



# West Hill Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

### Message from Mr Milsom:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school, and the children have made a fantastic, settled start to the new term.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 'Back to School' evening. It was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, or if you need a quick reminder of what was discussed, all the presentations and information shared by the Headteacher and class teachers are now available on the school website.

We also want to say a sincere thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality. Every school day counts, and when pupils are not in the classroom on time, they miss vital learning and social opportunities. Your commitment to helping them arrive promptly each morning makes a tremendous difference.

A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who are heading off on their residential trip next week. We wish them all the very best for their time away. We will be sharing updates and photos throughout their stay via our usual school communication channels.

A quick reminder regarding playtime snacks: Key Stage 2 pupils are welcome to bring a mid-morning snack into school, but please ensure it is healthy—such as fresh fruit, vegetables, or plain rice cakes. Sweets, crisps, and chocolate bars should remain at home.

Please can we ask that all toys/squishies stay at home as they are easily lost, broken or misplaced at school.

Finally, thank you to all the family members and carers who have joined us for our weekly celebration assemblies. The children take such pride in their achievements, and seeing you there in the hall to share in their success means the world to them.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership.

Warm regards,  
Richard Milsom

### Attendance 7th September to 2nd October

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Year R     | 94.5%      |
| Year Y1    | 93.2%      |
| Year Y2    | 97.8%      |
| Year Y3    | 93.0%      |
| Year Y4    | 96.7%      |
| Year Y5    | 96.7%      |
| Year Y6    | 93.2%      |



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## Families of West Hill:



A warm welcome to our new and returning families at West Hill.

You may already know that we have a Parent and Teacher Association that supports events and raises money for the school for extracurricular activities and some school items throughout the year, including our Christmas and Summer fairs. The PTA money has helped to fund lots of items for our pupils over the years, including Year 6 leaving hoodies, the PGL trip and the coaches to the beach trip at the end of the year. Without this funding, we simply would not be able to do any of this for your children.

This year we are relaunching our PTA as 'Families of West Hill'. Every family is automatically a member if your child attends the school. In order to put on events for your children and raise money for activities, we need everyone's help.

The first event of the year is the Christmas fair on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Without your support, we simply won't be able to put on this event this year. We will need help with sourcing prizes for raffles, running a stall on the day, setting up and tidying up. If you can spare any time for this event, please sign up at the office by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

## Healthy School:

As a Healthy School, and to help us safely manage food allergies and dietary requirements, we kindly ask parents not to send food items into school as birthday treats for children to share.

We appreciate that families wish to celebrate special occasions; however, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and to support our healthy eating ethos, we ask that birthdays are celebrated in ways that do not involve sharing food in school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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## Jeans for Genes

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September the children were invited to wear jeans to school for £1 to raise money for the amazing Jeans for Genes charity. We raised £79.84! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this brilliant cause. All classes had great fun decorating Jeans on the day.



Each year the RSPCA Charity shop in Wandsworth High street kindly donate jeans for us to decorate for the Jeans for Genes Appeal.

This year they are displaying some of the jeans decorated by the children from last year's appeal.



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## Junior Leadership Team voting:

Last Friday, we held our election for the West Hill Junior Leadership Team (JLT).

Pupils from Y3,4,5 and 6 were invited to put themselves forward to make a speech outlining why they would be a good candidate. Voting took place on Friday afternoon and the results were as follows:

Year 3: Isabella and Suheyla

Year 4: Saraan & Amelie

Year 5: Latifa & Micai

Year 6: Ritvee & Amirah

Here are some of the actions JLT will be involved in throughout the coming year:

- Playground development meetings
- Discussing lunch menus
- Leading assemblies
- Running stalls at PTA Families of West Hill events
- Choosing playtime equipment
- Input into school curriculum days
- Welcoming parents and visitors
- Working with the office to distribute information
- Leading parent tours of the school
- Interviewing potential new staff
- Have an input into class trips
- Run a healthy tuck shop after school





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## West Hill Primary Attendance News

Oct 2026



### Attendance Matters



Welcome back everyone! We have had a fantastic start to the new term, with over 120 children achieving 100% attendance in the first week, which is a wonderful achievement.

As we move into the winter months, coughs and colds are common, but good handwashing, healthy eating, plenty of sleep and fresh air can help keep children well and ready to learn.

Children who attend school regularly make better progress because they do not miss important lessons and learning opportunities, and even one day off can mean missing key teaching, making it harder to keep up with classmates. By working together to promote healthy habits and excellent attendance, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to achieve their full potential.



### Attendance & Punctuality Challenge

#### 100% Challenge

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

We are running a week punctuality challenge!

The class with the least late marks for a week will win a class goody bag!

### 100% Winner

120 children had 100% attendance the first week back, those names were put into a hat and the winner of a book of her choice was

**Amelie Klingenberg**

### Attendance Tip...

A calm, organised start to the day can make a big difference to your child's attendance and success in school.



Remember! If you need to communicate with school to report an absence or to ask us a question please download the Study Bugs app here: [STUDY BUGS](#)



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## News from Authorfy:

We're starting the new school year off with a BANG with **two new Author Masterclasses** - one with **Dame Jacqueline Wilson** and one with author of *Crookhaven* and *Beast Mode*, **JJ Arcanjo**.

We've also got two new **10 Minute Challenges** for you, **two new issues of our BOOKDROP [newsletter](#)** (one for ages 5-11 and one for ages 11+), and **10 new Book of the Month videos**.

It's all still **completely free** to access until the end of 2026 for the National Year of Reading.

<http://authorfy.com/bookdrop-newsletter/>



**LEARN** **MAKE**

AND **PLAY** **WITH**

**learn to**  
**love to**  
**read**

For Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents who want to help their children with reading in a fun way - plus lots of free resources to take home

9:00-9:40 am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Ground Floor Hall, West Hill School



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## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

**OPEN MORNINGS 9:15AM - 10:30AM**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**OPEN EVENING 4PM - 6PM**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Scan the QR code or visit our website to register



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56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

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# Southfields Academy



## Open Events 2026

"Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. The success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed."

*The Rt. Hon. Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education  
January 2026 in reference to our 2024/25 outcomes for disadvantaged students*

### Autumn Term 2026 Open Events

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October   | 08:45-10:15 |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October    | 08:45-10:15 |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October   | 17:30-19:30 |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October   | 08:45-10:15 |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October | 08:45-10:15 |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October  | 08:45-10:15 |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October   | 08:45-10:15 |

At all other times, we welcome visits during the school day, please email: [sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com](mailto:sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com) or phone: 020 8875 2661



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**Southfields Library**

## TABLETOP GAMING WORKSHOP

POKEMON  
YU-GI-OH  
WARHAMMER

Third Saturday of the Month  
12:30 - 1:30pm  
Southfields Library

19<sup>th</sup> Sept  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov

**Ages 8-13**

Swap Items  
Trade Cards  
Play Games!

Children 10 and younger must be accompanied by adult

Wandsworth Libraries **BETTER**

There will be no buying or selling of products at the club or within the library.

**BAC** LIVE ON STAGE

# Dear Santa

by Rod Campbell

MEET SANTA  
EVERY CHILD GETS A GIFT!

By the creator of  
**Dear Zoo**

**SAT 28 NOV - THU 24 DEC**  
**BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE**

bac.org.uk  
020 7223 2223 Running time: 1 hour. Age guidance: 1+ Limited PWYC tickets available

**DBX** PEOPLE | FOOTBALL | COMMUNITY | BEYOND

## MONDAY XP CENTRE™

DON'T JUST TRAIN. DEVELOP.

**AGES 4-6**  
4:30 - 5:30pm

**AGES 7-11**  
5:45 - 7:00pm

**FREE TASTER AVAILABLE**

TECHNICAL SKILLS | GROWING CONFIDENCE | LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT | A STRONGER TOMORROW

SCAN TO REGISTER FOR MONDAY XP CENTRE™

**DEVELOP. COMPETE. PROGRESS.**  
BEGIN YOUR DBX EXPERIENCE™

WANDLE RECREATION CENTRE  
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TRAIN TO OUR BEAT

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## WEDNESDAY DBX SOCCER3™

3v3. MORE TOUCHES.  
MORE DECISIONS.  
MORE FOOTBALL.

3v3 NO GK | 5 MIN GAMES | MULTI-BALL | SMALL PITCHES | MAXIMUM INVOLVEMENT

A COMPETITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
DESIGNED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

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BRIGHTER THINKERS  
STRONGER FUTURES

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## Wandsworth Family Hubs Online Workshops for Parents & Carers Sep – Dec 2026

Grab yourself a cuppa and enjoy some helpful tips and support on a range of topics aimed at **under 5s** from Wandsworth colleagues and partners, **all online and interactive**.

| Date & Time                       | Workshop                                                                                            | Delivered by:                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 14 Sep<br>1 to 2.15pm      | Supporting Your Child's Communication and Language<br>0 – 3yrs                                      | Joanna Hardman<br>Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist |
| Thursday 24 Sep<br>10 to 11.15am  | Health Visiting Birth to School<br>Supporting Your Child's Health, Development and School Readiness | Health Visiting Team                                              |
| Monday 28 Sep<br>1 to 2.15pm      | Enjoying Time with Your Child<br>Part 1: Understanding Their Behaviour                              | Daniel Sellwood & Phoebe Oliver<br>Educational Psychologists      |
| Wednesday 7 Oct<br>1 to 2.15pm    | Enjoying Time with Your Child<br>Part 2: Strategies to Support Positive Behaviour                   | Amy Couprie & Phoebe Oliver<br>Educational Psychologists          |
| Monday 12 Oct<br>1 to 2.15pm      | Supporting Your Child with Social Communication Differences                                         | Joanna Hardman<br>Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist |
| Wednesday 21 Oct<br>10 to 11.15am | Supporting Your Child's Health, Development and School Readiness for families with SEND children    | SEND Health Visitor                                               |
| Monday 9 Nov<br>1 to 2.15pm       | Introduction to Solids                                                                              | Health Visiting Team                                              |
| Monday 23 Nov<br>1 to 2.15pm      | Sleep Hygiene for children with SEND                                                                | SEND Allkind                                                      |
| Monday 7 Dec<br>1 to 2.15pm       | Learning Through Play                                                                               | Early Years Team                                                  |

To book onto a workshop you can scan the QR code or click on the link below  
<https://forms.office.com/e/qXdqNSEN20>



For more information contact  
[Hannah.skilife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.skilife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)





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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years

A 1.5 hour long webinar to explore how feeding develops in the early years and how to create healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.



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South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
Trust

Education  
Wellbeing  
Service

#### DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October

12.00-1.30pm

Scan the  
QR code or  
[click here](#)



#### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Through The School Gates: Overcoming daily challenges getting into school

There can be many challenges with supporting your child to get into school well and in as relaxed a way as possible.



This webinar aims to:  
Think about some of the different challenges that can be faced in the morning getting ready for school.  
Understand child anxieties using cognitive-behavioural approach  
Discuss ways to talk about worries  
Provide a step-by-step approach to building confidence with attending school should there be early school avoidance to prevent it becoming problematic.

#### DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October

7.30-8.30pm



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#### DATE / TIME

Friday 9th October

1.00-2.00pm



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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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#### DATE / TIME

Thursday 8th October

7.00-8.00pm



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#### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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#### DATE / TIME

Wednesday 11th October

12.30-1.30pm



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