April

**(Available to new students joining before 31st March.)**

Our classes focus on building confidence, coordination, performance skills and friendships in a supportive, encouraging environment. Mid-term starters are warmly welcomed and guided so they feel settled and part of the Dancewise family from day one.

We intentionally keep class sizes focused to maintain quality teaching, so spaces are limited and offered on a first-come first-served basis.

If you'd like to arrange your Two-Week Starter Pass, simply reply to this email and we'll send you the available options.

We'd love to welcome your dancer into the studio this March.

**P.S. This Spring Term Dance Start offer closes on 31st March, so if you've been considering it, now is a great time to begin.**

## Local Events

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# HYTHE'S EASTER EGG TRAIL

## THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

TICKETED AT INTERVALS FROM

**10AM - 1PM**

### £3 PER TICKET

TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
 AT TOYS AHOY SHOP & ONLINE

**Easter Egg Hunt** [toysahoyshop.co.uk](http://toysahoyshop.co.uk)

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 AND HYTHE ALIVE




JOIN US  
 CELEBRATE  
**WE ARE TURNING**  
**17**

15th APRIL 2026  
 JOIN US IN A  
 DISNEY DRESS  
 DOWN DAY TO  
 RAISE MONEY FOR  
 LOCAL CHILDREN

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## Easter Holidays

Sat 28 Mar - Sun 12 Apr

**Silly Scott's Family Easter Show**  
 Fri 3 Apr | 11am | Age 5+ | £36 / £11 / £9

**Eternally Wicked – Ariana Meets Wicked**  
 Fri 3 Apr | 6pm | Age 10+  
 Seated: £19 / £15  
 Dancefloor: £18 / £14

**LDN Wrestling**  
 Sat 4 Apr | 7pm | Age 5+  
 £48 / £16 / £12.50

**So Unfair**  
 Tue 7 Apr | 11am & 2pm | Ages 7-11  
 £32 / £11 / £8



  
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### Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Dates: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
 Time: 9.30am - 2pm  
 Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

- What to Expect:
- ♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
  - 🐾 Pony Care
  - 🎪 Riding and Mounted Games
  - 🌿 Connect with Arts and Nature
  - 👤 Make New Friends

Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice:

[Thursday 2nd April - Mindfulness Pony Day - Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April - Mindfulness Pony Day - Book Now!](#)



Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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