

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week, we've been touched by some lovely moments of sibling love across the school. It's been wonderful to see older siblings walking their younger brothers or sisters into school with a reassuring hand, or offering kind words and encouragement in the playground. These small acts of kindness have made a big impact.

Several staff have noticed older siblings showing real maturity and empathy by checking in on their younger brothers and sisters during break times, helping them with their coats or snacks, and even offering gentle guidance when they're unsure or feeling a little overwhelmed. These moments reflect the strong sense of family and community we nurture here at school, and we couldn't be prouder.

Bikeability

Year 6 have had a fantastic time this week taking part in their Bikeability training, and we couldn't be prouder of them! The sessions were packed with valuable learning from mastering basic bicycle maintenance to developing the skills needed to ride safely both on the playground and out on the roads.

The children showed great enthusiasm and focus throughout, listening carefully to the instructors and applying what they learned with confidence. It was brilliant to see them grow in independence and road awareness and many of them commented on how much more confident they now feel riding their bikes.

We were especially impressed by their excellent behaviour and respectful attitude, they were polite, attentive, and a real credit to the school. A huge well done to all of Year 6 for embracing the challenge and showing such maturity. Keep pedalling safely!

A reminder that **Monday is an Inset Day** when the school and nursery will be closed to pupils for staff training.



As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our **Celebration Assembly**.

Date	Friday 26 September 2025
Squirrels	Chloe and Gus for showing lots of respect for our school and making sure that everything was carefully put away in the right places. Gaia and Bella for being superstar teamwork friends and working together to make a beautiful pegboard pattern.
Ladybirds	George, Douglas, Ilana and Michaëlle for clearly following instructions to make fantastic sliding picture cards in design and technology. Very creative ideas, well done!
Bumblebees	Connor has been role model for our class this week! He has been ready to learn and has shown true determination with his work! What a superstar! Daisy for showing respect when working within our team! Daisy is always polite and kind to everyone! Keep it up you superstar!
Hares	Lottie and Finley A- What superstars both of these Hares have been this week. They have been ready to learn at rapid speed, they have both worked hard in Maths and English to work independently and then they have been able to challenge themselves without an adult advising them how to do this. Great Job !
Foxes	Alice for showing respect in her music lesson towards Mr Munday, listening and following instructions, showing kindness in her group work and taking it in turns. Danny for working really hard in his English lesson and working independently and challenging himself. Danny always comes to school and gets himself organised and showing he is ready to learn every morning.
Hérons	William has been working hard to build his resilience, especially when life doesn't go as planned. He has shown he can stay positive and try again if he does not quite get it right the first time. Elsie is a brilliant role model in our class; she regularly shows that nothing can stand in her way of being successful if she approaches a new challenge with positivity and determination.
Kingfishers	Matthew, Charlie and Bella have been recognised for listening really carefully during the Bikeability sessions and for being SAFE in the school grounds and out on the local roads.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Max S – Ladybirds

Gael G – Ladybirds

Peter AH – Bumblebees

Cosima H – Herons



Change of Menu



There will be a slight change of menu on **Thursday 2 October and Friday 3 October** due to Thursday being our census day. The red choice for Thursday will be Fish Fingers and Chips and for Friday will be Roast Beef.

School Christmas Card Project 2025

Sorry to mention the C word but over the next couple of weeks the children will be bringing home their Christmas Card artwork/order forms. If you wish to place an order these need to be done **online** using the instructions on the artwork before returning the artwork back to school. These artwork/forms need to be brought back to school by **Friday 10 October at the latest**. If you do not return your forms the cards/gifts cannot be printed.

Winchester Greener Schools Forum

This forum is for schools and their communities to discuss sustainable initiatives already happening and highlighting places where schools can get support with their Climate Action Plan. This is taking place on Monday 29 September at 7pm at Winchester Racquets & Fitness Club, Bereweke Road, SO22 6AN. To book free tickets go to: <https://winchester-greener-schools.eventbrite.com>

Parents Evenings

These are taking place on **Tuesday 21 October 2.30pm – 5.40pm and Wednesday 22 October 2.30 – 5pm**.

The booking sheets will be available in the school hall at the beginning and end of the school day from **Tuesday 30 September**.

We are happy to offer Teams meetings after 5pm on these days, let us know when booking what your email address is.

If you are not able to get into school to make an appointment, please telephone and a member of our admin team who will be happy to make the booking for you.



Don't forget
parents
evening!

Football Camp

Matt, who runs our School Football Club is running a half term football camp in October. This is running on 28, 29 and 30 October 9 – 3pm for girls and boys ages 5 – 12 years. The cost is £20 per day or £50 for all three days. To book go to: bookwhen.com/mattwellsfootballcoaching

BBC 500 Words Competition

The BBC are once again running their 500 word competition this year. The competition is open for ages 5 – 7 years and 8 – 11 years and closes at 9pm on 7 November 2025. Children are encouraged to write a story that they would like to read.

For more details go to: [bbc.co.uk/500 words](http://bbc.co.uk/500words).



Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - new events in Blue

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

INSET DAY	Monday 29 th September
Open Afternoon	Friday 3 rd October 2:00 – 3:15pm
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 October (2:30 – 5:40) Wednesday 22 October (2:30 – 5:00)
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 23 October
Half Term	Friday 25 October
Swimming Lessons start (Year 3)	Tuesday 4 November
School Photographer	Friday 21 November
Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Whole School Pantomime	Thursday 11 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 December
End of Term	Friday 19 December